

LROCG Dates for 2017.

The dates below are the key dates for LROCG events for 2017. There are some interesting activities already "locked in"; Dinner Plain will be on in March again, the Victorian 4x4 Show, two base camps with Parks Victoria, etc. There will be more four wheel drive trips added as we get into the year.

January.

February.

Monday the 6th of February.
LROCG Meeting.
Saturday the 18th of February.
Victorian 4x4 Show Set-up Day.
Sunday the 19th of February.
Victorian 4x4 Show, Wandin Park.

March.

Monday the 6th of March.
LROCG Meeting.
Friday the 17th of March.
Dinner Plain Weekend.
Saturday the 18th of March.
Dinner Plain Weekend.
Sunday the 19th of March.
Dinner Plain Weekend.

April.

Monday the 3rd of April.
LROCG Meeting.

May.

Monday the 1st of May.
LROCG Meeting.
Saturday the 6th of May.
Base Camp with Parks Victoria, Surveyors Creek.
Sunday the 7th of May.
Base Camp with Parks Victoria, Surveyors Creek.

June.

Monday the 5th of June.
LROCG Meeting.

July.

Monday the 3rd of July.
LROCG Meeting.
Sunday the 30th of July.
Walhalla Winter Wander.

August.

Monday the 7th of August.
LROCG Meeting.

September.

Monday the 4th of September.
LROCG Annual General Meeting.
LROCG Meeting.

October.

Monday the 2nd of October.
LROCG Meeting.

November.

Friday the 3rd of November.
Saturday the 4th of November.
Sunday the 5th of November.
Monday the 6th of November.
Tuesday the 7th of November.
Melbourne Cup Weekend Base Camp.
Monday the 13th of November.
LROCG Meeting.
Sunday the 19th of November.
Monday the 20th of November.
Tuesday the 21st of November.
Wednesday the 22nd of November.
Base Camp with Parks Victoria.

December.

Sunday the 10th of December.
LROCG December / Christmas Meeting.



Hoody's new ride-on-mower



LROCG and Parks Victoria Talbotville Stage Two.

Monday the 14th to Wednesday the 16th of November.

After the great success (and lots of fun) of the Talbotville work in 2015 Parks Victoria has asked us to return for a "stage two". This would be erecting more table sets and putting in four more fire rings. The planning will be easier in 2016 as we now know exactly what is needed and how long the tasks take. There will be other tasks in the area as well.

Meeting Place.

Dargo Work Centre, DELWP/Parks Victoria offices on the right past the Dargo Hotel. Park on the side of the road as the visitor parking area only has three bays and is a bit of a squeeze to get out of.

Meeting Time and Date. 8:30 a.m. Monday the 14th of November.

Special Note Re Sunday 13th.

If you would like to travel to Dargo on the Sunday and camp, motel or hotel, that will save you an early start on Monday. For those who would like a civilized meal before we head into the wilds we will meet at the Dargo Hotel for dinner at 6:00 on Sunday night. A cooked breakfast may be available for Monday morning at the hotel too, depending on numbers.

Trip Standard.

There will be some medium standard four wheel driving – low range, descents and ascents of hills, river crossings, etc.

Vehicle. You will need a road worthy 4x4 in good mechanical condition. Tyres should be suitable for the terrain with a good spare. Your vehicle should have front and rear recovery points and a UHF radio. It is recommended that you have RACV Total Care or similar in case of a breakdown. Fuel for a couple of hundred km from Dargo. Fuel is available in Dargo, or Stratford, on your way to Dargo.

Recovery Gear. Basic recovery gear. Snatch strap, shackles, vehicle jack, etc.

What To Bring.

All food, drinks and snacks plus drinking water for three days. See note below on evening meals.

Four seasons clothing, wet weather gear, working clothes – boots, preferably steel capped, gaiters if you have them, safety vest, leather gloves, protective glasses, long pants, sun hat, swimming apparel – or not. Sunscreen and any medication you need, first aid kit, toiletries. Camping gear. Chair. Camera, we will be in spectacular country. Some good campfire stories.

Communication.

There is patchy mobile phone reception at Dargo and at some high points on our way out of Talbotville. In good conditions it is possible to get mobile Telstra reception at Talbotville but this should not be relied on. There will be at least two club members with satellite phones and one with HF radio. The Parks Victoria vehicles will have trunk radio communication at all times.

First Aid.

You will be asked to fill in or update existing Personal Details Form, which will be in sealed envelopes and only passed on to first response paramedics or hospital staff in case of emergency. Several club members and the PV staff, have First Aid training.

Evening Meals.

The Monday night will be a bar-b-que provided by LROCG. Please bring meat, salads and other sides, nibbles and dessert to share. As usual Greg and Lois will bring bread, sauces, mustards, margarine, etc. It is O.K. to bring a beverage of your choice to enjoy around the fire at night.

The Plan.

Monday.

We meet at 8:30 and after a briefing and checking of JSAs (job safety analysis) we will travel in convoy to Talbotville via Crooked River Track. At least one of the PV vehicles will lead this convoy.

Once at Talbotville we will set up camp and have lunch before an onsite briefing and then splitting into groups to begin the various work activities.

We will finish up at about 4:30 for a well-earned rest and afternoon tea. LROCG to supply dinner.

Tuesday.

Continue with work activities under the direction of PV Rangers. Work will begin at approximately nine o'clock but may be earlier if the day is forecast to be hot – like last year!

The Tuesday evening meal will be a stupendous feast supplied by Parks Victoria.

Wednesday.

Finish off any tasks, pack the trailers, and break camp. Convoy out of Talbotville possibly using one of the more interesting tracks. If we get time we will do the walk to New Good Hope Mine. Depending on time lunch at Grant or back in Dargo. An ice cream from the Dargo store is traditional before heading home.

Notes About The Work.

All work is determined by and under the supervision of Parks Victoria staff. The tasks we have identified are similar to last year.

General clean up of Talbotville.

Brush cutting of long grass.

Constructing concrete fire rings.

Constructing picnic table sets.

Removal of damaged fireplaces and picnic table.

Removal of ash from existing fire rings.

It is important that you do tasks that you feel comfortable with. Do not over work, take regular breaks. Be mindful of your hydration if it is hot weather.

Parks Victoria will supply all the tools we need however we usually take some of our own just in case. Cordless drills, chainsaws (if you have a current ticket), hammers, saws, etc.

Final Note.

These activities with Parks Victoria have become a feature of our club. If you have not been on one before you will find a very easy going and friendly relationship between PV Rangers and ourselves.

There are already people booked in for the event and there is no limit on the number of participants. There will be Personal Details Forms and a few more notes prior to the event plus JSAs from Parks Victoria which we would like you to read carefully before we meet up in Dargo. We have a perfect safety record so far; let's keep it that way.

It is Parks Victoria staffs' call to abandon the event in case of bushfire, dangerous weather event, etc.

Trip Leaders are Greg and Lois Rose. See us at a meeting or call on 0427 456 546 or email gro13624@bigpond.net.au.

LROCG CHRISTMAS BREAKUP

Our Christmas breakup this year will be held on Sunday, 4 December 2016 at Gippsland Rotary Centenary House (GRCH).

A feature of the breakup will be a tour of the Air Ambulance facility at Latrobe Valley Airport, (subject to the availability of the helicopter) and a tour of GRCH.

Gippsland Rotary Centenary House (GRCH) is a community-based, not-for-profit accommodation facility for patients and their families who are attending the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre at Latrobe Regional Hospital (LRH). The philosophy is to provide affordable, comfortable, supportive and secure accommodation so that the stress of travelling and treatment is minimized. The facility comprises seventeen large 'motel style' en suite units, two with full disabled access bathrooms. Communal kitchens, dining areas and lounges, 'Quiet Room' for family consultation and privacy, reading area, secure playground and a Community Room are also part of the complex.

This project was initiated by Gippsland Rotary Clubs to mark the Centenary of Rotary International. The Project has attracted broad community support and representation throughout Gippsland. Funds have been raised through community fundraising, applications to philanthropic trusts, sponsorship and donations in kind.

The first stage with eight rooms was opened September 2006. A second stage comprising an additional nine rooms was built late 2011 and opened November 2012.

Our Club will have full use of the Community Room which includes a kitchen with stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, microwave etc and the outdoor Gazebo which has a free electric BBQ with cooking utensils. As we will have access to both indoor and outdoor environments, weather will not be an issue.

All you have to do is bring your own food and, if required, cook it. Boiling water is freely available. There are ample chairs, seats and tables.

GRCH is located at:

39 Valley Drive, Traralgon 3844

You should aim to be there around 10.00am.

If available, the Air Ambulance tour will commence at approx 11.00am. In the event that the Air Ambulance is not initially available, we will postpone the tour (or make other suitable arrangements). The tour of GRCH will be fitted around the Air Ambulance Tour. The Air Ambulance facility is located only a short distance from GRCH – it is not impossible to walk but you are also welcome to drive.

Although the address for GRCH is "Traralgon", GRCH is located behind the Latrobe Valley Hospital. The intersections are well signposted as "Centenary House" and directions are as follows:

From Melbourne, ie if eastbound:

- Turn left at the Latrobe Valley Hospital traffic lights.
- Follow the road round the bend towards the airfield then turn right into Valley Drive.
- Centenary House is at 39 Valley Drive and is on your right hand side.

· Enter from the glass doors that front onto the Staff Car Park. (You can park anywhere there is a spot.)

The Community Room where we will initially meet is slightly to the left of the entry doors.

If you miss the Hospital traffic lights:

- Turn left at the next set of lights into Airfield Road.
- Turn left into Valley Drive. Centenary House is at the same address as before but is now on your left.

From Traralgon, ie westbound:

- Turn right at the Airfield Road traffic lights.
- Turn left into Valley Drive.
- Centenary House is at 39 Valley Drive and is on your left hand side.

· Enter from the glass doors that front onto the Staff Car Park. (You can park anywhere there is a spot.)

The Community Room where we will initially meet is slightly to the left of the entry doors.

If you miss the Airfield Road traffic lights:

- Turn right at the Latrobe Valley Hospital traffic lights.
- Follow the road round the bend towards the airfield then turn right into Valley Drive. Centenary House is at the same address as before but is now on your right.

Questions? Freely answered by Alan MacRae, Mob: 0457 695 401 or Terry Heskey, Ph: 5174 3496



Gippsland Vehicle Collection – Maffra. “Off Roaders – 4WDs of all sizes and shapes”.

Some time ago, at a LROCG meeting, Terry Hesky floated the idea of supporting the Gippsland Vehicle Collection, sometimes known as the Maffra Shed. After contact with Leigh Shields, the display manager, it was felt that the best way the Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland could support the GVC was to attend the opening day of their upcoming three-month display theme of “Off Roaders”. We have some unique vehicles in the club that the motoring enthusiast public would love to see.

This will be a joint club event with the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria.

Date: Sunday the 13th of November.

Time: Approximately 9:00 a.m. If you have been part of our regular Parks Victoria days and arrived at the PV Office in Heyfield at 8:30 if you left home at the same time you would arrive in Maffra at 9:00 as it is about half an hour on from Heyfield. We can leave after lunch as the crowd usually thins out by 1:30 – 2:00.

What to bring: A four wheel drive, preferably Land Rover! Make up a simple explanatory sign to put on the vehicle; Model, Year, Engine, Transmission, Any Interesting Features, etc. Chair, drinks, snacks, etc. There will be refreshments available at the museum. They usually have a sausage sizzle, drinks, etc. There are toilets, etc.

Cost: Free for drivers of vehicles on display but as we are doing this to support the GVC a gold coin donation might be appropriate. Drivers of display vehicles are given a free pass to the actual museum. Otherwise \$8.00 for adults and children under 15 free.

Club members going to Dargo on the same day might like to make a picnic day of it putting the vehicle on display, looking over the other display vehicles inside and outside the museum and then, after lunch having a leisurely drive up to Dargo (a couple of easy hours from Maffra) in time for dinner at the Dargo Hotel.

We need to give the folk at the GVC an idea of how many vehicles there might be. Would you please let me know if you think you could support this day. It will be a great way to showcase the club and the brand to a large Gippsland audience.

Greg Rose. 0427 456 546 or email gro13624@bigpond.net.au



Off Roaders

4WDs of all sizes and shapes

Display day & display theme for our Motor Museum Nov 2016 to Feb 2017



Many other fantastic vehicles also on display

Sun 13th Nov 2016

Display for the day from 9:00am

1a Sale Rd., (Cnr Railway Pl.) Maffra
Museum admittance \$8 - Children under 15 free

- Bring your vehicle to create our display for the day 'All makes welcome'
- Display vehicles from 09:00am (Free entry pass for display vehicle drivers)
- Gold Coin Charity donation for admittance to grounds
 - Trophy for Best Presented Vehicles
 - Refreshments available

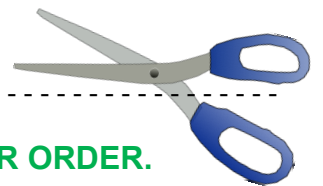
Museum Opening Times: Fri; Sat; Sun; Mon 10am - 4pm.

Daily over school holidays
Anytime by appointment (for groups).



For enquiries, maps and info visit our website
www.gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

For further information:
Ph: (03) 5147 3223 or Mob: 0409 667 096



LAND ROVER OWNERS' CLUB OF GIPPSLAND - 2017 CALENDAR ORDER.

Please fill in the form attached to order 2017 LROCG calendars.

The calendars are \$20 each. The money for the calendars must accompany the order.

Cheques, payable to the LROCG, or cash can be given to Charlie or Alan at club meetings or to Charlie at Gippsland Land Rover.

To submit photographs for the calendar email the jpeg files to Celia Coulter at design@flourishandflow.com.au or use the Dropbox link <https://www.dropbox.com/request/GHr7wudS8zTm9kmGxF2R> and follow the prompts.

Calendars will be distributed at the December meeting or can be collected at Gippsland Land Rover after that date.

NAME.....

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER.....

CONTACT EMAIL.....

NUMBER OF CALENDARS REQUIRED.....

TOTAL AMOUNT \$.....