



Leyland P76 Owners Club
Incorporated Queensland



Leyland P76 Anything But Average

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THE QUEENSLAND BULLETIN



IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TARGA FLORIO.

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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 **2nd 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

2014 Meeting dates: 11 April, 9 May, 13 June, 11 July, 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November.

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

Hello P'eople,

Firstly Carol and myself would like to send our condolences to John and Neville Humphreys and their family's on the passing of Dell. She will be missed by all.

As for the P76, we are coming up to another milestone with the 40th anniversary of the Mighty Targa Florio. Front cover shows a sterling example of one of these thoroughbred cars belonging to Neville. There is a 40th Anniversary Weekend coming up on 7-9 June in the HunterValley, hosted by the Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW. All info is supplied in this newsletter. It sounds like a great time will be had by all that attend. You don't have to have a Targa Florio to attend but if you have one, why wouldn't you take it!! You can keep track by looking up "**P76 Targa Florio 40th Anniversary**" on facebook.

On my home front, it was a sad goodbye to the Marina Coupe. Club member Chris towed it away as he needed a project while he is awaiting a better body for his P76 project. Sounds like me....Too many projects and not enough time. I haven't managed to even touch my cars since the last newsletter but at least I have a bit more room. I still live in hope that I will get outside and fire up my mig. And then figure out how to use it. I think it would be quite handy.

Hope to see you all at the next meeting or the next outing on Sunday 27th April.

Graham and Carol





President's Report

Hi all

We start off on a sad note as we send our condolences to Neville and John Humphreys and their families. Dell Humphreys passed away and we recognise her as an active member of the club for many years.

Our condolences also go to the Cutting family from South Australia on the passing of Geoff.

At our meeting this month, Alan gave us a run down on the gasket order. Many thanks Alan, you have done a great job despite us not being able to get the quantity we initially wanted.

The other interesting thing to come up at the meeting is that David Garlick has managed to secure himself a factory black Deluxe with factory air which is a rare find indeed. He told us that it is very rusty and is now in the process of getting it assessed for restoration. It had a Terrier motor fitted at 145,000 miles. The motor has never run on petrol and it will be interesting to see what condition it is in when it is pulled down.

We did not get to this month's outing at the Drive In in Yatala as we had some friends over from New Zealand and no one was in any condition to drive.

Next month's outing is to the Kenilworth Car show. We are going to be meeting at Ettamogah Pub at 8.30am for a 9.00am departure to the Show. Put it in your diaries and looking forward to seeing you there.

Regards Richard

To the P76 community,

Sadly Geoff Cutting passed away on 16/3/14 after a battle with cancer. Geoff was a member of our Club since 1982 and our spare parts man for many years. His enthusiasm for life saw him travel to many Easter Nationals and get together in his various P76s. His pride and joy was his purchased new Crystal White Deluxe. In 1996 he took his Targa across the Simpson Desert with a group of 3 other P76s. Canberra 40th celebrations were a highlight and he was glad to make the Australia Day Cars of Australia Show at Strathalbyn. He is survived by Chris, Stuart and Felicity and their families as well as several unfinished P76 projects.

I am sad, an era has passed

Nigel

P76 Owners Club SA

Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Qld
General meeting held on Friday 14th March 2014.
The meeting was opened by the President at 8.00pm.

Attendance: Richard and Ann Mallon, Keith and Perdita Nicholson, Adrian Spencer, Alan Schultz, Neville Humphries, David Garlick, David Muirhead, Mark Bailey, Chris Brown, Patrick Petersen

Apologies: Reg Jones, Graham and Pat Rogerson, Garth Morris, Graham and Carol Dollisson, Steve Edwards

Treasurers Report: No treasurers report this month.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the February meeting read by the President and was accepted. Moved by Adrian Spencer and seconded by Ann Mallon. Carried.

Incoming Mail:

- Magazine: New Zealand magazine
- Shannons
- Australia Post renewal for Post Office Box Services to be paid end of March

Incoming Emails:

- South Australia – Feb & Mar magazine, W.A. Westwords – Jan magazine, New South Wales Jan-Feb magazine, Vic January magazine

Spare Parts Report:

No spare parts report.

General Business:

- Adrian advised that he sent an email to BMC Leyland Aust Heritage Group Re: Qld club supporting “The Leyland Logo” They advised him that the Queensland club is no longer a member and need to renew their membership
- It was agreed that membership be renewed. Moved by Adrian Spencer seconded Ann Mallon
- Alan Schultz has distributed gasket kits to all states.
- Adrian discussed receiving Victoria magazine some 2 months after publication advertising some components that he wished to purchase and now appear for sale on the internet. He was extremely disgruntled by this.
- South Australia club organizing 2015 Easter Nationals 3rd – 6th April 2015.

By Upcoming Outings

Drive’N’Jive Yatala Drive in – 22nd March 2014

100 Jacobs Well Rd, Stapylton gates open 4pm. Adults \$21 Children \$16

Sunday 27th April Sunshine Coast to Kenilworth. Meeting @ Ettamogah Pub
8.30 – 9.00 Maybe Bar-Be-Que @ Reg Jones.

Next Meeting 11th April 2014,

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

“Me and My Fuel Tank Blues”, Further Adventurers of The Yowee

Well you may have noticed that a lot of gossip going on about how the fuel tanks are deteriorating on Facebook with Norm Julian showing the dirt pile from inside his petrol tank of his Targa. Looking closely the dirt is flakes.



Well, I will skip the trouble I have been having with my engine to say I thought I might have water or rust inside the tank.

Having a couple of hours spare from the renovation in the back yard I decided with the tank nearly empty that I would pull it out and check inside.

The job of removing the tanks is fairly straight forward.

Parked rear wheels of the car on ramps, which gives you a decent area to work in.

Finding an extra length flat blade and undid the clamps holding the rubber hose for the main filler, a pair of pliers to release the wire clamp of the breather pipe and then the pipes running to the front of the car at the pick-up sender on the front left-hand corner of the tank.

Next with the 7/16 socket and ratchet, remove the top 4 bolts. The best part here is that the tank has two mechanical lugs which stop the tank from falling down. The other 4 bolts at the front can now be removed.

Safety point

Not knowing the weight of petrol left in the tank, I use a lift jack and piece of wood to steady the tank as I removed the bolts and then under the control of the jack lowered the tank.

Recovered the remaining fuel from the tank.

I was down to less than 2 litres. The fuel came out clear with no rubbish. It is an amazing site for a tank of its age.

Undid the lock ring of the sender unit and pulled it off.



Pulled the sender pick-up unit out of the tank and looked into the tank.





The sender still had the Nylon shroud around the pick-up pipe. I was a little hard and not that flexible. Also some repairs had been made to the return pipe, in that a bog had been put around the pipe to stop it from leaking.

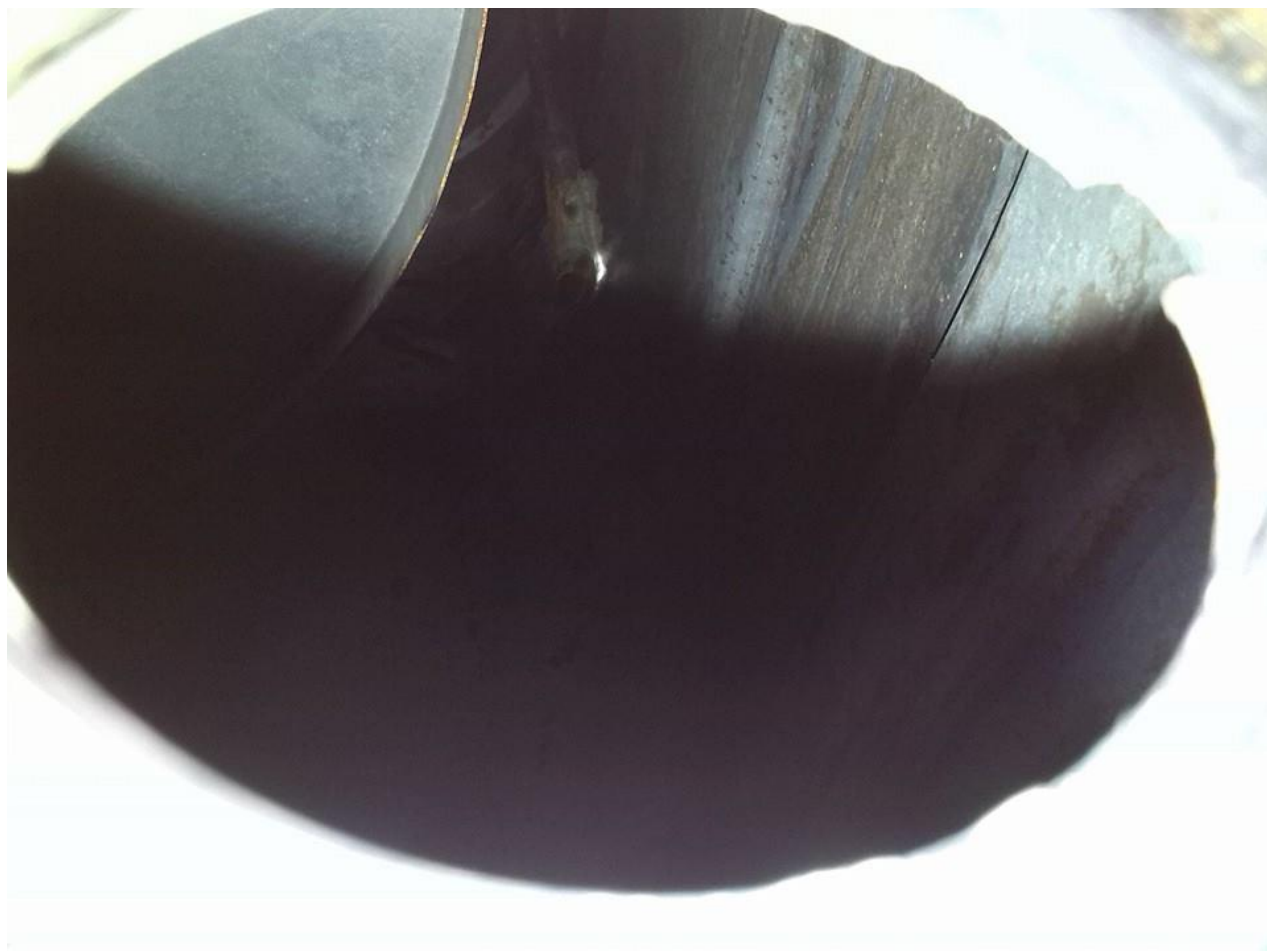


Went to my spares and found another one and installed it. I had a surprise to find when I went to install the new rubber fuel pipe on the return line that some one had crimped the end of the pipe. It must have been used in the early model of P76 when the returned line was not used. So, out with the hacksaw and removed the blockage.

You would think that putting the empty tank back would be easy.

Sorry to disappoint you all it was the worst part of the exercise. Laying on your back with your head thumping the ground or sliding your head across the concrete while pushing the tank up and screwing the bolts back in.

Secret is just start the bolts into the nuts and then tighten them up. I am sure that the tank moves out of shape a little.



I had pre purchased 20 litres of fuel and a new in line filter for the engine bay.

Started the car and the first thing I notice was the amount of fuel in the filter compared to the old one I removed.

So I was quite pleased with the result.

Yowee

Leyland P76.

"SENSATION OF WORLD CUP RALLY WITH ITS HANDLING AND PERFORMANCE." Evan Green.

The Leyland P76, driven by private entrants Evan Green and John Bryson, was one of the handful of cars to finish the toughest-ever automotive event: the 17,000 kilometre World Cup Rally.



In doing so, it put up a remarkable performance against some of the best cars in the world, most specially prepared for the rally.

Evan Green: "The P76 ran with absolute mechanical reliability and outperformed smaller cars with big rally reputations. Its handling amazed everybody."

The big Leyland V8 won the Targa Florio

Trophy for the best performance on Sicily's famous mountain racing circuit, and another trophy for winning five special stages outright.

"On four special stages in the Spanish mountains, London-Sydney Marathon winner, Andrew Cowan was fastest. We were two seconds behind...and eight seconds ahead of the 'works' Porsche Carrera."

No wolf in sheep's clothing

Compared with many of the cars in the rally, the P76 was remarkably close to standard.

Evan Green: "One of the major reasons we chose the P76 was because we wanted a car that would be able to compete in as close to standard condition as possible. We wanted reliability."

"I believe the P76 is one of very few cars in the world that can do this."

"It is a step ahead in a number of important areas: its overall weight means better fuel consumption, more useable performance and less stress on suspension components."

"It was the best performing of the big cars yet proved as economical as the small cars."

"Our average fuel consumption for the event was 17 miles per gallon, better than Andrew Cowan's Ford Escort RS 2000."

After inspecting the finishers in Munich, the R.A.C. scrutineer said:

"This car has finished in the best condition of them all. Nothing seems to have broken, bent or cracked."

"You were unlucky not to win."

And Evan Green's final comment: "Thanks for making such a great car."

"Anything but average? It's a world beater!"



LEYLAND P76
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(It's a world beater!)

TARGA FLORIO 40

LEYLAND P76 OWNERS CLUB NSW IS CELEBRATING
THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LEYLAND P76 TARGA FLORIO
WHY NOT JOIN US – AND BRING YOUR P76 or OTHER VEHICLE TOO!!!!

REGISTRATION FORM

Date: 7/8/9 JUNE 2014

- VENUE:** **Motto Farm Country Comfort Motel (same venue as 2010 Nationals)**
2285 Pacific Highway, Heatherbrae NSW 2324
- REGISTRATION:** **\$80 Adults \$60 Children (12 and under)**
This includes a BBQ Dinner (for those arriving on Friday Night), Dinner on Saturday Night at Motto Farm and BBQ at Noel Delforce's home on Sunday Afternoon. All other activities are at your cost.
- ACCOMMODATION:** Please book your own Accommodation at Motto Farm Country Comfort Motel – mention Leyland P76 Targa Florio weekend. Book early to avoid disappointment.
Johanna Troop is the Conference & Events Manager – 3-11pm Mon-Thurs and Midday-10pm Sundays. Phone: 02 4987 1211 – Fax 02 4987 1214
Email: conference@newcastleairporthotel.com.au
- ITINERARY:**
- Friday**
From 6pm NSW Owners Club have organised a Complimentary Welcome Barbecue at Motto Farm Country Comfort Motel
- Saturday**
10am - Fighter World with Lunch at Café Fighter World.
Afternoon Options – Go Karts, Australian Shark & Ray Centre (both at Bob's Farm)
Tanilba Bay Tea Rooms – times for these events are flexible.
4.30pm - Swap Meet and Merchandise on Sale at Motto Farm Motel.
6.30pm - Dinner at Motto Farm Motel – 70's Dress & Music Theme.
- Sunday**
10am-Midday – Run to Peppertree Winery for Show and Shine;
bring/buy your own lunch.
3pm - Drive to Leonne and Noel Delforce's place for BBQ and Trophy Presentation.
Evening – Tenpin Bowling at Rutherford.
- Monday** – Visit to Maitland Gaol.
- Contact Us:** Steve Maher – steve@graffitigo.com.au or 0417 435 830 OR
Kay De Luca – tonkay@optusnet.com.au or 0410 688 886

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RSVP by 9th May 2014. Please let us know who will be attending in your family/party

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Contact Details: Phone: _____ Email: _____

Cheques/Money Orders payable to: Leyland P76 Owners Club NSW Inc., PO Box 1110 Baulkham Hills 1755

OR:

Eftpos to: Commonwealth Bank Account Name: Leyland P76 Owners Club Inc.
BSB 062 336 Account Number 1017 1082

Amount Paid: \$ _____ \$80 Adults \$60 Children (12 and under)

For our Organisational Purposes please let us know which events you and your family/group is interested in attending:

| Event Item | No. of People Attending |
|--|-------------------------|
| Friday Night – Owners Club Welcome Barbecue at Motto Farm – included in Registration Fee but BYO alcohol. | |
| Saturday Morning – Fighter World (own cost) Adults \$12; Children \$10 | |
| Saturday – Lunch at Café Fighter World (own cost) | |
| Saturday Afternoon – Option 1 - Go Karts (own cost) Licence Fee \$5 Kart Hire \$25/10 mins, \$45/2 x 10 mins, \$60/3 x 10 mins. | |
| Saturday Afternoon – Option 2 - Australian Shark & Ray Centre (own cost) Adults \$29.50; Children \$19.50; Concession \$24 – possibility of Group Tour Reduction if numbers sufficient. | |
| Saturday Afternoon – Option 3 – Historic Tanilba House (own cost) Entry including Tea or Coffee \$12 or Entry & full Devonshire Tea \$15, Children \$2, Family (4) \$23.00 | |
| Saturday Night – Dinner at Motto Farm – included in Registration Fee. Bar facilities available. | |
| Sunday Morning – Run to Peppertree Winery with Show & Shine <u>Bring</u> or <u>buy</u> your own lunch – please indicate your choice so Peppertree can cater. | |
| Sunday Afternoon – Barbecue at Leonne & Noel Delforce's place – included but BYO alcohol. | |
| Sunday Evening – Tenpin Bowling at Rutherford (own cost) | |
| Monday Morning – Visit to Maitland Gaol (own cost) Adults \$17, Children/Concession \$14 – possibility of Group Tour reduction if numbers sufficient. | |