

# NEWSLETTERS

## Summary of Contents by Issue

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### **Issue 1 May 1999**

The first issue was prepared by Roy South who had organised, with the blessing of Landcom, the last walkaround of the Zetland (Victoria Park) plant site before the Nuffield-BMC-Leyland factory buildings were demolished. This issue's topics were:  
About this newsletter.

- Keeping in Touch.
- The BMC-Leyland Directory.
- BMC Australia on the web.
- The Zetland Years.
- Zetland revisited.
- BMC-Leyland Australia Heritage Group - Identity, Mission & Objectives.
- Other Recent Activities.
- P76 Remembered.
- More BMC-Leyland History. Ex Apprentices and Trainees.

### **Issue 2 Nov 1999**

- Photos of plant buildings being demolished (May 1999).
- Group became incorporated.
- First call for material for formal archiving.
- Origin of the annual reunion.
- Historic Engineering Marker submission and approval by Institution of Engineers Australia.
- First mention of THE BOOK. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations for March 2000

### **Issue 3 Apr 2000**

- Announcement and details of 25/50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion and Display day to be on 25 June 2000 at Randwick Racecourse.
- Advance information on the planned redevelopment of the Victoria Park site.

- Report of the March 1950 opening of the VP plant by Lord Nuffield.
- Report of sale of the Longbridge plant to BMW.
- Establishment of interim committee and first AGM.

### **Issue 4 Sep 2000**

- Report of 25/50 Anniversary Celebrations and Display Day, 25 June 2000 and formal presentation of Historic Engineering Marker by Institution of Engineers Australia.
- Report of Sept 2000 AGM and new committee.
- Report of 50 cars on display by car clubs in NSW.
- First "Timeline" of the VP and Enfield plants.

### **Issue 5 Mar 2001**

- Report of the decision by Landcom to name streets and one park in the VP development after BMC/Leyland marques.
- Progress report on the Oral History project.
- The Austin Freeway & Wolseley 24/80 Story.
- Origins of the Zetland (VP) Plant Architecture.
- Item about a 6 page article in the December 2000 issue of the UK Practical Classics magazine.

### **Issue 6 Sep 2001**

- Report of member survey.
- Story behind the 7 BMC Paintings and their Artists. The paintings were hung for many

years in the BMC boardroom and featured in the 1958 publication "BMC in Australia".

- Report of Committee meeting in the newly restored office in the Tote building.
- Report "Unit Plant birth was not painless".
- Inserts: BMC Paintings and the Artists; Extract from AEI August 2001; From Mini to MINI in 42 years; Notice of "Minis Down Under" celebrations Oct 21 to 29 2001.

#### **Issue 7 Jan 2002**

- Report of opening of Tote Park at VP site.
- Oral History project - sample of progress.
- Report "40 years of Mini in Australia.
- Report on All British Day 2001.
- Report of the original "Young Lions" car racing members.
- Extracts from BMC Rosette; Review and Reporter; President's Report for 2001

#### **Issue 8 Apr 2002**

- The names that never were - article on Australian BMC Australia car names that were not used.
- Memorabilia database.
- Peter Mohacs's recollections as a Leyland Cadet.
- Update on the Young Lions. Oral History example - the Reg Fulford Story
- Insert: Reproduction of the BMC Reporter Apr - May 1961 dedicated to the Morris 850 launch.

#### **Issue 9 Jul 2002**

- Leyland P82 that never was.
- Forty years of Austin Freeway.
- Update on BMC - Leyland Competition History.
- Oral History - Reg Fulford story pt 2

#### **Issue 10 Oct/Nov 2002**

- BMC-Leyland Australia - an MD's Reflection - Peter North's talk to 2002 Reunion.
- Report on 2002 Reunion
- Competition Update.
- Inserts: Extract from Feb 1959 BMC Reporter. President's report on AGM and de-incorporation of the Group.

#### **Issue 11 Jan 2003**

- The Wide Body Freeway (that never was).
- Peter North's - the last days of Zetland - Part II.
- Extract from Motor magazine July & August 1956 Engines by the Million, part 1.

#### **Issue 12 Apr 2003**

- A short history of BMC-Leyland by Norm Prescott
- More on the Wide Body Freeway.
- Report on NRMA Motorfest 2003.
- What's happening at Victoria Park?
- Racing History update.
- Extract from Motor magazine July & August 1956 Engines by the Million, part 2.

#### **Issue 13 Jul 2003**

- Not the Same Cooper S but the Force is Back.
- Norm Prescott concludes his Short History of BMC-L.
- Motor Sport happenings.
- Extracts from June-July 1966 BMC Rosette "Police choice for safety in special road squad" and from Sept-Oct 1966 BMC Rosette "Police increase highway patrol Morris Coopers".

#### **Issue 14 Oct 2003**

- "One Hundred Images of Victoria Park".
- 30 years since P76 Release - review of events.
- Report of 2003 Reunion at Granville.
- Heritage Plaque to go to Nuffield Park.
- Motor Sport: Report of 1974 London - Sahara - Munich Rally.
- Insert: Leyland City Times - Jan 1973 and July 1973.

#### **Issue 15 Jan 2004**

- The BMC - L Heritage Bronze Plaque finally finds its rightful place in Nuffield Park.
- About the Plaque and the Zetland redevelopment.
- Report of unveiling ceremony.
- Cars displayed at opening ceremony.
- Motorsport Update.
- Launch of Heritage Group CD of images and PowerPoint presentations.
- President's report for 2003
- Dialog with a BMC colleague from LA.

- Webpage - William Richard Morris - Viscount Nuffield.
- BMCs First Computerised Payroll.

#### **Issue 16 Apr 2004**

- The Owen McDonald Papers.
- Report of 2003 Reunion.
- Tom Jessop (Training School) - a Giant in our heritage.
- The Tom Jessop collection.
- A personal comment by Roy South.
- Some highlights in Tom's activities at BMC.
- What to do with this memorabilia?
- We introduce the John Frew Collection.
- The Healey Southern Cross.
- A remembrance of Training Days at BMC - from LA.
- BMC's Wonderful Help to Ex-Offenders.
- First Armstrong 500 recalled.
- A snippet from the late 50s - Norm Prescott.

#### **Issue 17 Jul 2004**

- The Tom Jessop Years.
- But they were not all apprentices.
- John Lindsay talks about ...
- Photo of Apprentices and Trainees 1958.
- Ex-apprentices and Trainee Association Reunions.
- Owen McDonald Continues His Series of Papers - More on the Car Assembly Building 1958 - 1971.
- What's happening with The John Frew Collection (photos, technical data, motor sport).
- The Healey Southern Cross Pt 2.
- BMC Trophy for All British day.
- UK Force 7 sold.

#### **Issue 18 Oct 2004**

- Tom Jessop and John Frew Heritage Series conclude.
- Pictures from the John Frew Collection.
- Motor Sport Update
- 2004 Annual Reunion and Luncheon.
- Photo of Apprentices and Trainees 1963.
- How we propose to proceed from here.
- Presentations at Granville Reunion
- Owen McDonald Continues.
- Leyland's Earliest Days in Australia.

- Inserts: President's report 2003 - 2004; Report of AGM 2004.

#### **Issue 19 Jan/Feb 2005**

- MG Celebrates its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - 1924 - 2004
- Doncaster Reunion 2004.
- Austin Centenary.
- Shanghai surprise for struggling MG Rover.
- Owen McDonald continues his Heritage Series - "Deafness"
- Insert: Supplement on MG Production in Australia; Works-Supported MGs in Australia.

#### **Issue 20 Apr 2005**

- Austin Centenary Year - First Event. MG Rover Crisis. Six Years of Newsletter - Supplement. Motor Sport Update - Austin Healey 100 BMC - Leyland at Victoria Park - The Book.

#### **Issue 21 Jul 2005**

- MG Rover Selloff - The Saga Continues.
- 1950s Foremen and Supervisors with photo.
- Austin Centenary Events.
- BMW Faces Huge Bill for Old Rovers.
- Merv Blyth on 1960s Automatic Transmission Training.
- Motor Sport Update.

#### **Issue 22 Nov 2005**

- 2005 Annual Reunion 2005
- BMC Product Engineering - The Beginning.
- Longbridge & Early Post War Manufacturing in Australia.
- How the P76 Changed my Life - Warrewyk Williams
- Garrie Bain's Magnificent 1959 Austin Healey 3000.
- Motorsport Update.
- Austin Centenary Event March 2005.
- Austin Centenary Medal Key Ring.
- President's Report.

#### **Issue 23 Jan 2006**

- 100 Years of Austin
- Moke turns 40
- Austin Centenary Display Mar 12
- Victoria Park Redevelopment Complete
- Mini Australian Time Line

- Motor Sport Update: MG Racing; MG's Rebirth Could Happen Soon; Healey Ready to make its marque again
- Moke Turns 40 National Muster

#### **Issue 24 Apr/May 2006**

- Austin Centenary Display day
- UK Centenary Souvenir - 100 Years of Austin and Longbridge
- 2006 Reunion
- 40 Years of Moke in Australia: BMC Rosette Extract; Moke International Time-Line
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- MG, not Rover
- MG Rover Auctions its Past
- Nanjing in Talks to Sell Rover Brand
- Nuffield Brass Plaque Purchased
- Alan Rowe's Heroic Restoration
- City of Sydney talks re THE BOOK
- We Contribute to City of Sydney's Heritage Festival

#### **Issue 25 Aug/Sep 2006**

- 100 Years of Austin - continued
- About Roger Foy
- Morris 850 Postage Stamp
- All British Day 2006
- Issigonis Centenary Display
- Riley Motor Club of Australia
- Minis Down Under Event
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- Birth, Life and Death of a Plant - Barry Sainsbury
- Longbridge Blow as Nanjing Plans MG Plant in Oklahoma
- Footnote on Herbert Austin
- BMC Mobile Training Vehicle
- Ad land lashes out at researchers

#### **Issue 26 Nov 2006**

- Alec Issigonis Centenary
- The Issigonis Story - Roger Foy
- Issigonis Centenary Display
- Minis Down Under Display
- All British Day 2006
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- Rob Harrison Looks Back on His BMC-L Years
- Will Hagon's Presentation, featuring Evan Green

- Tribute to Evan Green
- Bob Phillips and Roy South Hijack Evan Green
- End of P76 "Tragic for Australia" - Evan Green

#### **Issue 27 Apr 2007**

- The Roy South Story Part 1
- P76 Display at Powerhouse Museum Discovery Centre
- Heritage Movies on DVD
- Austins Over Australia Easter 2006
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- Evan Green's Lament at the Demise of P76 - Part II

#### **Issue 28 Jul 2007**

- The Roy South Story Part II
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- 2007 All British day
- The Car Makers DVD
- First Morris Major Found
- Roger Foy: Some Thoughts on DO1101 Cars; What Car for Australia; The BMC Australian Car

#### **Issue 29 Jan 2008**

- Roger Foy: Some Thoughts on DO1101 Cars - Continued
- President's Report 2007
- Australia Post Pre-Paid Envelopes with Mini Stamp
- Windscreen Stickers Produced
- Motor Sport Update

#### **Issue 30 May/June 2008**

- The Bill Abbott Story Part I
  - Doncaster Reunion 2007
  - New Audi Centre for Victoria Park
  - Warrewyk Williams and his P76s
  - Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
  - Borg-Warner Automatic Overdrive Service Data on Turntable Discs
  - Historic Austin A95 Found in Vietnam
  - Roy South retires from Newsletter
- #### **Issue 31 Sep/Oct 2008**
- The Bill Abbott Story - Part II
  - Heritage Group Reunion Car Display
  - All British Day 2008 and Trophy Presented by Our Heritage Group
  - Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update

- THE BOOK - Status
- Jan Roman takes over Newsletter

#### **Issue 32 Jan 2009**

- Vale Bill Serjeantson
- Reports on Annual Reunions
- 2008 AGM Report
- 2008 President's Report - including THE BOOK status
- Final Episode - the Bill Abbott Story

#### **Issue 33 Apr 2009**

- British Motor Heritage Ltd - A brief History
- Police Minis in Australia
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- Press Release - Gavin Farmer's Book - "P76 Anything but Average"
- Leyland Australia Plaque - Remembrance Driveway, Bass Hill

#### **Issue 34 Jul 2009**

- THE BOOK - Progress Report
- All British Day Car Display
- Material for Archiving
- Winter Motor Sports Update
- New Audi Headquarters Progress
- Austin 1800 Ute - Patrick Quinn

#### **Issue 35 Oct 2009**

- Lost Board Room Paintings Sought
- Searching for Eddie
- BMC Car Club Trophy Awardee
- Version V Structure of THE BOOK
- Motor Sport Update Spring 2009
- Heritage Group DVD and CD
- Annual Reunions 2009

#### **Issue 36 Feb 2010**

- "What Has George Fowler Done in the Last 25 Years"
- President's Report 2009
- Public Archiving of Our memorabilia
- Wolseley 1500 for National Museum of Australia, Canberra
- Autumn Motor Sport Update
- Reports on 2009 Reunions at Eastwood & Doncaster Hotel (Dec)

#### **Issue 37 Apr/May 2010**

- The Amazing Austin 1800 - Peter A. Jones, 2005
- Early Memories of Victoria Park
- P76 Cars in UK
- Wolseley 1500 in National Museum of Australia, Canberra
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
- THE BOOK - Progress

#### **Issue 38 Jul 2010**

- Memories of the First P76 at MIRA
- Who Owns What NOW?
- All British Day 2010
- OZ50 Mini Festival
- Winter Motor Sport Update

#### **Issue 39 Oct 2010**

- The Austin 1800 in 2010 Part 1 - Herbert Simpfendorfer
- The Zetland Plant - The Vehicle Emissions Laboratory
- Report on 2010 Reunion
- Report on Activities to June 2009 - Roger Foy
- BMC Car Club Trophy
- Minutes of AGM 2010
- THE BOOK Status 17 Oct 2010, including Table of Contents

#### **Issue 40 Jan 2011**

- Letter from Peter Stokes
- The Austin 1800 in 2010 Part 2 - Herbert Simpfendorfer
- Doncaster Hotel Reunion 2010
- Austins Over Australia Rally
- OZ50 Mini Festival
- Morris 850 - A Part of the family by Tony Cripps
- THE BOOK - Update
- A family of Morris Car Devotees

#### **Issue 41 Apr 2011**

- The Last of the True Privateers - Leyland Marina at Bathurst 1974
- Heritage Group at Mini Experience Day
- THE BOOK - Update

#### **Issue 42 Jul 2011**

- Motor Sport Update Winter 2011
- The Wobble Knocker (Fatigue M/C)
- The Rydalmere Story

- Cover Picture Story - P76s in UK
- All British Day 2011
- Reunion Lunch 2011
- THE BOOK Update July 2011

#### **Issue 43 Oct 2011**

- President's Message Oct 2011
- Heritage Group DVDs
- BMC Car Club Trophy

#### **Issue 44 Jan 2012**

- THE BOOK - Update
- BMC Car Radios - The Motorist's Travelling Companion
- Motorsport Update - Summer 2012
- Doncaster Reunion Doncaster Hotel
- Cover Picture Story - YDO5
- 1800 Ute in Variety Club Bash

#### **Issue 45 Apr 2012**

- THE BOOK - Launch & Pick-up Event
- Motor Sport Update Autumn 2012
- President's Message
- Membership & Book Promotion
- Photos from Book Pick-up Event
- The Future of the Heritage Group
- Vale Roy South
- Targa Florio Auction Brings Big Result
- P76 Entered in Trans-America Event
- Notices for Reunion & All British Day
- Heritage Group Book, DVDs

#### **Issue 46 Jul 2012**

- Book Purchase Details
- The Ingenious Clay Turner
- Images from the first Bush Trip
- Letter from City of Sydney Archivist
- Search for Body Engineering Reports
- Trans-America Event 2012
- AGM 2012
- All British Day 2012
- Memorabilia, DVDs Purchase Details

#### **Issue 47 Oct 2012**

- Motor Sport Update Spring 2012
- Heritage Group Reunion Lunch 2012
- Notes on 2012 AGM
- Greg Kean Elected President
- The 1960 Armstrong 500 - Phillip Is.
- THE BOOK as a Gift
- From the New President

- 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Austin Freeway & Wolseley 24/80
- Doncaster Hotel Reunion
- BMC Car Club Trophy & All British Day Report
- Morris Major Elite - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Editor Jan Bowditch (Roman) Retires

#### **Issue 48 January 2013**

- Newly Unearthed Photos of Vic Park
- Roy South Bequest
- THE BOOK - Sales
- Possible Second Print Run
- The Group's "Rules"
- Reunion Notices
- The Don Salter Award
- Interest from National Library ACT
- Photo of V8 Mechanicals on D Track
- Photos of V8 Engines on Test
- Photos of "E" Series Machining Lines
- Meeting of New Team
- Doncaster Hotel 2012 Annual Reunion
- Heritage Group DVDs
- Newsletter Issue Dates Numbered
- Australian National Library Interest
- 2013 Austins Over Australia Rally

#### **Issue 49 April 2013**

- Celebrations as P76 Turns 40!
- First Full Colour Issue of Newsletter
- Re-Visit 1969 Decision to Go RWD
- THE BOOK - Sales
- Memorabilia Project
- Austins Over Australia Rally Report
- Your Book Team
- PMC History Project
- Experimental Manufacturing Technicians
- Austins Over Australia 2013 Bendigo
- The P76 Car Club Scene & Photos
- President's Message
- Focus on Service Department
- Meeting of New Committee
- Rob Harrison's History Corner

#### **Issue 50 July 2013**

- 50<sup>th</sup> Issue of our Newsletter
- Progress on Archival Project
- PMC History Project
- Identification & Compliance Plates
- Sales of THE BOOK
- P76-40 Celebration Weekend

- Max Hamilton - P76 Marketing
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update
- President's Note
- Committee Meeting 25 July 2013
- Notice of Annual General Meeting 2013
- Notices
- Max Hamilton Dismantling the Myth

#### **Issue 51 Oct 2013**

- Colour Photos of Victoria Park Plant
- Encounters with Arthur Bishop
- Report on September 2013 Reunion
- Wooden Body Masters - P76 & S2
- PMC History Project
- The Making of "The Carmakers"
- Website Development
- Next Committee Meeting
- Archival Project Development
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update

#### **Issue 52 Jan 2014**

- Heritage Group Archive Activities
- Peking to Paris P76 - An Interview
- The Moke That Never Was
- Making the 1800 Ute Prototype
- Company Mergers - Leyland Group
- Reproduced Image - VP Plant
- President's Report
- Reunions Report
- Special General Meeting
- BMC Rosettes etc Wanted
- "Building Cars in Australia" Book
- Heritage Group DVDs
- Upcoming Events of Interest
- A Contrasting Image
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update

#### **Issue 53 Apr 2014**

- Web Site Report
- Focus on the Enfield Plant
- Aerial Photo of the Enfield Plant
- More Images of the Enfield Plant
- The Archives Project Report
- Mystery Photo
- Archives Now on Web Site
- Meetings - SGM and Committee
- More Recently Found Photos
- "Building Cars in Australia" Book
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update

#### **Issue 54 Jul 2014**

- The Archives Project
- Website Report
- Members Input Sought
- Upcoming Events
- Milestone Photos
- EA Historic Marker
- More Unpublished Photos
- A Meeting with Gordon Bashford
- Committee Meeting 26-June
- Heritage Group DVDs
- The Book - Building Cars in Australia
- The Story of a Bolt
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update

#### **Issue 55 Oct 2014**

- Two July Issue Items Revisited
- The Archive Project - Status
- Website Report
- A55 Comes to Victoria Park
- Upcoming Events
- Heritage Images
- Vale Norman Prescott
- 2014 AGM .
- Special Committee Meeting - 21-Sept
- Committee Meeting - 13-Nov
- 2014 Luncheon Reunion - 21 Sept
- Doncaster Reunion - 5 Dec
- Heritage Group Trophy
- Merchandise - DVDs and CDs
- "Building Cars in Australia"
- "P76 - The Inside Story"
- Rob Harrison's Motorsport Update

#### **Issue 57 Jan 2015**

- Leyland National Bus
- Fulford Diary Part 1
- Experimental Test Technicians
- B Series Crankshaft
- Parts and Accessories Liverpool
- Miscellaneous Images
- Archive Project
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update

#### **Issue 57 April 2015**

- Fulford Diary Part 2
- Perentie Story Part 1
- Rankine and Hill
- Whitlam Photo
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update

**Issue 58 Jul 2015**

- Mini Cooper S at 50
- Fulford Diary Part 3
- Perentie Story Part 2
- P76 Pre-Production Timing Chart
- Miscellaneous Photos
- 2015 Heritage Group Luncheon Reunion
- P76 The Inside Story 2<sup>nd</sup> Printing
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update
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**Issue 59 Oct 2015**

- Fulford Diary - Part 4
- Terry McDermott on the PMC160
- Production Performance Board - Unit Plant
- New Reference Book from Peter Davis
- Vehicle Emission Testing at VP
- Leyland Force 7 - A designer's Comment
- Rob Harrison's Motor Sport Update

**Issue 60 Jan 2016**

- John Holt - Early Days of BMC Styling Page
- A Designers Comment - Oct 2015 Issue
- Gipsy Photograph - Jan 2015 Issue
- Names Found for Photo of 1959 Trainees
- Parts and Accessories Liverpool
- More on Worker Participation
- The Fulford Diary - Part 5
- New Trophy Offer
- Website Visitor Numbers
- Motorsport Update

**Issue 61 Apr 2016**

- Computers at VP in the 60s - Bob McKay
- David Hardy's Story - More on BMC Styling
- The Fulford Diary - Part 6
- Committee Meeting 25 February 2016
- Group's Trophy to Rolls Royce Club
- Doncaster Reunion 2015
- Will Hagon on Our Recent Publication
- Website Visitor Numbers
- Motorsport Update

**Issue 62 Jul 2016**

- David Hardy's Story Continues
- The Reg Fulford Diary - Final
- David Bentley's Story - Styling in the '60s
- Committee Meeting 11 July 2016/AGM
- Annual Reunion Luncheon 2016
- Heritage Group Merchandise
- Motorsport Update
- David Hardy's Commentary - P76 Styling

**Issue 63 Oct 2016**

- New book: Secrets of Style
- 2016 Luncheon Reunion
- Car Display at September 2016 Reunion
- Mini SS is 40
- An Incident in 1959
- AGM 2016 - Report
- Committee Meeting October 2016
- BMC Car Club Trophy - All British Day
- Doncaster Reunion 2016
- Another Drawing Unearthed
- A letter from Los Angeles
- Motorsport Update

**Issue 64 Jan 2017**

- Editor's Comment
- The Story of a Cadet Engineer
- Service Dept. Staff Identified
- Motor Sport Update
- New website format
- Allan Hancock's Story

**Issue 65 May 2017**

- G.A. Lloyd Appreciation
- Motorsport Samurai Challenge
- The Carmakers Movie Afternoon
- Motor Sport Update

**Issue 66 Aug 2017**

- AGM Report
- MG ten years ago
- Selling Cars
- Motor Sport Update

**Issue 67 Dec 2017**

- Reunion Lunch Report
- "Diving" Moke, A Past TV Star
- David Bond Memories
- Selling Cars: Duties of a Zone Manager