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& A HAPPY NEW YEAR



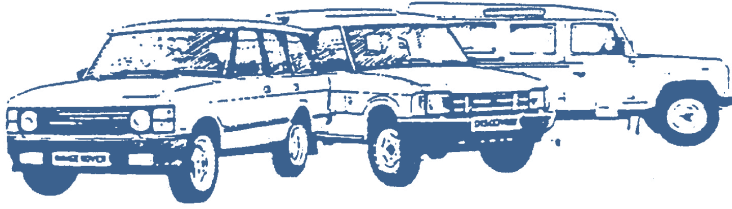
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Club News, December 2016.

End of the Year Ramblings.

2016 has been a very good year for the LROCG. The year began with a successful club representation at the Victorian 4x4 Show (Wandin). We had some excellent trips in the first quarter of the year with Charlie's re-introduction of the Dinner Plain weekend a huge success. In March we honored the contribution made to the club by Ray Massaro with a well-attended dinner at the Italian Club Morwell.

As the year unfolded we had many more trips and social events.

The combined Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland / Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria trip to mark the end of current Defender production was superb with some four wheel driving to highlight what Defenders were made for. The LROCV joining us at the Gippsland Vehicle Collection display in November continued that developing cooperation between the two clubs.

Our ongoing volunteer work with Parks Victoria has earned the club considerable praise and improved Horseyard Flat and Talbotville for all future users of those areas. These days are not only a bit of work but excellent social events.

The Melbourne Cup Weekend base camp continues to be a club annual highlight. The Winter Wander seems to be a permanent fixture on the club calendar now as well.

We have had club members take their Land Rovers to all parts of Australia this year. Those folk have returned with great tales of adventure and advice to pass onto all of us.

The club vehicle survey showed what a dedicated lot to the Land Rover brand we all are. In some cases this dedication borders on the obsessive, not mentioning any names. With proper care this obsession could be successfully treated.

Some different meeting and pre meeting dinner venues during the year have added a bit of variety to club life too.

The club has a new brochure reflecting the current range of our activities. Thanks to Marco Tripodi, Charlie Calafiore and the whole team at Gippsland Land Rover for the brochure and the continuation of the high level of support the club has always enjoyed from the dealership. We also have Beau Missen the Service Manager now as a regular contributor to club meetings and source of technical information.

Thanks to Alan Harlow our website is up, running and continually evolving.

We have gained some new members during the year and club members have acquired some new Land Rovers in 2016. Welcome to both the human and mechanical newcomers, we hope to see more of you in 2017.

There are already plenty of dates to put on your 2017 LROCG calendar. Rod and Loris have an exciting destination for the Cup Weekend base camp. The Parks Victoria dates are locked in and PV staff and budgets have already been allocated. Charlie is going to run another Dinner Plain weekend if there are enough people wanting to have a fantastic weekend (give Charlie a call at Gippsland Land Rover and express your interest so that he can start planning). The "new" Discovery will hit the showrooms. Who will be the first in the club to order one?

Should be a great club year.

Thanks to all the hard working committee members for making it a pleasure to be president and thanks to all our members who make the club the friendly and active group that it is.

Wishing everyone a superb Christmas and a fantastic 2017.

Greg Rose. President, LROCG.

This month's cover; Bob McKee & Annette Fleming's Discovery 4

Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland 2016-- 2017 Committee

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Santa on Facebook

Greg Rose Wins Kookaburra Award!

The Parks Victoria Kookaburra Awards were held on Sunday 4th December. These biannual awards recognise groups and individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to volunteer work with Parks Victoria.

Greg Rose, Four Wheel Drive Victoria Regional Representative for the Southern Alpine National Park, was the recipient of the Individual Achievement Award for the Eastern Region. The award seeks to recognise and celebrate the dedication and commitment by individuals who contribute to Conserving Special Places, Connecting People to Parks or Improving Health Benefits through their volunteer work in parks.

Helen Dixon, Parks Victoria District Manager Central Gippsland, complimented Greg on his extensive work as Regional Representative for Four Wheel Drive Victoria and the thousands of hours of volunteer work he has organised with of the Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland.

Greg is the President of the Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland and a member of the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria. He has an association with the Southern Alps stretching for over forty years.

Greg says, "My first exposure to what is now the Alpine National Park was walking into Tali Karng when I was 16. Since then I have explored the area on foot, canoe, trail bike and even, when desperate, a horse. I have been four wheel driving in the area since I was twenty two. It is important to me that the area is respected and improved by all user groups. As one of the main user groups four wheel drivers have a big role to play in helping Land Managers and educating people in safely using the area."

The winning of this prestigious award highlights the importance to Land Managers of Four Wheel Drive Victoria and the efforts of four wheel drive club volunteers.

Additional to the Kookaburra Award, and on the same day, both Greg and his wife Lois were jointly awarded 'Club Person of the Year' of the Land Rover Club of Gippsland in recognition for the huge amount of work they perform for that Club. Greg also writes for various 4WD magazines about the Alpine area and four wheel driving in general.

Both these awards were well deserved!

Graeme Walsh

Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria



Greg Rose being congratulated by Roger Fenwick Parks Victoria Acting Regional Director Eastern Victoria;



Left to right; Roger Fenwick Parks Victoria Acting Regional Director Eastern Victoria; Danna Shaw Parks Victoria Ranger Heyfield; Lois Rose LROCG/ LROCV; Greg Rose LROCG President, LROCV Member, Four Wheel Drive Victoria Regional Representative Southern Alpine National Park; Helen Dixon Parks Victoria District Manager Central Gippsland; Mike Dower Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger Foothills and Southern Alps.



"Bring me the most expensive toys. I think that's the best way to stimulate the economy."



Congratulations to our Club Person's of the Year, Greg & Lois Rose