



home back via Licola. The first few kilometres of Marathon Road from the Moroka Road to Bleak Hill were slow going. Ian commented that it was usually a good road; heavy rains and traffic have exposed the rocks and created some deep ruts. Our trip down Marathon Road was punctuated by: 1. A viewing stop at the helipad to look back over the country we had been travelling in. 2. Alan complaining about the dust I was making and Ian complaining about the dust Alan was making. 3. A couple of fallen trees to cut off the road, which brought on a contest between my electric chainsaw and Ian's very sharp hatchet. And 4. Alan complaining about the dust!

At about six o'clock we arrived in civilisation, well in Briagolong, I'm not sure if that village counts as civilisation.

A fantastic trip with some excellent four wheel driving and perfect weather. No low profile 19" tyres were shredded despite the aggressive rocks, all vehicles performed perfectly.

Thanks to everyone who joined us on the day. Thanks to Bob for excellent radio communication as Tail End Charlie. Particular thanks to whoever organised the weather. But mainly, thanks to Sue Markham for suggesting a trip to Mt Wellington.

Greg and Lois Rose.

Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland / Parks Victoria.

Combined working events, 2017.

The combined working events, Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland and Parks Victoria, have become a major feature of the club calendar. We have undertaken this volunteer work for several years now. Club members work alongside Parks Victoria staff at various locations in the Southern Alpine National Park.

Club members and Foothills and Southern Alps PV staff from the Heyfield and Dargo offices have formed a great relationship.

The work we do is highly regarded by Parks Victoria and by Four Wheel Drive Victoria as the volunteer hours help FWDV in negotiating funding with the State Government.

We have two multi day events again this year.

On Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th of May we will re-visit Horseyard Flat.

Parks Victoria staff have already begun some work to improve the beautiful camping area beside the Moroka River. This is a great one to be involved in as we are accommodated in the cabins at Surveyors Creek and have the benefit of a full commercial kitchen, flushing toilets, hot showers and a wonderful wood heater in the dining/lounge area. As usual PV will provide the meat for a bar-b-que style main course and club members will provide pre dinner nibbles, salads and deserts. Greg and Lois Rose will provide the breads, spreads, sauces, mustards, etc.

On Monday the 20th through to Wednesday the 22nd of November we will be at Eaglevale.

Eaglevale is a camping area on the Wonnangatta River. Once again a superb location, in a valley near the iconic Billy Goat Bluff Track with Cynthia Range to the north. The junction of the Moroka and Wonnangatta Rivers not far away. This area, like Talbotville when we started there, is in need of some tidying up and some facilities need to be built. Most club members will stay in Dargo on the Sunday prior to the event and sample the legendary breakfast at the Dargo Hotel.

Accommodation, apart from Sunday night, is camping with LROCG providing the Monday evening meal and PV the Tuesday evening banquet.

If you are new to the club or have not been on one of these activities previously they are highly recommended. You work at your own pace on tasks you feel comfortable with. There is a brilliant social side to the activities and the camaraderie between LROCG and PV is fantastic.

To join in add your name to the list at club meetings from February onwards, give Greg Rose a call on 0427 456 546 or email gro13624@bigpond.net.au.

Overnight Camping by Appointment Only.

MORWELL

SWAP MEET

SUNDAY 26th MARCH, 2017

TONERS LANE MORWELL

Hosted by THE LATROBE VALLEY
BRANCH OF GIPPSLAND HISTORICAL
AUTOMOBILE CLUB

General Enquiries: BILL 0407 839 039

Car and Bike Parts

- Collectables
- Antiques
- Tools and Equipment

- Fully catered
- No Bookings Required
- Sites Free

Gates Open 7.00 am for Stall holders & Public

Admission: \$5.00 per person
Children under 16 Free

Food and Drink Sales Only by Club
Unless by Prior Arrangement.

Seen at the Neerim Show on January 29.

The GS Perentie and number 5 trailer belongs to Eric Shingles, the Defender tray belongs to John Jennings, the 107" Land Rover is Jim Parker's, Also on display was a very neat Series 2A 88" Land Rover.



As we go to print, the first pictures from Wandin are in, full report next newsletter.



14th HISTORIC LAND ROVER WEEKEND

Friday April 7th – Sunday April 9th 2017

The Land Rover Owners' Club of Australia, Sydney Branch is inviting all owners of Historic and interesting Land Rovers and Range Rovers to join them in a weekend of activities based on the property of Club Members Patrick and Margaret Sutcliffe. The property has good bush camping and is about 44 kilometres north of Lithgow. Two bush toilets are provided, but there are no other facilities. Access to the site is possible for camper trailers towed by a proper 4WD (i.e., with low ratio and high clearance), but NOT caravans. Wood for campfires is available. Details of how to get there will be provided on booking.

Fuel and Basic Supplies are available from the store at Capertee, about 14 kilometres away.

Activities

People are welcome to arrive at the property any time after lunch on the Friday. Friday will be spent settling in to the campsite, viewing the vehicles and counting rivets. There will be a campfire in the evening subject to fire restrictions.

On Saturday morning, if there is sufficient interest, a short trip will be taken. This may be through the spectacular Capertee Valley, the Airley township ruins or visiting the historic shale mining town of Glen Davis. After lunch, there will be a chance to test your driving skills with a series of motorkhana events. In the evening, many tall tales will be told around the campfire (subject to fire restrictions).

On Sunday morning we will take the opportunity to explore some interesting tracks on a nearby property, finishing up mid-morning to allow people to either return home, stay a couple of extra nights or continue on with their journey.

BOOKINGS; Patrick Sutcliffe 0408 265 389 or patricksutcliffe@bigpond.com



Defender Items Available.

Having taken leave of our senses and parted company with our Defenders in favour of one of the last available Discovery 4s we have several Defender and camping items occupying garage space.

2 x Defender original bumper bars, one like new, one has the end rubbers a bit faded. Free.

Diff centres removed for fitting of ARB air lockers. All new as the lockers were fitted from new. 1 x 90 rear, 1 x 110 front, 1 x 110 rear. \$70 each.

Glove boxes x 2. These are the ones with the top and front opening lids as originally sold by Mulgo. Easy fit using existing bolts. \$50 each.

Rims and tyres. 5 x Defender OE alloy boost rims fitted with Land Rover option Goodyear MTR tyres, 3 tyres have travelled 15,000km, 2 are new. Rims are in very good condition. \$1000 the set; will not separate as they are a family.

Ride Pro heavy duty rear coils for 110, on vehicle for 20,000 but still plenty of life left. Also Ride Pro front coils for 110.

Weird collection of various shock absorbers with some life left in them too. Free.

Autohome Maggiolina Airlander (small size) roof top tent. In good condition. Autohome were the first of the fibre glass shell tents (look up their website for specifications). You would need some strong tall mates and a good set of roof bars to take this away. \$1500.

Awning, ARB 2.5 metre. Very good condition. \$150.

The trick to all this is that all items are in Stratford and would have to be collected from there.

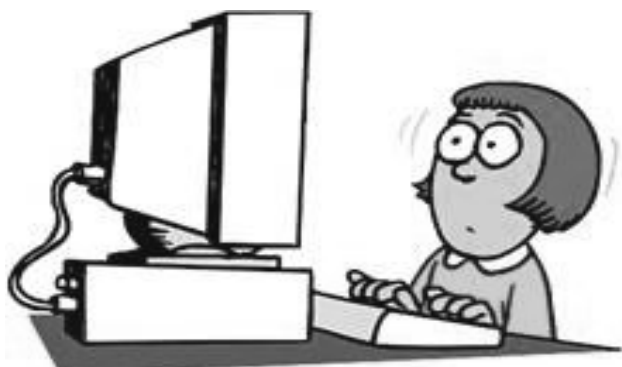
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For Sale; Rola Roof Rack

3 heavy duty outer gutter cross bars with 1.2 x 1.9m 4WD heavy duty basket. suitable for all four wheel drive vehicles as well as Defender. \$450

4 16 x 8 Alloy wheels with tyres (not road worthy) to suit P38 Range Rover (2nd generation 95-02) and Discovery 2. If you would like spare rims or be able to put on bigger tyres, these will suit your needs. \$200

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The Editor hard at work on the newsletter

