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**Cars at Dorrigo on Easter trip**

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## General Information

### AIMS OF THE P76 CLUB

1. To restore and actively use all model of P76 produced.
2. To provide knowledge, advice and parts on the P76 and its variants.
3. To conduct various activities for the members and their cars.
4. To include any vehicle assembled in the Zetland factory.

Membership of the club will be open to anyone who is interested in pursuing the aims of the club

The Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland has its monthly Meetings on **2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of each month and Club outings on the last Sunday of each month:

**Meeting Venue:** Sporting Shooters Assoc. Australia (Brisbane)  
Madden Range, 292 Mt Petrie Rd, Belmont Qld 4153  
**Time:** 8.00pm

**2013 Meeting dates:** 12 April, 10 May, 14 June, 12 July, 9 August, 13 September, 11 October, 8 November, 13 December

Various activities are organised by Club Members and are generally held on the last Sunday of the month. All venue information is confirmed at the General Meeting and is recorded in the Minutes.

### **CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR POINTS ALLOCATED**

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

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## From the Editors Desk

Hi all

Easter has come and gone and now we need to plan for our next overnighter. We had a great time in Bellingen and only minor incidents with vehicles so all was good. It is possibly our best trip yet for no major happenings to the cars. It was good to meet Bert and Ainsley, and Warrick and Carmel and family at Bellingen and we hope to see you all again. The front cover is the four Ps that were on the Easter trip parked in the main street of Dorrigo.

A reminder to those who have not been to our new monthly meeting place, it is at the:

**Sporting Shooters Assoc. Australia (Brisbane)  
Madden Range, 292 Mt Petrie Rd, Belmont Qld 4153**

Once again, I would like to remind you of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the P76 being held in Canberra on the weekend of 29 – 30 June 2013. A copy of the Registration Form for this event was attached to the March magazine. Registration closes on 1 May 2013. If you are going, please get yourself registered before the due date.

This month the magazine is late being sent out to you and I do apologise. Time commitments have been a problem over the past month but hopefully I will be back on track for the next magazine. Our monthly outing which is usually the last Sunday of the month is not happening as there were two events on last weekend and we used them as a chance to get out there and show the cars. More on that in the next magazine.

Until next month, *Happy motoring and safe driving*

*In church, I heard a lady in the pew next to me saying a prayer. It was so sweet and sincere that I just had to share with you. "Dear Lord, this has been a tough two or three years. You have taken my favourite actor Patrick Swayz, my favourite musician Michael Jackson, my favourite blues singer Amy Winehouse, my favourite actress Elizabeth Taylor and my favourite singer Whitney Houston. I just wanted you to know who my favourite politicians are..."*



## General Meeting Minutes

**Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland General Meeting  
held on Friday 12 April 2013 at 8.05pm**

**Attendance:** Garth Morris, Warren Ashworth, Adrian Spencer, Richard Mallon, Graham and Pat Rogerson, Neville Humphries, Keith and Perdita Nicolson, Graham Joseph, Alan Schutz, Richard Reidel

**Apologies:** Darryl and Barbie Packham, Mike McKenzie, Carle Gregory, Bob and Truse Perry, Ann Mallon

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer reported the bank balance as per the current statement. Moved Garth Morris, seconded Richard Riedel

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Garth Morris and seconded by Graham Rogerson Carried

### **Business Arising:**

- Shock Absorbers have arrived
- Richard did not contact Damien Haas as the NSW Club has taken on the running of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend and it will definitely be held

#### **Incoming Mail:**

- Memberships: Nil
- Magazines: South Australia – April, Hunter Valley Jan – Mar, Leyland Classic – March, NSW - March/April
- PO Box Service to close – final notice
- Invitation to Swap Meet and Show 'n Shine – 22 June 2013 Caboolture Regional Car Club
- Herald Sun magazine article
- Kilcoy – Classic & Historic on 20 October 2013
- Display of new label dealer
- Vintage Speedway show on 21 April 2013
- Paperwork from May 1974 – P76 release and sales convention dealer
- British Leyland new Australian car – September 1974 magazine article
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary merchandise order form
- Articles national magazine
- Article from Hal

Outgoing mail - No outgoing mail

#### **Spare Parts Report:**

- Front Shock absorbers picked up at Bellingen and available to be collected – Alan, Keith and Adrian  
Thanks to Bert and Ainsley for bringing them up to Bellingen
- Need to look at whirlybird in the container
- Discussion on yellow bushes for tyre rod/bar break down after sometime
- Main bearings to be made for V8 motor – 50 sets required to be ordered before they will make them
- Garth is working on the number plate lenses

#### **General Business**

Discussion about concessional registration and logbooks  
Rogo to write up an article for the 40<sup>th</sup> year magazine in Canberra  
Discussion about June anniversary in Canberra.

Adrian reported on a wonderful weekend a Bellingen with 17 people attending the dinner at the golf course. Four P76s attended this event. Many thanks to Mr & Mrs Rose and Bruce Rose for the opportunity to view the Rallye and putting on morning tea. Also, thanks to Bruce for the run around the Promised Land.

#### **Upcoming Outings**

21 April – Kenilworth and Rocklea – two car shows  
Check Facebook for other upcoming outings

The meeting closed at 9 pm



## **2013 Qld Events**

#### **APRIL**

**28** EJ-EH Club Banyo Swap Meet, Earnshaw State School Banyo Ph 0409 671 248

#### **MAY**

**3 - 5**

The 5th GarterBelts & Gasoline Nostalgia Festival, a full blown three day and night celebration of 1950s culture featuring hot rods, custom cars, live rockabilly, jump blues and Alt country bands from Australia and overseas, international VIP's, pinup contest, vintage fashion parades, shopping tour, kustom culture art exhibition, nostalgia movies and one of Australia's only and easily largest public road vintage soap box derby races. The weekend will rock picturesque Tamborine Mtn on the Gold Coast hinterland and will include VIP camping for vintage caravans, camping for modern campers and vans also, lots of accommodation on offer, all of this just half way between Brisbane and the

Gold Coast. ASRF TC 284-01-2013. For festival details, please visit [www.garterbeltsandgasoline.com.au](http://www.garterbeltsandgasoline.com.au) or call 0428 88752

- 3 - 6** Wide Bay Rodders present the 6th May in the Wide Bay rod and custom car run, Hervey Bay, at the Happy Wanderer Holiday Village, call the Happy Wanderer to ensure your accommodation on 1800 111 302 and mention the run and receive a 10% discount from your account or, Arlia Sands Apartments in Anne St. Contact Jeff 07 4124 8632 or email [jeffneels@bigpond.com](mailto:jeffneels@bigpond.com) for entry forms.
- 4 - 5** Queensland Hot Rod and Street Machine Spectacular, Brisbane exhibition grounds, hot rods, street machines and vendors. Contact Bob 0419 711379 or visit [www.qhrp.org](http://www.qhrp.org) for full event details.
- 12** Classic Speedway Association Of Qld, annual car show and swap meet, Greenbank Sport and Recreation Ground, Middle Rd, Greenbank, gates open at 6am for swap meet, sites \$10, car show entrants in by Sam, judging at 10am, trophies at 11.30am, public entry \$3, under 16s are free. Contact Frank Cox 0407 035412 or [www.classicspeedway.com](http://www.classicspeedway.com)
- 18** Powercruise Powerplay #13, Qld Raceway, burnout competition, cruising, off street racing, powerskid comp, drifting, dynos, miss powercruise comp, vendors and kids rides. Visit [www.powercruise.com](http://www.powercruise.com) for details
- 19** Fine Iron Rod & Custom Car Club Inc: Show and Swap Meet, Stan McRea Soccer Field, Cnr Railway St and Brisbane Rd, Ebbw Vale, open to public from 6am, vendors from 8am, food and drinks available, Entry \$5 per person. Contact Matt 0428 657948 or Dave 0409 726885
- 19** Lockyer Swap Meet, Gatton showgrounds Ph 0407 113 209
- 25** Rodz, Rock 'n' Roll, Pine Rivers Park, Gympie Rd, Strathpine, Pre 79 show n shine, hours of non-stop rock 'n' roll, entertainment, food and market stalls, competitions, rides and fireworks. For full event details visit [www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pineriversfestival](http://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/pineriversfestival)

## JUNE

- 21 - 23** Shannons Two Days Of Thunder, Qld Raceway, Willowbank, NZ v Aus trans am shoot out, group n touring cars, classic V8 sports sedans, muscle car sprints. Contact Phil 0418 269056 or visit [www.qldraceways.com.au](http://www.qldraceways.com.au)
- 19 - 21** Shannons Lakeside Classic, Lakeside Park, Kurwongbah, group a and c touring cars, group n touring cars, trans-am and more, Sunday is show n shine and track cruise day. Visit [www.qldraceways.com.au](http://www.qldraceways.com.au)
- 21** Chev Super Sunday. Show and Shine only (no swap meet) Open to all Chevrolet and Chev powered vehicles, proudly presented by the Chevrolet Car Club of Qld Inc, the 55-56-57 Shoebox Club of Qld Inc and the Eight Mile Plains Primary School. Eight Mile Plains Primary School, Cnr of Logan Rd and Underwood Rd, Eight Mile Plains, entrants \$10 per vehicle, gates at 8:00 am. Spectators \$3 per person. Food and drinks are available. Contact Charles 0421 089 000 or [chevsupersunday@bigpond.com](mailto:chevsupersunday@bigpond.com) or Facebook/Queensland Chevrolet Car Club



## President's Report

Hi all

First up I would like to thank Adrian for stepping into the Secretary's position in the interim. This is appreciated by everyone.

A quarter of the year has gone by already and we have only had the car out to one event. Not a good start for the 40<sup>th</sup> year (we will have to make more of an effort to get out). We did manage the trip to Bellingen which was a good run for the car. There was only a small group of us for this event, but it went off really well with everyone being very social and a great time had by all who attended. If you weren't there, you certainly missed out on a great time. There were four P76s in attendance. I would like to thank Adrian for organising this event and also Bruce Rose for running the Observation Run and allowing us to visit his home and see the Rallye.

Our parts man, Rogo, who never misses an opportunity to make a sale of spare parts, had the boot open after the observation run and was seen to be making a few sales. I also heard a rumour that a member went to his house to purchase a new fuse box and spent more than \$100.00. I think Rogo would have made a great car salesman in the 70's especially with that moustache.

Our new meeting venue is working well with members staying after the meeting for a cuppa and a chat.

The shock absorbers are now in stock so if you have ordered a set, these are available for pick up. We do have some sets that the Club will put into stock so if you want a set please contact our Parts Manager.

The big event coming soon is the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration in Canberra on the weekend of 29-30 June. I haven't yet committed to this, but am seriously considering it. If you are intending to go, you need to get your registration in by 1 May 2013. If you are unable to attend you may wish to purchase some of the great memorabilia available.

I hope to meet up with a few members at the next event.

Richard

## Bellingen Easter 2013

### Where is Bellingen?

Bellingen is a small town (pop 2,721) on [Waterfall Way](#) on the [Mid North Coast](#) of [New South Wales, Australia](#). It is approximately halfway between the major Australian cities of [Sydney](#) and [Brisbane](#). It is the seat of [Bellingen Shire](#) and has a mixture of valley, plateau and coastal environments.

The township lies on the [Bellinger River](#). In 1841, Government surveyor, Clement Hodgkinson visited the area. When naming newly discovered places, he preferred to use existing native place names rather than foreign ones, so he used the Gumbaynggir name for river, "Billingen" as the name of the area. The name has also been reported as meaning "clean water", "winding river", "quoll" and "cheeky fellow". Originally, Bellingen was pronounced "Billingen", where the "ng" was pronounced as in "sing".

When it came time to write the word, the Aboriginal voice and the European ear combined to give a spelling of "Billingen", "Billengen", "Bellingen" or "Bellingen". European usage has softened the original pronunciation to the current "Bellin-jen".

To further confuse the issue, a draughtsman who was compiling the Colony map from original documents misread Hodgkinson's final handwritten "n" as an "r"; meaning that the Bellingen River officially became the "Bellinger", while the town retained the correct name of "Bellingen".

Sourced from [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bellingen,\\_New\\_South\\_Wales](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bellingen,_New_South_Wales)

### Who was at the Easter event and how they came:

2 x Omega Navy Targas

- Graham and Pat Rogerson
- Richard and Ann Mallon

1 x Country Cream Executive

- Col and Sandy Warnock

1 x Nutmeg Targa

- Warrick, Carmel, Angela and Lloyd Williams (this family came in a P76, an everyday car and by train - quite diversified)

3 x other vehicles

- Adrian and Jenny Spencer
- Mark and Brianna Rogerson
- Bert and Ainseley
- Bruce Rose

## Thursday 28 March 2013

### – Gold Coast, Queensland to Bellingen, New South Wales

The Easter traffic jam trying to get onto the M1 at 3.00pm was the start of the long journey from North Gold Coast through to the Tugun Bypass (QLD / NSW border) in our Omega Navy P76 Targa Florio. Everyone obviously consulted their watches and synchronised their timing to leave at 3.00pm for the Easter holidays (us included). It was hot - the temperatures in the high 20s. No air flowed through the car

and we had no air conditioning so it was a big reminder we were back in the 1970s era again. We stopped, started, stopped, started and on it went for what seemed like hours (well, just over an hour) and what was for many kilometres – not good fuel economy in the V8. However, once we were clear of the border, most of the trip was then pretty much on par to the speed limit. We did notice that there were a number of drivers who must only drive the open road at Easter and the speed limit was obviously far too fast for them.

So far the Targa is doing well. No problems apart from a couple of cosmetic incidents; the passenger window slipping and the driver's armrest falling off. More to add to our 'to do' list when we get home.

We arrived at Bellingen at 10pm NSW time – remember they have daylight saving but Queensland do not, so we lost an hour. The good thing is that we get our hour back when we go home. That means in Australian Eastern Standard Time it took us six hours which with the traffic jams and stopping for fuel and tea at Grafton (it was difficult finding somewhere open in Grafton for food at that time of night on a Thursday) we did not too bad.

We were met by Rogo when we arrived at The Diggers Inn in Bellingen. The others had all retired for the night after their long trips.

## Friday 29 March 2013

Some people had already eaten their breakfast before Richard and I surfaced and went out to a local café for ours. It was Adrian and Jenny's smoke alarm going off in their room that alerted us that it must be breakfast time. Apparently Adrian likes his toast well cooked, and when the smoke detector goes off he uses it as his timer. It is designed to wake up all those people on a Public Holiday who thought it was good that they could sleep in after a long trip the day before. We saw Adrian and Jenny out in the hallway as we were going for coffee so the four of us wandered down the street to the Black Bear Cafe. Warwick and Carmel joined us and we worked on fixing the woes of the world – if we didn't fix them, we had a great laugh so at least six of us had no worries. The breakfast and coffees (must have been great coffee for me to have two) were good and we sat outside on the covered sidewalk while it rained and got colder. Adrian, being addicted to his computer/internet was doing the Facebook thing and keeping us updated on the weather – yes Adrian, it is still raining. Anyway, by the time we realised the tables were all full and people were waiting we decided we had better move on and let others have our table. See pic of Adrian trying to access the internet!!

We wandered down the street and browsed in the shops (we were lucky being Good Friday that some, not many though, were open). Our goal was looking for those big red signs "50% off" but we couldn't persuade the boys to open their wallets. We will try new tactics tomorrow.



By the time we headed back to the hotel the rain had stopped and it was warming up but the sky was still grey. It was promising to be a nice afternoon which was good as we were heading off for lunch and then a car run to the 'Promised Land' which was being organised by Bruce Rose.

We met in the car park after lunch and Bruce gave us all a handout with the directions for the car run and what to look for. This was the beginning of a beautiful drive around the country area of Bellinghen. The scenery was beautiful and we were driving through open farmland and then we were in a National Park (or jungle as my grandson would say). We finished the run at a community hall and church. Adrian had brought his gas cooker and set to boiling the billy for a cuppa and nibbles. We sat around under beautiful trees surrounded by green countryside for the rest of the afternoon and heard the old stories of P76s, older cars that people were saying were their first car etc. Oh, what we know now, if only we knew then and kept those cars. Who knew they would be sought after?



After a pleasant afternoon we cruised back to Bellinghen and arranged to meet at 6.00pm at the Wine Bar for fish and chips. Richard, myself, Sandy and Col were first to arrive there which was a stroke of luck as there was only one lady taking orders, cooking the food and serving the bar so we got our orders in first. It was up to Sandy and me to help out this overworked lady. We were soon behind the bar with pen and pad in hand and taking the orders. If I may say so, I think we did okay. We did not overcharge anyone, did not get any complaints and we balanced the books nicely. We were not told otherwise so we felt we did well. Watch this spot, we may look at opening a bar – beer and wine only and all one price, we can't go wrong!!

After sitting and relaxing, then clearing the plates off the table to assist the owner, we wandered back to the hotel bar and the boys had a drink. It was a relaxing chilled out day. Although I must comment on the observation run where it was a general consensus that the men kept driving past the places we needed to observe and they blamed us for not telling them in time to slow down. We spent the evening in the bar of the Diggers Inn with the ladies playing pool and the men talking – yes, you guessed it, P76s.

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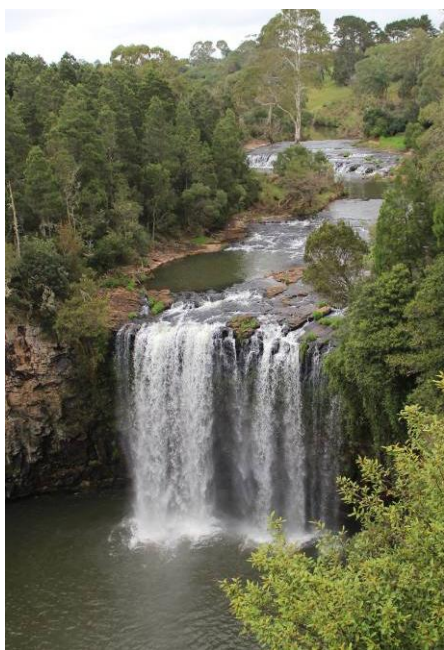
## **SATURDAY – 30 March 2013**

Saturday dawned overcast as it had rained again overnight. I looked out the window in time to see Warrick washing the mud off Carmel's car from the Observation run yesterday. He forgot to wash the rest of the cars – was this an oversight or just keeping on the good side of family? We walked to the Black Bear Café for breakfast again and to get a hit of coffee. It really is good stuff.

Everyone met in the car park in the morning as we were heading off in convoy to Dorrigo. It was a pleasant trip with winding roads, beautiful forest and in some places we could see out over the valley which was a wonderful sight. We angle parked the cars in the main street which looked good and it also turned a few heads to see this wondrous sight of more than one P76. We spent the morning wandering around Dorrigo. The only incident was Rogo who apparently took more than his daily medication and got dizzy and light headed. However, after expert advice from the local chemist and a sit down to get his bearings he was able to drive the rest of the trip – well, whether he was able or not, he did it.



Dorrigo is a small town of less than 2,000 in population. Some of the shops were closed which was disappointing; however, we had coffee at the café the bikers go to. They have a bike inside called the Ned Kelly model which looked like it would have been a good getaway for him. The coffee was strong and good. Other memorabilia; models, stories, pictures and photos graced the café walls and shelves. It is obviously well known because it was definitely a bike meeting place.



Leaving the café, we headed off again in convoy to Danger Falls. These are only a couple of kilometres from the town centre and quite a surprise. As we drove into the parking area and I was thinking that we had quite a hike (and did I have my walking shoes on) to do before we would be high enough to see the falls. But no, the viewing platform was at the edge of the car park and the falls were spectacular. There was also a playground with a round-a-bout so we watched the big kids having fun and getting dizzy.

The weather was a lot cooler and it was feeling like autumn was setting in. We left the falls and drove back through the town and headed towards Bellingen turning off to the Dorrigo National Park. The car park was full so finding parks was not easy. We wandered around the Park shop and the education area which was interesting and well done. On our way to the skywalk there was a sign about leeches and what to wear when walking the 6km track, how to remove a leech from your skin, ensuring your eyes are covered etc. Hmmm, not my kind of thing but I guess if you follow the

instructions all will be okay, otherwise, I am sure they would not allow you into the area. We didn't have time for the 6km walk so headed to the skywalk instead. The skywalk is a great innovation and we stood looking out over the tree line of the National park. There was some low cloud hanging on the hills. Looking down, we realised how high up we were, but the photos did not do it justice. We sat around at a picnic table in the sun and learned more of the area from Pat and Rogo who had been there before.

We cruised back to Belleglen and met at the local Bowls Club where Adrian had organised bare foot bowls. We arrived there in twos and fours, some of us driving and some walking. We had a good afternoon playing and watching the antics of some of the players and the seriousness of others. The patrons of the bowls club were friendly and showed our guys what to do and gave them advice as the afternoon went on. We did have one or two, and I won't name them, who thought they would play on two greens, or maybe they thought the game beside them was more exciting and wanted to join in. And,



hotel later and then there was the big Packman match between Richard and Briana. I think Sandy was the judge and adjudicator but the game itself was very tense. After two games it was a draw.

Some people called it a night while a group of us went down to the dark end of the hotel, past the rooms where there was a space near the emergency exit. We set up an esky (or a chilly bin) for a table, laid out chips and dip and had a few drinks and a yarn. We were lucky that the rooms down this end were taken up by our group so we didn't disturb the other guests.

## Sunday - 31 March

Sunday dawned a lovely clear day and we had a leisurely breakfast and another wander around the town. After lunch, we jumped into our cars and cruised out to the Rose's place to see the Rallye. Bruce and his parents were very hospitable and put on a home baked afternoon tea. Bruce and Mr Rose took us out the back where we saw the Rallye and took photos. We wandered around the cars and the fruit trees. By this time, it had started to rain but we managed to see a lot and learn a lot – especially about the macadamias and the black cockatoos (I thought these birds were lovely, however, when they told us about how they were eating the macadamias I do realise what a pest they are and maybe lovely is too strong a word to describe them). You could hear the nuts dropping on the roof as the birds were stripping the top of the trees.

By the time we cruised back to the hotel it was still raining, however, some of us decided that as the Golf Club was only a block away so we would walk down. We armed ourselves with umbrellas and strolled down to the Golf Club to meet as a group for our last night and have dinner. Unfortunately we didn't realise that the importance of meeting at the Golf Club was to put the cars on show – oops we goofed that one. One of the patrons we met at the Golf Club had worked for a dealership in the paint shop painting the Leyland's so he had a lot of information to talk to us about. Again we learned a little more about the P76. It is amazing the people we run into during these trips.

The meal at the golf club was good and I think everyone enjoyed the food (I didn't hear any complaints) and Rogo was tops with his praise which has got



talk about gutter balls; I think all were guilty of that as well. Maybe, just maybe there may be a pro among us with more practice!!

After bidding our farewells to the bowling members we made our way back to the hotel for dinner. Some went for Chinese, some dined in the hotel and others just weren't hungry. We all congregated at the





to be good. Adrian thanked everyone who came for the weekend and advised that as it was raining we could not finish our competition for State of Origin which was trying to get a hole in one. He advised that there was no State of Origin winner for 2013. Richard thanked Adrian for organising the weekend and all the activities. Well done Adrian, it was a big job, you did it well and everyone enjoyed their weekend.

We went back to the hotel and it was the big decider of who would be Packman Champion. It was very tense as both Brianna and Richard were

concentrating so hard on winning. However, youth outdid experience and Brianna was declared the champion. Well done Bri – one for the girls.

We spent our last evening together in the William's room where we had a great laugh at some of the antics of a few people. Angela is producing a DVD on the P76 and she interviewed some of the Club members. Some home truths came out which cracked everyone up, especially with Adrian. Lucky Jenny was there and has a wonderful sense of humour. Bet Adrian owes so many brownie points after that he will be working them off for life. Keep a look out for Angela's DVD at the 40 Anniversary in Canberra where she will be promoting her film and telling you about it.

From talking to others, everyone had a great weekend. There was plenty of variety of things to do, time to rest, time to talk and socialise and most important of all, time for the boys to look under the bonnet of at least one car. Oh by the way, Warrick did shami the other cars. Thanks Warrick.



**REMINDER – DON'T FORGET TO  
BOOK YOUR 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
WEEKEND BY 1 MAY 2013**