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*Nine cars turned out for the Christmas lunch and
barefoot bowls*

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CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR POINTS ALLOCATED

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>	January	
	26	Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australian Day Rally
	26	3.00pm Moora Park, Shorncliffe Leyland P76 early tea/afternoon tea
	February	
	8	Monthly Meeting
	March	
	14	Monthly Meeting
	15	Drive in at Yatala
	21-24	Nationals in Geelong, Victoria

Leyland, anything but average

From the Editors Desk

Greetings to you all for 2008. Another year has passed by and I hope everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year and are looking forward as much as I am to getting out and about in their P's to club outings and functions. Richard and I went to NZ for a few days for Christmas with our family. The weather was cool, however, we did get a beautiful sunny day on Christmas Day. Even so, the trip served as a reminder of why we live in Queensland – one moment sun, next pouring with rain and cold temperatures. I really couldn't see myself riding in the unsettled weather that I remember so well. Anyway, Australia Day will see Richard and I take the pledge and become Australian Citizens so we will feel quite at home here with dual citizenship – however, I have to tell you that I will still be supporting NZ sport and Robbie Deans but I have to draw the line at the Wallabies.

We had a great day for the Club Christmas dinner and barefoot bowls with a good turn out of nine Leylands. Not a great range of colour: 1 Crystal White, 1 Nutmeg, 2 Spanish Olives and 5 Omega Navy Targa's. However, it was good to see so many in one place – well done everyone. After arriving at the venue and meeting up with the other members there (some of whom I met for the first time), Richard and I decided to get a drink. The only thing Richard had to remember was one beer and one rum – too easy you say. Well, he walked up to the bar, barmaid appears and asks him what he would like to order to which he replied “two cougars”. Adrian, we will need to vet future venues more carefully I think ...

We had about a dozen members that took up the President's challenge to play barefoot bowls. A lot of laughs as bowls went the wrong way, were way too short or too long or were played on the neighbouring greens, however, it was all in the spirit of the game. Our congratulations go to Joyce for winning the Presidents Challenge Trophy. Well done Joyce – a great effort.

After a few drinks and stories, dinner was served BBQ style followed by a Rockabilly Band. A lot of rock n rollers turned up dressed in interesting outfits – some arrived in old cars and some on Harleys (of course I had to check out the bikes). We had a good day out, great company and entertainment and perfect weather. Thanks Adrian for organising it all.

We had a small attendance at our first meeting of the year earlier this month. It was a good catch up night with a few of us leaving just before midnight. Welcome to our new prospective members, James and Simone.

There is a great article on Jason Birmingham's Hairy Lime restoration in the 2008 Australian Classic Car Year Book - a great promotion for the P76.

The Ballarat Super Southern Swapmeet “The Collectors Tour” is on at the Ballarat Airport from 20-24 February 2008. This is the largest Swapmeet in Australia. A coach will leave the Sunshine Coast on Wednesday 20 February 2008 and return on Sunday 24 February 2008. Cost is \$375 p.p. All enquiries for anyone interested is: rides@avlimos.net or telephone 07 5445 3655 or alternatively write to 161 / 165 Stringybark Rd, Buderim 4556 Queensland.

It would be great to see more faces and cars at our meetings and outings so come on all you wonderful people, let's really show Queensland what this great car is all about. Just remember the club is for all members to enjoy so even if you can't come to meetings, your input is important.. If you have any ideas for an outing, articles you would like to see in the magazine, questions you want to ask or knowledge to pass on, you can phone or email our committee members or myself (not too sure I can help with the questions but can forward you to the right person) and we will see what can be done.

Only eight weeks till we head off to Geelong as I write this magazine.

Happy motoring and safe driving.

General Meeting

11 January at 8.00pm

Apologies

Graham D. Graham & Pat, Garth, Warren

Treasurers Report

No report this month

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved Richard Mallon, seconded Carl that the minutes of the Meeting held on 9 November are a true and accurate record.

Business Arising from Minutes

Christmas dinner and bowls was a great days entertainment

Incoming Magazines

1. Anything But Average Vic
2. Classic Car Club –Nov & Dec 07
3. South Australia – Nov & Dec 07
4. Westwords – Nov, Dec 07, Jan 08
5. PenZed
6. Leyland Post - Dec 07
7. Worts an All – Nov 07

Incoming Mail

1. Membership Renewal – E Baldwin
2. Shannon's catalogue
3. Letter from Qld Government Database Info
4. Letter from Victoria Club
5. Email Invitation from Repco in Virginia to do a car show
6. Return of Oct mag for Norm Julian, Orange
7. Letter for Book and Manual

Outgoing Mail

1. Cheque to Joe Green
2. Cheque to NSW Club for Models

Spare Parts

1. Flash Can ForP76 = \$12.00 Tridon Hd12 Narva 68212BL
2. Steve Trost looking for new chrome

Supply of new parts are available by contacting Graham on (07) 38881345

General Business

1. Combined Council still waiting for Qld Transport report
2. Bayside Vehicle Restorers Australian Day Outing (further information in magazine)

Outings for the coming months

26 January 2008 Bayside Restorers Australian Day Outing
15 March 2008 Drive In (50's – 60's night)

Meeting Closed at 9:55 pm

Swap Meets 2008

1-2 Feb -Toowoomba Swap Meet, no non reserved sites, bookings close mid Dec Ph 0400345564

Coming Outings for January 2008

Saturday 26 January 2008

The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club invitation to the Australin Day Rally.

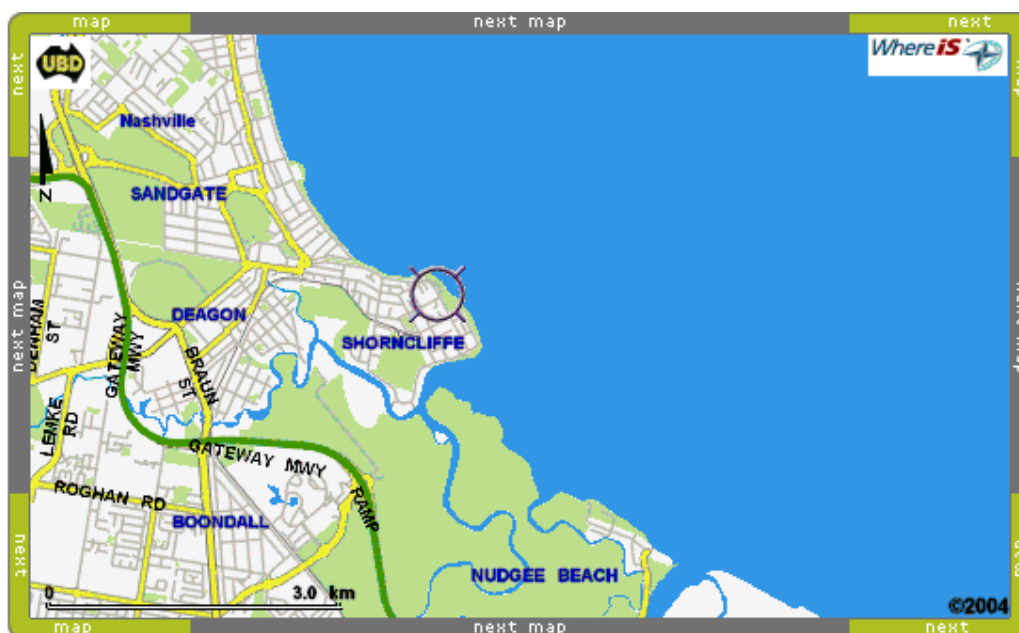
Once again over 400+ vintage and classic cars will descend on the Redlands to celebrate Australia Day 2008. The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club has invited owners and clubs to join them for breakfast at Ormiston State School on 26 January 2008 to be followed by tours of the bayside. The cars leave the school at around 9.30am and will travel via Cleveland Point and Wellington Point to various locations. Club rally organiser and long-time club stalwart – Les Whelan said. “All vintage and classic vehicle owners need to do is turn up at the Ormiston State School (Wellington St, Ormiston) between 7.00am and 9.00am on Australia Day to enjoy a free breakfast and then a pleasant drive through the Redlands” Les reminded those attending to bring a chair and morning tea and of course a camera to capture photos of all the vintage and classic vehicles on display. Lunch will be enjoyed by many entrants at the Alexandra Hills Hotel. The vehicles will be on display there as well.

Saturday 26 January 2008

3.00pm Moora Park, Shorncliffe – Leyland P76 early tea / afternoon tea

For those who want to chill out and relax with their P's this will be a relaxing way to spend Australia Day with discussion of the trip to Geelong and early tea / afternoon tea overlooking Morton Bay
Don't worry about the weather conditions as there are undercover areas there...

If you would like to go to Adrian's place the address is: 14 Edith St, Deagon. Please give him a ring on 0414383503 or 33140058



President's Report January 2008

Hi Queensland Club Members, families and friends

I hope you all had a great festive season. Our family did the trip to Cowra via Sydney and then back via the Newell Hwy. The NSW roads seem to be in good condition, but the Great Western Hwy is still as bad as 30 years back.

My work car, I have cut our fuel bill by adding gas to the white P76. The cost of installation was \$2000 which I claimed back from the Government. Great deal. I had my money return in ten days of applying the paperwork. Additional cost was the buying of second hand equipment for \$400. The car runs sweet and I am well ahead after two months of driving.

The first meeting of the year, was a great evening. We had some visitors from South Australia (James and Simone) in attendance who look like they are thinking of joining. They are driving a gas powered Bitter Apricot P76. The meeting discussed the coming National Meet, the Force 7 models, some unpaid bills, invitation to do a car show at Repco in Virginia, Brisbane and Neville's car "Bob". Alan was telling us of his problems with his six motor and also that he has blown up his motor in his new van.

I would like to thank those who came to the Xmas party, in that we had 5 Blue Targa's and 4 other P76s on display. Competition on the Green was fierce and well done to those who won the raffle prizes. Member of the Year was Richard.

I would like to request from regional members a suggested outing that we may be able to attend. I am looking for ideas, so please let's have them. Is anyone interested in starting the "State of Origin" Coffs Harbour long weekend activities again (Norm from Orange is interested. What about you?)

On the subject of Nationals in Geelong, I am ready but which car to take is not set, however, getting everything together. Invitations are still available and if interested in driving there, you are probably looking at which way to go. So am I. How about we get together on this coming long weekend, for afternoon tea/dinner at Shorncliffe. Others are welcome to come for tea by the sea. Bring maps and routes. January 26th Shorncliffe 07 33140058 or 0414383503.

Also on the morning of "Australia Day" 26 January, Carle has requested we join him at Ormiston Public School for a car display then onto a rally. Breakfast at 7.30am and car show till 9.00am then leave on the run. Call Carle for additional information. My car is ready for you to take Carle. Maybe Neville's car "Bob" will be there.

Been busy in the shed, Green and White (actually was "Peel Me Grape") P76 V8 auto being put together by a couple of families for their children to drive in at a Motorkhana with the Holden Sporting Car Club of Qld at Willowbank on the 3 February 2008 starting at 9.00am. If any others are interested in coming be there! Check the web site for more details. <http://www.hscq.asn.au/index.html>

Early March the Yatala Drive In is on so keep the Saturday free to attend, usually two movies and cars from the 50's & 60's and of course Us will be there. Bring a comfortable chair, drinks and tea.

Well that's it until the coming weekend. I look forward to seeing you all during the year.

Cheers
Adrian

**SLOT MACHINES:
When you rearrange the letters:
CASH LOST IN ME**

Yatala Drive-In

Our next "Back to the 50s Classic Night" is Saturday 15 March 2008

All Public Welcome, you don't need to own a Classic Car, but be sure to arrive early!

Starts at 2pm with the car show then Two Big Double Feature Movies on both screens. Admission includes the car show and the movies.

Trophies, prizes and lots of giveaways. It truly is a step back in time to the 1950-1960's reflecting the Rock 'n' Roll Era & Classic Cars.

1950's NOSTALGIA CAR NIGHT - ADULTS \$15 CHILD \$7

Two screens and four movies

CAKE OR BED

A husband is at home watching a football game when his wife interrupts. "Honey, could you fix the light in the hallway? It's been flickering for weeks now".

He looks at her and says angrily, "Fix the lights now? Does it look like I have GE written on my forehead? I don't think so..."

"Fine". Then the wife asks, "Well then, could you fix the fridge door? It won't close right".

To which he replied, "Fix the fridge door? Does it look like I have Westinghouse written on my forehead? I don't think so..."

"Fine" she says "then you could at least fix the steps to the front door? They are about to break".

"I'm not a carpenter and I don't want to fix steps" he says, "does it look like I have ACE Hardware written on my forehead? I don't think so... I've had enough of you. I'm going to the bar".

So he goes to the bar and drinks for a couple of hours. He starts to feel guilty about how he treated his wife and decides to go home. As he walks into the house he notices that the steps are already fixed. As he enters the house he sees the hall light is working. As he goes to get a beer he notices the fridge door is fixed.

"Honey", he asks "how'd all this get fixed?"

She said "Well, when you left I sat outside and cried. Just then a nice young man asked me what was wrong and I told him. He offered to do all the repairs and all I had to do was either go to bed with him or bake a cake.

He said, "What kind of cake did you bake?"

She replied, "Hellooooo.... Do you see Sara Lee written on my forehead? I don't think so!"

Highlights from the Barefoot Bowls Christmas Dinner



No one mentioned we had to play by rules!!!



Which way did you say this mat goes?



Okay, we think we know the rules, let's play the game.



What better way to work out your bowling strategy than over a long cool drink.



The Official Photographer



Another winning end!!!



Joyce receiving the President's Trophy from Adrian



What is a game without an audience to cheer the players on.



Well done – I knew you could do it



Finally worked out what to do with the mat...



Showing how it is done in style



Where else would you want to be?



Family day out



Should I drink out of it?



You have our full attention ...



Well, wouldn't you rather be here instead ..



Is it for drinking or display Adrian?



Just resting ... this bowls is not as easy as it looks.



Leyland P76 Owners Club of Victoria
LEYLAND P76 NATIONAL MEET
Geelong, Victoria Easter 2008
Fri 21st - Mon 24th March



If anyone in the Queensland Club is interested in attending the National Meet at Easter and have not yet registered, the details, registration forms and costs are on the website <http://www.leylandp76.com>

Alternatively, to talk to the organisers or have the forms emailed or posted you can contact

David & Rachel Walker
10 Jassa Street
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VIC 3165
Ph: 0409 675 648 pr 0413 243 697
Email: Leylandp76@gmail.com

To date, there are 5 P76s travelling to Geelong from Queensland for the 2008 National Meet and if you wish to join in and travel with a group please contact Adrian on 0414 383 503.

Only an Aussie could pull this off!

From the state where drink driving was considered a sport by some in years gone by, comes a true story from the Sunshine Coast, Queensland.

Recently a routine police patrol parked outside a local neighbourhood tavern. Late in the evening the officer noticed a man leaving the bar so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the car part for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five vehicles, the man managed to find his car which he fell into.

He was there for a few minutes as a number of other patrons left the bar and drove off. Finally he started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine dry night), flicked the indicators on, then off, tooted the horn and then switched on the lights. He move the vehicle forward a few cm, reversed a little and then remained stationary for a few more minutes as some more vehicles left. As last he pulled out of the car park and started to drive slowly down the road.

The police officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights, promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyser test. To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man having consumed alcohol at all! Dumbfounded, the officer said; "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to the Police Station, this breathalyser equipment must be broken."

"I doubt it," said the man, "tonight I'm the designated decoy".