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Attend Meeting = 1 point: Raffle donation = 1 point: Organise Event = 1 point: Win Event = 1 point

General Information	2008
<p>The Queensland P76 Owners Club Inc holds its monthly Meetings on the 2nd Friday of each month at 8.00pm</p> <p>Venue: Norman Park Uniting Church Cnr Bennetts Rd & McIlwraith Ave NORMAN PARK</p> <p>Various activities are organised by Club Members and are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. All venue details are confirmed at the General Meeting and are recorded in the Minutes on the next page.</p>	<p>April 27 Club Display at Repco, Virginia</p> <p>May 9 Monthly Meeting 25 Club Outing</p> <p>June 13 Monthly Meeting 29 Club Outing</p> <p>July 11 Monthly Meeting 27 Club Outing</p>

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From the Editors Desk

How time flies – we have been and are now home again from the Nationals and what a great trip it was. The weather was beautiful apart from the first night. It was a shocker for the Queensland contingent as it was so cold and we were all hoping that it was not going to be like that all weekend. But fare not, the Victorians obviously have a connection up above and we had sun and warm temperatures all Easter. Our thanks to the Victorian Club for a good weekend, sunny weather and the friendliness they showed us – the cars bring us all together and it is in the true spirit of P nuts that we get together to show, display and talk at these events.

We had a good turnout at our meeting and welcome new members John Salkeld, Winton Wasey and Tina. Our outing this month is on Sunday 27 April at Repco in Virginia. We will be displaying our P76s from 9.00am to 2.00pm. Adrian will be cooking up a BBQ to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Qld. We need as many cars there as we can get so come on all you P owners, dust those cars, fuel up and see you on 27 April.

In this months magazine we have included a write up of the Nationals trip. Also included is a report from the Combined Council's about the Robert Shannon Foundation offering Grants to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50's, historic 60' and historic 70's vehicles up to 30 years old. If you know of anyone who fits into that category please pass on the information to them. We really need the younger ones to enjoy and appreciate the cars as we do.

The National Motoring Heritage Day is on 18 May and all interested in attending can find further information regarding this in the magazine.

Remember if you have a story, a car to sell or some tips for other P owners send them in and we can publish them in our magazine.

Happy motoring and safe driving.

ULTIMATE FEMALE JOKE

A woman was sitting at a bar enjoying an after-work cocktail with her girlfriends when an exceptionally tall, handsome, extremely sexy, middle-aged man entered. He was so striking that the woman could not take her eyes off him.

The young-at-heart man noticed her overly attentive stare and walked directly toward her (as men will.) Before she could offer her apologies for staring so rudely, he leaned over and whispered to her, "I'll do anything, absolutely anything, that you want me to do, no matter how kinky, for £20.00...on one condition."

Flabbergasted, the woman asked what the condition was.

The man replied, "You have to tell me what you want me to do in just three words."

The woman considered his proposition for a moment, and then slowly removed a £20 note from her purse, which she pressed into the man's hand along with her address. She looked deeply into his eyes and slowly and meaningfully said:

"Clean my house."

General Meeting

11 April at 8.00pm

Apologies

Garth, Warren and Andrew

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held in March 2008 were read and are a true and accurate record.

Incoming Magazines

1. Westwords March 2008
2. Leylines

Incoming Mail

1. New membership from John Salkeld

Spare Parts

1. Graham discussed parts taken to the Nationals and new supplies
2. Steve Trost is still chasing a NOS front grill top chrome strip/bar
3. Club has two sets of front inserts for sale (Pedders)
4. V8 4 speed with extractors and 350 Holley – contract Adrian

Please remember that a supply of new parts may be available by contacting Graham on (07) 38881345. If you are **not** picking them up then they will be sent by COD.

General Business

1. Welcome to Winton & Tina Wasey, John Salkeld, Steve (NZ), Darren Brent (Marinaman) and the return of Keith Nicolson
2. Easter discussion
3. Discussion on Repco Day outing
4. Adrian has spoken to the Treasurer about the Fair Trading requirements.
5. Adrian talked about website.

Outings for the coming months

- 27 April – Repco, Sandgate Road Virginia
- 31 August - lunch with Motor Neurone Disease Association at Pelican Park Clontarf.

Meeting closed 9.50pm

Coming Outings for April & May 2008

- 27 April - Repco Virginia
- 25 May - Club Outing (destination to be advised in next months magazine)

Swap Meets 2008

April				
27	Cleveland Auto Spectacular Car Show and Swap Meet	Cleveland Showgrounds	Cleveland	0417629271
May				
18	Fine Iron Swap Meet	Ebbw Vale Soccer Grounds	Brisbane Rd, Ipswich	0413435107
18	Gatton Swap	Gatton Showground	Gatton	
18	Classic Speedway Ass Annual Car, Bike Show and Swap	Greenbank Sport and Recreation Grounds	Middle Rd, Greenbank	0407035412
25	Banyo Swap	Earnshaw State College	Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	0412076846
27	Vintage Vehicle Swap Meet	Earnshaw State College	Earnshaw Rd, Banyo	
June				
15	Original Gold Coast Swap	Mudgeeraba Showgrounds	Mudgeeraba	0755305559
July				
26	Nambour Swap	Nambour Showgrounds	Nambour	54768388 between 6.30-8.30pm
August				
2	Rockhampton Swap	Rockhampton Showgrounds	Rockhampton	49363915 Beth
31	Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza and Swap		Jimboomba	55379445
14	Beaudesert Swap	Beaudesert Showgrounds	Beaudesert	

President's Report

Hi everyone

Well the trip was a ripper, car went very well, slight problem with the water pipe hose and a punctured tyre on top of the Alpine Way. Got the A/C fixed in Cowra. So, if you want to buy it I will be asking \$4,500.00 for the car as it has proved itself. I worked it out that we traveled approx 4,500 kilometers. Glad I was on gas, but even in some areas the gas was up to 89 cent per litre. Interesting going to Victoria, they do have cheaper gas prices, great main roads, and passable intermediate roads and if you are in towns dirt roads, eat fatty foods and live in a varying climate. It is great to be back in 'Bris Vegas' - missed the traffic jams on the Gateway, we have lousy main roads but great intermediate and town roads though. Besides that, thanks to the Victorian Club and the Committee for a great National Meet.

The quality of the cars was very high and I wish I had brought my orange six down as I may have had the engine fixed - a very enthusiastic bunch. The concourse was held in a beautiful backdrop and the weather was spot on. The presentation night was also exciting - I was after the Force 7 model number 76 but was pipped by Steve (NZ) at \$176. Now to start saving the pennies for the "Get Together" in NSW next year and the "Nationals" somewhere in Sydney the following year.

On the local scene, you have just got to come to Virginia on the 27 April. We are having a club display at the Repco Store on Sandgate Rd and we need to have you and your car there. Ask your friends to assist if you are unable to come. Starting time is 9.00am till 2.00pm. We are also going to have a novelty event and I will be on the tools cooking sausages to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Qld. I am hoping to have two cars and maybe a third on a trailer.

Great to see a lot of new and missed faces at the meeting last week. We had a visitor from New Zealand, Steve. I hope he will be able to come to the display and talk to us about his beautiful car that he has in

New Zealand. Neville has a swag of photos. Bring along your ideas as well to discuss with the committee. If you need somewhere to stay on Saturday night give us a call and we will see if we can find a bed for you (especially the out of town members).

I would also like to thank Ann for the magazine, great work.

See you all in a couple of weeks.

Adrian

COMBINED COUNCIL NEWS

March 2008

NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY– a salute to Australian motoring.

Robert Shannon Trust Grants, Shannon Foundation. Is there anyone in your club under 30 or any group of young people you know of who needs assistance and encouragement to be involved in the historic vehicle movement. If so, your club should consider nominating them for a Robert Shannon Trust Grant.

The Robert Shannon Foundation was established in 2003 to perpetuate the memory of Robert Shannon, founder of Shannons Insurance, who died unexpectedly in March 2000. Robert was a strong supporter of the historic motoring movement and was concerned that it was not attracting enough younger people, particularly in the areas of the preservation and restoration of classic vehicles. The purpose of the Foundation is to encourage people under the age of 30 to become involved in the restoration and preservation of veteran, vintage, post-vintage, historic 50's, historic 60' and historic 70's vehicles up to 30 years old.

The Foundation may:

- help with the purchase of specialist tools or equipment
- assist with the actual cost of restoration work
- contribute toward TAFE or other fees
- contribute toward any project considered worthwhile by the Trustees.

ELIGIBILITY

Any person or group of people under the age of thirty years and engaged in studying automotive restoration and preservation or actively working on historic vehicles is eligible to nominate for a grant.

Before completing an application form, an individual or group must seek the support of a local vehicle club. This club must be affiliated with the Combined Council. The supporting club must complete the relevant section of the application form and forward the application to the Combined Council for endorsement. Application forms can be down loaded from the website "<http://www.motoring.org.au/>" QT provides the top 8 issues covered in the SIVS review Some progress has been made on getting information from QT on the SIVS Review. QT has advised, in an email, the top 8 issues covered under the SIVS Review. Listed below are the main issues that QT are considering among the 39 issues included in the SIVS review report, which is now with the Executive Director QT for her approval or comment. Once approved QT will arrange a meeting with Combined Council to discuss all the issues.

1. QCCHVC's request for the unrestricted use of SIVS on public holidays and weekends.
2. QCCHVC's request for the increase in radial distance for road testing of SIVS from 15kms to 20kms. Request to clarify the condition "Road testing within a 15km radius from the place where the vehicle is garaged"
3. QCCHVC's request for the increase in radial distance for joyriding in bus-type SIVS to a distance greater than 5km.

4. Authorisation to use a SIV on a road when relocating the vehicle due to the owner moving premises.
5. Authorisation to use a SIV on a road when the vehicle being sold to a person eligible to continue the concession.
6. HMCCQ's request for the issue of a single plate for shared use amongst multiple SIVS registered to the same operator.
7. QCCHVC's request to allow HS style plates to be personalised so they may be retained following cancellation or loss.
8. Request to allow incorporated historical societies as an eligible person for the SIVS concession

It seems on face value that none of the top issues will have an adverse affect on our use of vehicles; however, we will see the results in the fullness of time.

National Motoring Heritage Day Run

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is organising a National Motoring Heritage Day run again this year on Sunday the 18th May. All members of clubs affiliated with the QCCHVC are invited to join BVRC members on this cavalcade through Brisbane (see flyer below, full route details will be distributed mid April).

Lockyer Antique Motor Ass'n LAMA will be conducting their annual swap and vehicle display at the Gatton Showgrounds as part of the National Motoring Heritage Day. Clubs are encouraged to organise a run to the Gatton Swap on the day.

PLEASE NOTE – Next Bi - Monthly General Meeting Thursday 22nd May 2008

Combined Council is now holding bi-monthly general meetings (odd numbered month) with the Committee meetings on the alternate month (even numbered month).

NATIONAL MEETING - GEELONG, EASTER 2008

... The day has finally arrived, the car is packed and we are heading south on the highway with Geelong as our destination ...

Tuesday 18 March

6.30am – We (Richard and Ann in our Omega Navy Targa) met Adrian (Crystal White V8) and Neville (Nutmeg Targa) at the Mudgeeraba Shell Servo at the start of our journey to Geelong for the Easter National Meeting. The cars were fuelled, Neville had his fast food breakfast and we hit the road by 6.40am.



Just outside Ballina we stopped for a short break at a rest area and got chatting to a worker who admired the cars and said his accountant had a Force 7 (the accountant was Frank who has now sold his car). Back

on the road again and I was furiously writing all these details in my diary – it was hard to write and admire the countryside at the same time. This is our first trip south of Ballina and I wanted to soak up everything and remember it all.

Our first fuel stop is Halfway Creek after a phone call from Allan saying that fuel was really expensive in Coffs Harbour. Adrian's car is on LPG and there was none here. Neville said there was a Servo just down the road and we would meet up with Adrian there. Just down the road turned out to be way, way, way down the road but we caught up with Adrian and had a quick cuppa and cream bun from Adrian's boot. While they were scoffing down buns, I meanwhile had taken quite an interest in an unfinished motorbike trailer for sale – thank goodness reality set in because why would I need a trailer when I would much prefer to ride!! We drove through Coffs and sure enough the fuel was a lot dearer than what we paid at Halfway Creek. Thanks Allan.

The next fuel and snack stop was at Buladelah (once again Adrian had to go to another Servo – just across the road this time). Then we cruised on towards Raymond Terrace arriving about 5.30 pm and booked in at our motel. After a quick freshen up we were off to Hal and Faye Maloney's for a BBQ tea (now I think about it we did not stop for lunch). When we arrived, Hal was cooking the BBQ and David Walker had been working on the rally car. Jim Farmer arrived also and bought his own steak to be cooked by Hal (apparently Hal cooks a mean steak). We enjoyed a wonderful meal complete with a great selection of salads. During the course of the night we were joined by some of the Maloney family and other P76 members: Jason Birmingham, James Mentiplay, Michael Nugent and Allan Shultz. It seemed that people just kept coming out of the woodwork but it was not a problem to Hal and Faye – they just took it all in their stride. After dinner we watched a couple of DVD's; one of which Jim had spent two years putting together of previous P76 National Meetings and other outings. Coffee and then it was up to Dave to lead us back to the motel for a well earned sleep.

Wednesday 19 March

Next morning we were up early, had a big breakfast and off to meet up with Allan at Beresford at 6.30am. Allan (Corinthian Blue 6 cylinder) was stylishly late which meant we could have slept longer but by now with the cold morning we were well awake. We now had four cars traveling in convoy. We stopped at a Servo on the M3 to refuel then continued our journey getting caught up in peak hour traffic. This was not good as Adrian's car was overheating so we detoured into a small shopping centre underground car park and went upstairs for coffee while the car cooled. When we arrived back to the cars we noticed a pool of green water under Adrian's car and upon further investigation discovered that there was a leak at the Y connection in his heater hose. Out came the tools, torches and expertise of four would be mechanics (and of course yours truly snapping photos of this) and the heater hose was taken out of the system, the radiator filled with water and we're back on the road again two hours later than planned. By this time the traffic was a little better but not much making it a very slow trip through Parramatta.

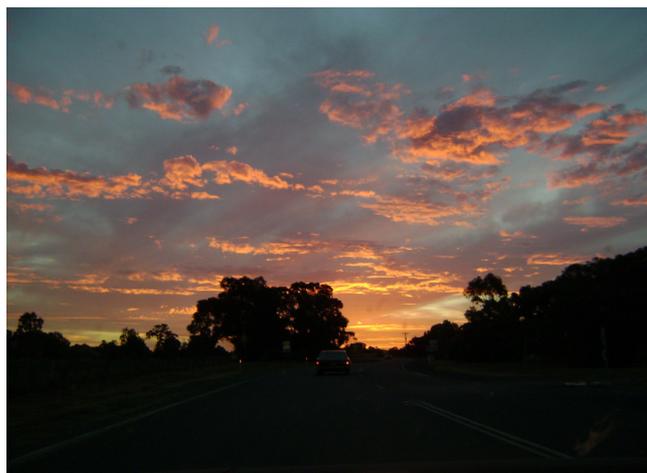
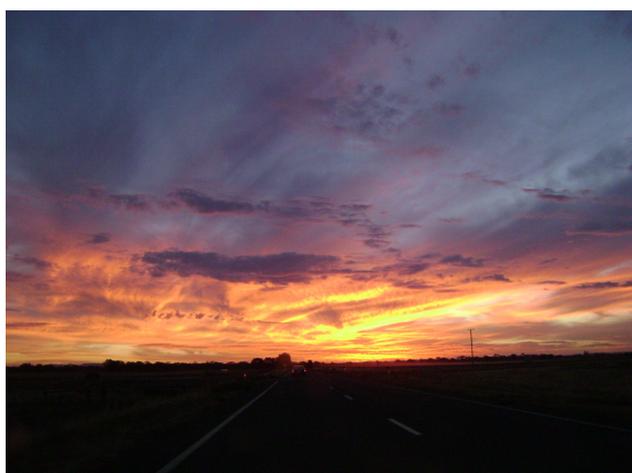


As we were approaching the turn to enter the M2, Allan was now leading the convoy and guess what – yes you got it, he was in the wrong lane and off he goes through the green light straight ahead. The other three cars turned onto the M3. It was a relief to know our newly purchased E Toll worked here. Not long after, Adrian left us to travel through to Cowra to pick up Peter, his brother in law. That left just Neville

and Richard heading towards Bendigo which was our destination that evening. As we cruised along a Lamborghini pulled along side us and checked out our car, roof down of course while we were sweating it without air conditioning. Then he races away and drives beside Neville, gives Neville a nod of approval, puts his foot down and leaves us behind. We saw him again later on when it was just starting to rain and he had pulled to the side of the road to put his roof back up – at least all we had to do was wind up the windows!!

We meet up with Jason and son Kyle (Hairy Lime V8 LPG powered) and his passengers Steve Learmonth (from New Zealand) and Joe and Troy Green at Suttons Forest. The WA guys were there also with Jason's Crystal White V8. This is also where Allan met up with us again. He realised his mistake when he left the convoy and did an illegal U turn in a bus area and managed to get onto the M3 so was not very far behind us at all. After a brief chat and the convoy now five cars, we joined the highway again as we still had a lot of kilometres to travel.

The convoy ended up being split by the time we stopped for our next refuelling at Gunadai. Jason's two cars stopped at a Servo on the right side of the road while the three Queensland cars stopped a bit further up the road on the left. We chatted to a man and his wife who were also on the road. He had worked at the Leyland factory and was very interested as to where we were going and our Show and Shine Day. They were hoping to get to Geelong for this but I don't know whether they made it or not. From here we motored on and crossed over into Victoria. Allan left us after Aubury Wodonga to travel onto a different destination. We met up with Jason's two cars at Wangaratta for refueling and tea at Macca's. After eating tea I was reminded why I do not eat fast food, however, the guys seemed to put it away no trouble. We cruised on to Bendigo and saw the most beautiful sunset that seemed to last for hours. It was almost like the sky was on fire.



We arrived in Bendigo about 8.00pm to discover that no bookings had been made and there were about 12 of us to accommodate. However, we managed to find a couple of vacancies in two separate motels. Neville, Richard and I had a quiet evening as it had been a long day travelling while the others went out for dinner (probably those who had not partaken of the Macca's earlier).

Thursday 20 March

We were up and having breakfast at 7.00am. The dining room soon filled up with men dressed in whites as there was a bowling tournament on in town. I looked around and knew there was something odd here – of course, I was the only woman in the dining room with about 20 men. We left Bendigo, Jason, Neville and Richard's cars, at 8.00am leaving the WA crew to meet up with us later. I was driving today. We headed cross country following Jason, who was following his GPS, to Nhill to view Rod Warrick's car collection. On the way it is essential to have a toilet stop and after being held up in road works for quite some time (it felt like hours) on a country road it was getting more urgent that the stop be sooner rather than later. Once through the road works I couldn't wait for the next town so we pulled up at an old pub (nothing else around, just the pub) out there somewhere. And, who should walk out the door when he heard the cars pull up but ... wait for it ... yes it was 'Elvis' (yes folks Elvis is not dead). The pub was

not open but he let us in to use the toilet while he admired the cars (better than a Caddy eh Elvis). What was the toilet like – well we won't go there but sometimes a lady has no choice.

We arrived at Rod's farm and a short time later we were joined by the crew from WA in Jason's white car. Adrian and Peter were to meet us there but unfortunately couldn't make it – Adrian you missed out on seeing a great collection of cars. Richard would love to have that Force7 in his garage – I wouldn't mind the black P76.



After a stroll around Rod's sheds it was time to hit the road again heading to Geelong. We stopped for fuel and lunch along the way at Horsham and then on to Ballarat where I gave the driving over to Steve as the car was not doing so good at times (this was not a woman driver thing, there was definitely a problem). I travelled the rest of the trip to Geelong with Neville arriving about 5.15pm at the Riverglens Holiday Park. Unfortunately that was not a good idea – the old saying 'don't try what you can't afford' rang true. Nev's car was a lot more comfortable than ours.

Our cabin was located between Pat and Rogo's and a Kiwi contingent so we were in good company. We registered with the Victorian club for the weekend and who did we see staggering down the road - why it's young Stan. He had been waiting for the rest of the Queensland lot to arrive and had a drink or two to while away the time. I was standing with him at tea time by the BBQ and a tree just happened to trip him up. Stan slid slowly down its truck to the ground. No damage done to either Stan or the tree, not so sure about Stan the next day. The Victorian club had cooked up a great BBQ tea. It gave everyone a chance to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. We had quite a shock with the cold weather that evening and donned jackets, sweaters etc to keep warm. We were desperately hoping this was not what the weather was going to be all weekend.

Friday 21 March

Friday morning dawned beautiful and the sun was shining which dispelled our fears of a cold weekend. It was pancake breakfast at the camp kitchen - great stuff. Friday was a free day for people to do whatever they liked; some people chose to go on a drive around Geelong while others were doing repairs to cars. One six cylinder car was out the back with the head gasket being replaced. Allan was having trouble with his car and seemed to have a different mechanic under the bonnet each time I went past with all sorts of theories as to what was wrong. Our car was not exempt. We had a leaking fuel pump and when Steve put our spare pump in (we all carry spare parts in the boot) it leaked more than the original. Thanks to Martyn Hayes for taking Richard out to the clubs parts shed at Lara where we were able to buy a new kit. Thanks also to Mick and Steve for helping with this. I am sure we paid you with liquid amber...

Later in the morning the camp owner opened up his large shed at the back of the Park to reveal a great collection of American cars and all sorts of memorabilia.



On Friday evening the coldness set in again but not as bad as the previous night. Those who were keen to brave the cold watched a few videos and movies featuring the P76. We had a fish and chip tea which arrived late even though the Victorian club had pre ordered and prepaid. The concept was good, just needed more cooperation from the fish shop.

Saturday 22 March

Saturday morning we had champers (champagne) and cold chicken for breakfast. I was dubious having chicken that early in the morning but it was really good - especially sipping a glass of champagne as well. Yes, I could really get used to this life. Could have done with some of that champers later on in the night as I can't drink to much in the morning when we have the rest of the day to get through (eh Stan). After breakfast it was off in convoy to Eastern Beach for the concourse. The Victorians had their traffic control there to arrange the cars and they did a great job of colour coding them so no two cars of the same colour were together. They attracted a lot of public attention – on count I think there were 41 (this is the biggest turnout of P76s in one spot that I have been in over the 20 or so years of owning three of these cars). I would suspect that a lot of the visitors would have been in awe seeing so many of these magnificent vehicles together.



The Eastern Beach front is a beautiful place with two swimming pools, cafes, activities for young and old in the way of train rides, helicopter and boat rides, an old working carousel, bungy for the kids and just strolling and enjoying the beautiful day and water views. The jaguar club were also there presenting their cars.

After the concourse it was off to the Ford Discovery Centre for a tour. I think if we had stuck with our tour guide we might still be there but with a lot more knowledge than we have. There some nice cars in stock here; it would have being a nice place to dine but those Jaguar people had beaten us to it. Instead, that evening we dined at Smorgy's Restaurant on the pier. The views looking over the water were great. The meal was a buffet and we expected Basil Fawlty to step out at any moment. Once we got the non P76 people out of our own special dining area things settled down a bit. The people's choice cars were nominated and Jason's Hairy Lime was announced the winner. We also bought tickets in the raffle and

the prize was 'the golden ticket'. The winner had a choice of anything in the Victorian Club parts stock regardless of price. This went to Rod Warwick.

Sunday 23 April

Sunday morning and it was off to Martyn Hayes property at Lara where the SWAPTACULAR (to use a word from Damian Haas's vocabulary) was being held. There were plenty of parts on sale and a bit of wheeling and dealing going on. Outside the shed they had set up a BBQ with bacon and egg rolls and hot drinks – another great breakfast. After this, most people went off on the Observation Run but we decided to go back to camp for some R & R. I was so tired and slept most of the day. Only later after drinking litres and litres of water I realized I had been dehydrated. I hate to even try and visualize where we would have been had we gone on the Observation Run with my brain in melt down mode that morning ...

Sunday evening it was off to the Belmont RSL for dinner. The food and service here was excellent. During the night the prizes for all the competitions were announced. Congratulations to all the winners. There were also memorabilia auctions etc with record prices being paid. Also a trivia competition was held. No winners from our table – mind you there were only two Australians and the rest of us were Kiwis and a lot of the questions that did not relate to P76s were Australian. Well done our two Ozzie friends – you did us proud. Neville's table of enthusiasts were declared the winners (do you need a hand to drink all that wine?)

Monday 24 April

We packed the car again and said our goodbyes to everyone. Rogo was still doing a few last minute deals. We had a look around Geelong and visited 'How Bazaar' a huge antique shop while Steve and Murray replaced the cam belt in Steve's newly acquired Toyota Corolla which was making the big trip back to Queensland. We left Geelong after having lunch with Steve and Murray and promises to catch up when we were all back on the Gold Coast.

We spent a couple of nights in Ballarat with family and then it was the leisurely cruise home over three days. We arrived home on Friday night with no breakdowns but still wanting to keep on cruising after travelling over 4500km and costing just over \$1,000 in fuel. It was a great trip and we look forward to the next one. The cheapest fuel we purchased was \$1.259 and the dearest seen but not purchased \$1.529. Well done to the Victorian Club for a great Easter weekend (where was the Easter egg hunt?), good breakfasts and great company.

Some useless information:

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand

And "lollipop" is the longest word typed with your right hand

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt"

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet

The words 'raceca,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes)