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# THE QUEENSLAND BULLETIN



*Queensland P76 Kart racing team*

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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

I feel I have just finished the October magazine and now it's time to put fingers to the keyboard and tackle November. And, as you all know, next month is Christmas. So close and we all wonder where the year has gone. Sometimes I think back and say what did I actually do this year, and by the time I go through each month, I have done a lot and definitely did not sit back waiting for it all to happen.

Our Queensland weather is very up and down with wind, a little bit of rain, sun and more wind. Leaves, leaves, leaves blowing all over the drive and decking and it's a never ending battle. I am sure other Queenslander's know exactly what I am talking about. Anyway, with the day of rain at the weekend it was enough to green up the lawns a bit and water a very dry garden. Our water tank is full again so Richard can wash the cars after the wind dies down and the dust settles.

The front cover photo of this month's magazine is the boys on the podium at the Kingston Park Kart Racing after their adventures on the track. This was the October day out and was pretty well attended. I must say a big thank you to Barbi and Darryl for the article and the pics. Well done guys. Looks like a popular place to be. That's twice this year the club has been there, and our regulars racing both times, Graham and Stephen, look to be getting very competitive.

At the end of our last meeting of the year on Friday 14 December, we are having supper. Please bring a small plate with Christmas nibbles, cakes etc. and we will have a cuppa and a chat after the meeting.

I will see those who have put their names down for the Christmas Lunch in Caboolture on 25 November. The address of the venue and a map are in this magazine.

*Happy motoring and safe driving*

### **Question**

#### **What do these words have in common**

Banana, Dresser, Grammar, Potato, Revive, Uneven, Assess

Before going to Europe on business, a man drives his Rolls-Royce to a downtown New York City bank and asks for an immediate loan of \$5,000. The loan officer who is taken aback, requests collateral. "Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce," the man says. The loan officer promptly has the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping and gives the man the \$5,000. Two weeks later, the man walks through the bank's doors and asks to settle up his loan and get his car back. "That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest," the loan officer says. The man writes out a check and starts to walk away. "Wait, sir," the loan officer says. "You are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow \$5,000?" The man smiles, "Where else could I find a safer place to park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"



# General Meeting Minutes

## ***Minutes of the Leyland P76 Owners Club Incorporated Queensland General Meeting held on Friday 9 November 2012***

The meeting was opened by the President at 8.08pm

**Attendance:** Carle Gregory, Richard Riedel, Graham and Pat Rogerson, Barbi Packham, Richard and Ann Mallon, Adrian Spencer, David Muirhead, Alan Schutz, Neville Humphries

**Apologies:** Darryl Packham, Garth Morris, Warren Ashworth

**Treasurers Report:**

No report

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted as a true and correct record. Moved by Carle Gregory and seconded by Barbi Packham. Carried

**Business Arising:** No matters arising

**Incoming Mail:**

New Membersip: Kate Leighton

Magazines: Penzed, BMC Heritage, South Australia x 2, Owners Club NSW

Other: Gasket Solutions letter  
BVRCAustralia Day Rally and Swap Meet 24 March

**Outgoing Mail:**

- Sec sent email to Management Committee

**Spare Parts Report:**

- Some consumable parts were sent out
- The Club has given a price for parts from a seller in Lismore and it was accepted. Graham Rogerson to contact Garth for money for payment.
- Dixie Lee is selling his collection for \$20,000
- The 13<sup>th</sup> last P76 built is for sale in Maryborough
- There was discussion on funding for remanufacture of parts by the National Council. Delegates to talk about this.

**General Business**

- A 20 foot Container to be purchased this year for the second hand parts
- Adrian advised that the 2013 Easter event is at Dorigo
- 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Leyland P76 is being held in Canberra in June 2013. Adrian has talked to the press about routes on the way from Brisbane to Canberra and advertising for the trip
- Neville and Reg picked up a trophy each from Cooroy Car Show

**Upcoming Outings**

25<sup>th</sup> November Xmas party at Centenary Lakes

The meeting closed at 9.09pm

# November Outing

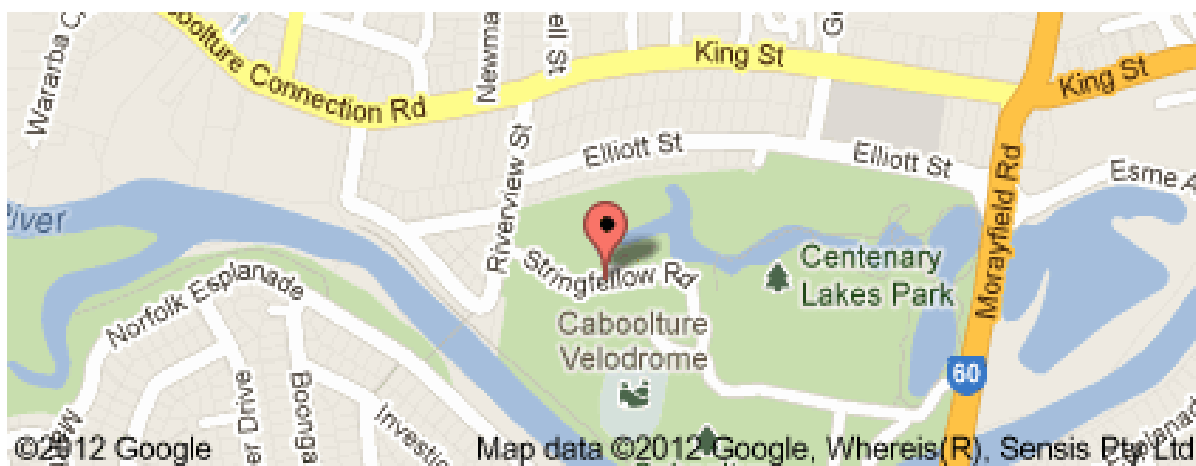
*Sunday 25 November – 11.30am*



**2012 Christmas Lunch**

**Centenary Lakes Sports Club**

16 Stringfellow Road via Riverview Street, Caboolture Qld 4510



## 2012 Club Events Calendar

**November 2012**

**25 Sunday**

**December 2012**

**14 Friday**

**Christmas lunch at Centenary Lakes Sports Club in Caboolture 11.30am**

**8.00pm at Mt Petrie School – monthly meeting**

## 2012 Queensland Swap Meets and Events

**November 2012**

**25**

**Beaudesert Little Athletics Swap Meet (Formerly Tamborine Swap Meet) at Beaudesert Showgrounds, Beaudesert. Phone 0409 488 912 or 0419 981 940**



# President's Report

Hi all

It was a relatively quiet meeting this month with a couple of our members suffering a blow out on the way and hence not attending the meeting. This explains the reason there was no Treasurer's report. Bad luck guys, you were both missed.

The school where we have our monthly meetings has changed a lot over the last six months. We are now back in the original car park which has been extended and the lighting is much improved. Our meeting room might be a bit hard to find for any new members attending but it only takes a phone call to one of the committee to set you right.

This month's event is the Christmas Lunch at the Centenary Lakes Sports Club in Caboolture at 11.30am. Ann and I are going to travel up on the Saturday and stay at the Caboolture Central Motor Inn so if any members would like to book in there for the night we will catch up with you.

The Club has now decided on purchasing a 20 foot container for the spare parts. Hopefully this will be in place before the end of the year and early next year we will need volunteers to get it shelved and ready to transport the second hand parts from Nerangba to Yatala.

I have just finished reading the "Building Cars Australia" book which was put together by the BMC Heritage Group. What a great job they have done. I highly recommend this book to our members. The other read is the 30<sup>th</sup> Year Commemorative Edition of Westwords (the Western Australia Club magazine) and another great read. It is interesting to note a couple of very nice looking pristine condition executives leaving Victoria to reside in WA.

It is good to hear our members north of Brisbane getting out and about with their cars. Recently at a car show at Cooroy, Neville picked up the trophy for best modified in his Targa (apparently the judges deemed the mag wheels were classified as a modification) and Reg received the trophy for best original in his Home on T'Orange Super. Well done guys. The cars are getting the recognition they deserve.

You can find information of outings and car shows on facebook.

A reminder to everyone that the December meeting next month is the last one for the year so bring along a plate for supper and stay and have a chat and a cuppa.

Safe motoring - Richard

## **Answer**

### **What do these words have in common**

In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.



## END OF A LEYLAND by Mark Bailey (ACT and Queensland Clubs)

After ten years I had moved to Brisbane from Canberra, the change in climate being necessary for my young daughter's health. A member of the Canberra club, I'd been slowly doing up a rust-free P76 for quite a few years. She was at the stage where all the mechanicals and suspension, and most of the electrics had been done.

On 1 January 2011 a milestone was passed. With the cooling system replaced we did a run to Braidwood on a 38 degree day. A major aim for me was to ensure that the new radiator and thermo fans were dealing properly with a long and fairly high speed run on a very hot day. Three mates, me in my P, Paul in his GT and Steve in his HJ. Purely by coincidence, we worked out that our three old cars had 111 years between them, and that we were doing this run on 1.1.11. It was a bloody good day.

The P performed well until 1500 metres before getting back the Steve's workshop at Hume (he's the owner of Pharleys Spares and Repairs - take your cars there and he'll do a damned good job you can trust for a reasonable price). The problem was quickly identified as fuel starvation, traced to a 'bubble' of extremely hot air forming and being trapped in the left hand side of the engine bay, so hot that radiant heat from it actually vaporised the fuel in the lines before it got to the fuel pump. Plans were immediately made for a way to get air flow through this part of the bay. Overall the 'hot weather run' was a real success.

A couple of months later the joyless job of moving began, first time in ten years, since leaving the military. The kids were leaving, we downsized the house, and I decided to leave the Leyland off-register at Steve's place out near Burra until I could save a few quid and get it resprayed in Canberra. Besides, the new house had a mere double garage, not the seven-car garaging inside my old house in Chisholm.

And so things stayed until October 2011. Then a very shaken Steve rang up to say that his house at Burra had burned down, and with it his racing Corolla, his wonderful 1973 Hilux with a V8 Windsor in it, and all his worldly goods. So furious was the fire that the engine block in his racing Corolla melted and puddled under the wreck. He was not insured. That my P had gone up as well was neither here nor there at the time, Steve and his daughters had lost the lot.



Very fortunately, there had been no-one in the house - the previous weekend it had been packed. The place went up like a bomb and if anyone had been inside, survival would have been doubtful. It was all wood, and quite old. The Burra RFS blokes traced it to some gnawed wiring, probably mice. They also had a hell of a time extinguishing the Leyland.

You take a few well-considered risks in life, and miles away from anywhere at a mate's place seemed safe enough to not worry about insurance either. Ah well, you win some, you lose some. This one, I lost.

**Picture 1: Actually, that might not buff out with some elbow grease and Kitten car polish! Steve's amazing 1973 Hilux with the V8 Windsor to the right.**

Now, a few months previously, Alex and I had wandered over to Hume, where Steve had found a P76 not 200m from his shop, at the Hume homestead. It was in very good condition although it had not been driven in many

years and it had been left outside. A lot of money had been spent on it, and it had been stowed under a tarp. However, the owner had laid a 3-inch high bed of river gravel and covered that with plastic sheeting, then parked the P on that, and tarped it. This meant that no dew had formed under the car, no grass had grown up, and there was a clear airway underneath it. Even better, it was always dry even in the heaviest rain, as it had been raised up a little. He had run it regularly for a few years too.

Alex and I checked the car and found it good. So after a couple of weeks I rang Steve from Brisbane and asked him if it was still for sale. The answer was yes, so now I have another P.



**Picture 2: The replacement P in Steve's shop. Look boss, a white one!**

When Steve and I looked over the burned out wreck of the Olive green, we saw that at least a few things could be salvaged. The engine and gearbox were one, the new radiator, extractors and thermofans were another. The new rotors, shocks and exhaust not so much.

The 'new' P is not going to be resprayed although it will be polished to within an inch of its life. It's in remarkable condition for a vehicle of its age and even the interior is in good condition. The back seat is original and in excellent condition, the material on the front bucket seats does need replacing. The Globe mags are original and are also in excellent condition (just missing one central hub centre, which the original owner may still have - need to chase him up). So the radiator from the Olive P is going in to this one. It has just been fixed, as the heat from the burning Olive melted the lead out of the top tank, and is as good as new. Well, it IS new... Fitting an electric fuel pump is also a must. This car does not have power steering and having driven it I can say it hardly needs it. However, I do have a spare power steering unit and I'll investigate getting it refurbished and fitted.

An exhaustive examination on the hoist showed that the car has no significant rust. There is a little surface rust in a few door scratches and on the top of the front bumper bar, which I'll have re-chromed. That's it. Even the Koni shocks fitted just before the car was laid up are in near as-new condition.

So this job is a lot easier than the Olive, and hopefully I'll have it in the just-emptied garage in Victoria Point by the end of the year



# KINGSTON PARK – 28 OCTOBER 2012



It was an overcast day with half a dozen drops of rain which was not too bad as the forecast was for showers and storms!!

Darryl and Barbi were the first to arrive at Kingston Park, with Graham, Carol and Stephen Dollisson and a friend of theirs next. Then John and Beth came with Allan Schutz and his son, Lewis Mocker the last to arrive.



We txt-ed a few other members to see if they were coming but all had prior appointments. So there were the five guys to race, Darryl, Graham, Stephen, Allan and Lewis. Their first race was scheduled for 12-30pm but it

was nearly 1pm before they went out. Then they just raced again and again!!! 10 minute races and then a few minutes to see where they came and back out again.

From a spectators view, their best race was the 3<sup>rd</sup> one with less other drivers on the track and the guys were able to drive and not get sandwiched in!!!!

Not an easy place to take photos though, compared to the Big Kart Track at Landsborough!!!



I was pleasantly surprised at the complex and what they have to offer. With the BBQ area, as well as the three different areas to drive and the seating, there is something for everyone to do. There is a good kids area too even though I did not check that out!! It was a lot of fun and thank you to Lewis for allowing us to look over his car at the end of the day before we all drove our everyday cars home.

Kingston Park Raceway 28th Oct 2012								
Race 1	25 drivers							
Result	Driver	Kart No	Av Kmh	Best Kmh	Av Sec/Lap	Best Sec/Lap	Total Time	No Laps
1	Lewis Mocker	13	69.55	78.95	72.47	63.84	579.73	8
6	Darryl Packham	4	65.43	75.43	77.03	66.82	616.26	8
12	Allan Schutz	28	65.47	74.17	76.98	67.95	615.85	8
14	Graham Dollisson	5	64.79	73.01	77.79	69.04	622.31	8
22	Steven Dollisson	12	45.43	65.23	110.94	77.27	554.71	5
Race 2	23 drivers							
3	Lewis Mocker	24	70.44	78.89	71.55	63.89	572.38	8
7	Allan Schutz	29	66.56	76.28	75.72	66.07	605.75	8
9	Darryl Packham	22	66.68	74.91	75.59	67.28	604.69	8
11	Graham Dollisson	4	66.75	74.50	75.51	67.65	604.08	8
22	Steven Dollisson	28	62.69	69.40	80.40	72.62	562.81	7
Race 3	18 drivers							
1	Lewis Mocker	9	78.32	81.28	64.35	62.01	579.18	9
2	Darryl Packham	14	76.03	79.01	66.29	63.79	596.59	9
4	Graham Dollisson	26	74.23	78.48	67.89	64.22	611.04	9
10	Allan Schutz	15	73.00	75.45	69.04	66.80	621.38	9
17	Steven Dollisson	2	68.96	72.34	73.09	69.68	584.71	8
Race 4	24 drivers							
1	Lewis Mocker	6	77.48	79.35	65.05	63.52	585.47	9
2	Darryl Packham	17	75.47	78.38	66.78	64.30	601.00	9
8	Allan Schutz	25	74.02	75.97	68.09	66.34	612.83	9
11	Graham Dollisson	18	72.33	75.41	69.68	66.84	557.43	8
13	Steven Dollisson	4	69.54	75.30	72.47	66.93	597.78	8