



Leyland P76 Owners Club  
Incorporated Queensland



Leyland P76 Anything But Average

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# THE QUEENSLAND BULLETIN



**Daryl Packham with his Bitter Apricot P76**

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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:

**Venue:** Mt Petrie Primary School  
Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road  
MACKENZIE, QLD (Entry is via Vivaldi Street)  
**Time:** 8.00pm

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

What a good outing we had in August. We all met at Rogo and Pat's place and about 9.30am there was the rumble of Daryl and Barbi Packam's Bitter Apricot P as they pulled into the drive. This is a great looking car; with immaculate interior, chrome wheels and the motor having been done up. They drove their car from Perth when they relocated to Queensland but this was the first time our club members had seen it. We hope to see more of them and the car at future outings. Bob and Margaret Stonell arrived in their white Executive that they have recently purchased from Adrian. We also had the two Targas (Richard's and mine as well as Rogo and Pat's). Garth, Christine and family arrived in a Ford people mover and Stan and Margaret in their Hyundai (still waiting Stan).



Daryl and Barbi Packham on their first outing with our Club.



Richard in the centre (modelling our new club shirt) talking with Col and his mechanic

Rogo was our tour leader (a very responsible job) and we followed him in convoy through the country to Woodford where we were to stop at the Bakery at the end of town (Rogo really, really wanted a cream bun for smoko). The town was inundated with motorbikes (wow, bikers heaven to me) which caused Rogo to miss the stop. So, Rogo being Rogo, decided to do a left turn and back track with five vehicles following him. We were not fooled though. We saw the signs ONE WAY ONLY and of course it was the **wrong** way. We pulled up on the grass and parked our cars whilst Rogo and Bob continued the wrong way up the street in their cars. And to top it off just where they turned back onto the main street was the local police station. Rogo's explanation was that the bakery was no longer there and this time he didn't blame Pat. Well done Rogo, any more tricks up your sleeve?

We had time for coffee and to get Rogo's cream bun (from a new and very busy bakery) and discovered that there were no service stations in Woodford. We waited for Garth to cruise back 5km to fill his vehicle and then headed towards Kilcoy via Villenvue which was a reasonable road in most places but down to one bitumen strip in the middle of the road a couple of times. As other cars went past us they moved off the road so I decided why get the Targa dirty and stayed on the bitumen instead - a woman driver you say but I say a clever thinking driver. I remember doing that in the outbacks of Victoria a couple of years ago and am now wondering if they knew a woman was behind the wheel and took a wide berth!!! We arrived at Kilcoy and lined the cars up at the park facing the main road which was to be a good focal point later on we found out. There are no BBQs here but Rogo and Pat had their portable one as well as a gas hotplate in the boot just in case of such a situation like this. Thanks to some fine chef work from Daryl and Rogo which was backed up by the ladies with salads and buns we produced a good meal. After a relaxed chat and clearing everything away we were ready to head off around 3.30pm. Just as we were getting organised the local mechanic arrived and told us that a P76 owner was heading our way in his Country

Cream Executive to have a look at our cars. The mechanic had seen the cars lined up in the park and driven to this gentleman's place and told him. So, he and his wife decided to jump in their car and head down to see us.

We met Col and Ethel who have been local residents of Kilcoy for over 60 years (since the war) and bought their car from new. They spotted it at the local show and were sold on the fact that it could fit a 44 gallon drum in the boot – obviously a farmer. Col is 86 and still driving his P76. Ethel is 92 and has now given up driving but loved the car and told me she put it through its paces driving it like a P76 V8 should be driven. As you would expect, the car is well used but in good condition with only one minor dent in the front guard which Col says was caused by the wife. He was pleased to have met us and we certainly enjoyed meeting them also.

Another good outing with four Ps on tour for the day and our back up crew in modern vehicles until theirs are on the road. Interesting to note that of the six cars in total for this outing north west of Brisbane, three were from the Gold Coast.

Please note that our monthly run for September is a week earlier than normal and is the 3rd Sunday of September. This is the All British Day on Sunday 19 September at Tennyson. There is further information regarding time and cost later in this magazine. We will meet at the venue and the gate attendants (when they have taken your entry fee) will direct you to where to park. Hope to see a lot of Ps and maybe some marinas there. Once again the club will provide the meat for the BBQ, soft drinks are for sale and everyone is asked to bring a salad and/or dessert. Also, bring your own chairs. Look forward to seeing you there and hoping for a nice day.

*Happy motoring and safe driving*

## September Outing

**Sunday 19 September 2010 - All British Day 8.30am St Joseph's College Sports Ground, Vivian St, Tennyson Brisbane. Our club will provide a BBQ lunch – please bring a salad. There is no pre-arranged meeting place. Rock on up in your Leyland and ask at the gate where the P76 display is. Details of this event are on page 7. If you are attending please phone Adrian on 07 3314 1056 or 0414383503 as he needs to know numbers to buy the food for lunch.**

## October Outing

**Sunday 3 October 2010 - Motor Neurone Disease Association 10.30am Kite Park Clontarf (part of Pelican Park on Bramble Bay in Redcliffe). There is no pre-arranged meeting place. Morning tea on arrival followed by lunch at 12 noon. Members are asked to bring your own chairs, drinks and utensils if you need them. There will be dessert to follow. The club will supply morning tea and lunch. There will be raffles on sale for fundraising. If you are attending please phone Adrian on 07 3314 1056 or 0414383503 as he needs to know numbers to buy the food for lunch**

### ***PUZZLES (ANSWERS ON PAGE 9)***

- 1. WHAT IS IT YOU CAN KEEP AFTER GIVING IT TO SOMEONE ELSE?***
- 2. WHAT GETS WET WHEN DRYING?***
- 3. WHAT COMES ONCE IN A MINUTE, TWICE IN A MOMENT, BUT NEVER IN A THOUSAND YEARS?***



## General Meeting Minutes

### **Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland General Meeting held on Friday 10 September 2010**

The meeting was opened by the President at 8.15pm

**Apologies:** Ann & Richard Mallon, Warren Ashworth, Garth Morris, Neville Humphries, Darren Brent, Jason Miller, Graham Dollinson, Alan Schultz

**Treasurers Report:** No Treasurer's report

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Daryl Packham and seconded by Barbi Packham

**Business Arising:**

- National Meeting moved to General Business
- Shirts ready

**Incoming Mail:** **Subscriptions received from: John Judd, Lisha Kayrooz**

**Incoming Mail:**

- Affiliation fees QHMC Inc (overdue)
- Austnet Group Insurance (overdue)
- Caboulture Community Information
- Newspaper article (Courier mail)

**Magazines received from:**

South Australia – September  
Westword

**Outgoing Mail:** Nil

**Spare Parts:**

- Phil Perkins, seat cloth - offered \$300 was not accepted
- P76 new parts (still in discussion with interstate client)
- Container still being investigated
- Rogo and Richard purchased shelving for \$16.00

**General Business:**

- Member requested membership cards and receipts before the renewal date due to the cars being on classic rego. Still looking at plastic membership cards. Need them urgently.
- 1973 "Suntour" Camper Marina sold in Toowoomba for \$3500.00 at auction from John Wagner's collection.
- Police pulled up Carle at Mt Petrie School gates last meeting.
- Nationals - Gympie (Twin Lakes) Graham and Pat have visited and believe it is a good prospect. Carle been in touch with Best Brooke outside Warwick. They are great site but are booked out over Easter.
- Graham has offered to house the club trailer. Adrian has the trailer being repaired due to metal fatigue.
- Informed that monies for deluxe models have arrived. They are being painted and will be ready shortly.
- Steve Maher from NSW Club is looking for Old National Magazines.

**Upcoming Outings:** 19 Sept – All British Day  
3 October – Motor Neurone Disease Association lunch, Kite Park Clontarf  
(part of Pelican Park on Bramble Bay in Redcliffe).  
Suggested Xmas Lunch location has been Redland Bay Hotel.

**Meeting closed** 9.30pm



## 2010 Club Events Calendar

### September 2010

**19 Sunday** **Club Outing**  
All British Day at Tennyson

### October 2010

**3 Sunday** **Club Outing**  
Queensland Motor Neurone Disease Association Lunch

**8 Friday** **Monthly General Meeting**  
8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

**31 Sunday** **Club Outing**  
To be advised

### November 2010

**12 Friday** **Monthly General Meeting**  
8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

**28 Sunday** **Club Outing**  
To be advised

### December 2010

**10 Friday** **Monthly General Meeting**  
8.00pm at Mt Petrie School

## 2010 Swap Meets and Events

### September 2010

**19** **All British Day**  
St Josephs College Sports Ground, Vivian St, Tennyson, Brisbane  
Phone Richard 0409420904 or Albert 042978980

**25-26** **Old Truck & Machinery Spectacular**  
Cleveland Showgrounds, Long Street, Cleveland  
Phone Ian 0428758973 or Gary (07) 32064627

### November 2010

**20-21** **Rod and Street Machine Spectacular**  
Gold Coast Exhibition Centre  
Phone 07 33439224

***Many thanks for dates and details of upcoming swap meets supplied by:  
Pacific Highway Auto Recyclers of Elliot Drive, Yatala***



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## RACQ batteries

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### All British Day 2010

31st Year Anniversary  
1979 – 2010

**Sunday 19th September 2010 – 8:30am – 2:00pm**

St Josephs College Sports Ground,  
Vivian Street Tennyson, Brisbane  
(near the new Tennis Centre)

Note: No pre-booking required

- Classic British Vehicles, featuring cars, motorcycles and commercials
- All welcome – club and Non-Club members
- Trophy for “Owners Choice”, “Peoples Choice” “Best Sports Car”, “Best Motorcycle”, “Best Commercial” and “Best Veteran/Vintage”.
- RACQ CareFlight Rescue Helicopter with demonstration providing there is no emergency
- Trade display, music face painting, food and refreshments.

* Display Cars With metal	<b>\$15</b>
souvenir badge including passengers	

Viewing and Off street Parking vehicles	<b>\$5</b> including passengers
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Walk-ins	<b>\$2</b> Per person
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\*First 500 display cars  
receive a metal souvenir  
badge

### Please no dogs

All proceeds go to QIMR Cancer Research & RACQ CareFlight

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“All British Day” is a registered name

## Kilcoy Run – August 2010







# President's Report

Hi members

Well after a fair bit of work I finally got the Land Rover Discovery diesel registered last week. Then, on the following Wednesday it had a temperature spike on it, so out came the water pump and the belt adjuster bearing to be replaced with new items. The cooling on this model of diesel is pretty critical because if you cook them the head is a throw away item. So far it's behaving itself.

I was planning to go on the run to Kilcoy but I had to pick my son up from a cadet camp at the back of Mt Forbes near Mutdapilly so I dipped out again.

Today I made it to a yearly car show of a club that I am a past member of called the 'Mini Muster'. Along with my Nomad there were two Morris 1300s and a couple of Morris minors. In the car park after having to bring a Mini in on a trailer was a P76. The owner was Ken M. There were around 80 Mini's. Only one of the Nomad 1300s was entered in the 'show n shine' and he took out (naturally) best Orphan and the best unrestored concourse. He nearly took out people's choice but somehow or other there ended up being two cars with the same number there!

Next Sunday (19 September) is the All British day. It will be good to see quite a few members there this year partnered by their cars as last year we only had six vehicles - a fairly weak showing of the car and also the club. Let's see if we can do better. We will have our BBQ there with food and drink available and of course the vice-president and I will be the cooks. Don't worry, we haven't lost anyone yet; members are too hard to find.

After that there is the Motor Neurone Disease lunch at Pelican Park Clontarf on the 3 October. Apart from our club, the Northern Vintage Club and maybe the Pontiac Club will be along to give a bit of a display.

Keep an eye on the magazine for coming events.

Until next time  
Cheers

## FOR SALE

Targa Floria V8 Motor and Automatic Gearbox . Can be heard running  
May have low kms as it has been sitting for a few years. Price \$600.00  
Contact Rogo on 07 3888 1345

### PUZZLE ANSWERS:

1. YOUR WORD
2. A TOWEL
3. THE LETTER M

## Memories of the First P76

Editor: The following article is the comment by Barry Anderson taken from the B.M.C Leyland Australia Heritage Group July 2010 Newsletter. Barry is responding to the article by David Hoskins that we published in our August magazine. We thank Barry for his permission to publish this.

### Memories of the First P76

Barry Anderson comments:

Following receipt of his article, David and I exchanged several emails and subsequently had a very interesting phone conversation.. He said he was quite happy for me to correct his second paragraph which is not quite right. He is also interested in the book we are writing and offered to help us maintain BMC-Leyland Australia's heritage. He will be particularly interested to see the photo (courtesy of John Lindsay) below of the P76 prepared for the Crash Test that he did at the Ford proving ground.



David wrote "I am now a confirmed MG nut as I now have two MGB's, a '71 roadster which would have been built in Sydney, and a '72 GT which I assume was imported". We have agreed to meet when next he comes to Sydney - I look forward to continuing our conversation.

I would like to record a few points:

Before the BMC-Leyland merger, we at Zetland had firmed up the mechanical systems of P76 - to use David's term "in splendid isolation". We had no assistance at all from Austin at Longbridge, Morris at Cowley or Triumph at Coventry on the suspension or other chassis aspects. We had selected the Buick 3.5 litre aluminium engine as the base for our V8 engine and were seriously

experimenting with permanent mould "open deck" construction. We contracted Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation to design and make a prototype mould and a prototype cylinder block for a 45 deg slant 6 alloy engine and built a V8 using a machined block from a Buick. We ran both engines on dyno and also had the early generation P76 cars running at this time

When the merger occurred, suddenly we had Rover expertise available **and** the first support came from the engine men who visited us. We wanted a 4.2 l engine with power steer, A/C etc and had designed the front end - water pump, oil pump and other services and a head with pressed rockers. Rover had drawn but not prototyped a 4.4 l block and recommended we use that with the other changes we had drawn. With this decision, the direction of the 8 cyl engine was defined.

We continued with the other mechanical systems and were assisted with suspension tuning by Mick Bunker from Triumph who visited during the 3rd generation phase in 1972.

Roger Foy has pointed out that the main reason we wanted to test the P76 at MIRA was to do the 1000 miles test on the Pave track. This has found the weak links in many "good" designs and the P76 passed with flying colours.

David's article reminded me of the one meeting I had with Gordon Bashford who was Rover's chief chassis designer and who was responsible for all their suspensions from Rover P3 to SD1. In late 1974 Gordon was in charge of a staff chassis research team who were providing research data to all Leyland marques and was to retire shortly after. He interviewed me for the job and we had a very interesting afternoon comparing SD1 and P76 chassis layouts which we found had similarities in spite of having no common history or componentry.

Barry Anderson