

## No petrol, long queue for new Discovery

Strong demand for diesel drivetrains pushes petrol-powered Discovery to extinction. Land Rover Australia will introduce its fifth-generation Discovery next month with an all-diesel line-up, saying its customers prefer turbo-diesel power.

The new L462-series Land Rover Discovery will arrive with a choice of three turbo-diesel engines, including Jaguar Land Rover's new Ingenium 2.0-litre four-cylinder units in two states of tune (132kW/430Nm and 177kW/500Nm), and a single-turbo 3.0-litre V6 diesel (190kW/600Nm).

But petrol power simply isn't on the radar. Speaking to [motoring.com.au](http://motoring.com.au) at the launch of the new Discovery this week, Land Rover Australia managing director, Matthew Wiesner, said previous attempts to introduce petrol-powered models were unfavourably received. "We've played with a supercharged-petrol in Discovery 4 for a while, in 2015, and effectively found our customers prefer diesel," Wiesner explained. "We sold around 2020 cars that year, three of them were petrol," he stated.

Wiesner added that even if customer demand called for a petrol option the ability to supply would be virtually impossible, as Land Rover's Solihull plant is running close to capacity.

"Arguably, if we absolutely focussed on it and drove petrol harder, then maybe you'd get that (number) higher," he continued. "But when demand is what it is for a diesel drivetrain, in a body that we're going to have challenging or restricted production of – especially through this launch phase, then there's not really the opportunity to push petrol drivetrains; especially when we are taking everything we can get with the diesel."

Locally, sales forecasts of the new Land Rover Discovery look promising. Wiesner said more than 600 pre-orders of the model had been taken, with a guaranteed supply of another 1400 Discoverys between now and the company's end of financial year in March 2018. But customers wanting a bespoke build may face a four-month wait. "The order bank is pretty significant," he said. "The reality is with 600 orders locked away, and the steady production lines that we have, if you want to build a car to spec the wait is three to four months as a minimum expectation. "We've got roughly 2000 cars coming into the country between now and the end of March [2018]. So we'll get a good proportion of them prior to December, roughly 1500, with the tail-end dribbling through over January, February and March."

Land Rover has sold more than 65,000 examples of the Discovery in Australia since first-generation sales began in 1991. Globally the number is roughly 1.2 million vehicles.



## Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland Minutes of Meeting Held On Monday 3rd of July 2017

Meeting started at Gippsland Land Rover Showrooms at 8pm.

### Attending:

Greg Rose, David Murray, Krystal Murray, Harley Murray, Shaun Johnson, Siobahn Walker, Don Little, Shirley Little, Dorothy Prince, Ron Prince, Ian Blake, Paul Whitehead, Ken Markham, Susan Markham, Brian Johnson, Rod Catchpole, Loris Catchpole, Jim Hood, Jill Beck, Ross Howell, Sue Howell, Ian Webb, John Jennings, Peter Johnson, Michael Johnson, Eric Shingles, Alan MacRae, Helen MacRae, Daniel Vitale.

### Visitors:

Les Warburton

### Guests:

Fred de Gooyer, President LROCV

### Apologies:

Wayne Foon, Sharna Cole, Mal Trull, Lois Rose, Terry Heskey, Barb Heskey, Alan Harlow, Tonee Harlow, John Kerr, Heather Kerr, Jan Parniac, Collette Parniac, Bruce Coulter, Bob McKee, Annette Fleming, Charlie Calafiore.

Greg wished Ross Howell a Happy Birthday.

### Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Shaun Johnson, Seconded: Ross Howell

Business Arising: Nil

### Correspondence:

In:

Review, Obsession, One Life magazines.

Text message from Tonee Harlow. The caravaners have had some adventures, minor mishaps and rain delays but have safely arrived in Birdsville. Alan and Tonee had two tyre failures within ten kilometres. Both on the passenger side rear wheel of the Discovery. Alan delighted to find that you could buy 19" Cooper tyres in Birdsville.

Email from Celia Coulter indicating that she is not able to do a club calendar for 2018.

Out:

Reply email thanking Celia for the excellent calendars of the last two years.

Email to Dianne Elliot, who Terry Heskey recommended as a guest speaker re road rules, etc.

### Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Alan MacRae, Seconded: Paul Whitehead

Club fees of \$75 are due now.

Publicity Officer's Report: Charlie Calafiore.  
All New Discovery in the showroom. 3L, V6, 7 Seats, HSE

Editor's Report: Eric Shingles.  
Hope you liked the newsletter. Always looking for more stuff.

Webmaster's Report: Alan Harlow (currently touring Australia!)  
The website is up to date.

Technical Report:  
Greg said that his Compomotive rims, ordered early in the year, were made last week. David has been "looking after" the tyres since January.  
Ron told of how his son's small battery operated Jump Starter exploded, and suggested we should take care with these.

Events Co-ordinator's report: David Murray.

Past Events:  
Nil advised

Future Events:

JULY:

Saturday the 29th of July. Charlie Calafiore's Mirboo North Extravaganza.  
Approximately 12 indicated attendance. Please email or ring Charlie if you plan to attend.  
2pm to attend viewing of the car collection.

AUGUST:

Monday the 7th of August. LROCG Meeting.

Saturday 26th August.

David Murray is running a trip to the sawmills in the Neerim South area. Leaving Neerim South at 9.30 am.

SEPTEMBER:

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

At this meeting all committee positions will be declared vacant. Nominations for the positions will be taken from the floor and a vote will be held for any positions contested by more than one nominee.

LROCG Meeting.

This will follow the Annual General Meeting.

9th and 10th September.

David will run a trip in the Toombon area. Further information will be in the newsletter. Members are welcome to attend both or either day.

Sunday the 24th of September:

Wildflower trip north of Stratford, (easy trip however, yes, you will need four wheel drive!) The rare Aniseed Boronia (*Boronia galbraithiae*), which only grows only in two small colonies in Central Gippsland, will be in flower. Plenty of other wild flowers out in the foothills at this time of the year too. Meet at Stratford, park opposite the Library on the highway, 10:00. Bring a picnic lunch. Trip limit of 8 vehicles. Please advise Greg and Lois of your attendance.

OCTOBER:

Monday the 2nd of October: LROCG Meeting.

NOVEMBER:

Thursday the 2nd of November to Thursday the 9th of November. Melbourne Cup Weekend Base Camp.

Port MacDonnell, SA. Rod has secured 10 caravan sites and 2 cabins (both taken).

Site fees are \$25.00 per night. Please advise Rod Catchpole if planning to attend. No deposit is being sought by park; so booking through Rod is preferred. Details of Park if desired are;

Port MacDonnell Foreshore Tourist Park E: [enquiries@woolwash.com.au](mailto:enquiries@woolwash.com.au) P: 08 8738 2095

Rod suggested members could attend the Lava Tubes at Mt Eccles on Thursday prior to arriving in Port MacDonnell. Parks will be there and are available to give a talk on that day. It is possible to stay there on the Wednesday night.

A river cruise at Nelson is another possibility.

Monday the 13th of November: LROCG Meeting.

Monday the 20th of November to Wednesday the 22nd of November:  
LROCG / Parks Victoria combined working days at Horseyards with accommodation at Surveyors Creek Camp.

Currently fifteen people booked in – more welcome.

Greg Rose and Mike Dower (PV) inspected the Horseyard Flat area with Parks Victoria contractor Buck Williams on the 15th of June. Some fencing of sensitive areas has already been completed. The areas we will work in have been identified. 4 fire rings and 5 table and chair sets to be constructed. Some plant rehabilitation to be completed.

After the Queen's Birthday weekend tracks had been trashed. Rock bollards will be placed to prevent access.

DECEMBER:

Sunday the 10th of December: LROCG Christmas Meeting.

Held over until next meeting. Come with ideas.



Hoody's Livestock Transport

“2018”

MARCH/APRIL Easter Friday the 30th of March to Monday the 2nd of April:  
Land Rover's 70th Birthday Celebrations and Get Together at Cooma.

Fred de Gooyer gave a report on a meeting that he and Graeme Walsh attended recently in Cooma. The local council has come on board with a donation of \$30,000 and a Logistics person. Main clubs will also donate. Cooma Club is already well organised, and there will be a Media launch. Please book your accommodation asap.

Potential activities: LR Experience, a visit to the Cooma Power Station which is in a National Park.

Apply on line promptly for NSW National Park Concession Cards.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Delegate's Report: Greg Rose.

“Trackwatch” magazine for June should have been received by all members. Note the new Gippsland Land Rover advertisement. Two articles by Greg Rose (4WDV Regional Representative, Southern Alpine National Park) on recent track inspections with DELWP and Wayne Hevey (CEO 4WDV). One road will close and Marathon track will have the hill modified to promote tourism.

Wonnangatta Homestead replica proposal.

Proposal by the Friends of Wonnangatta, in partnership with, Four Wheel Drive Victoria, the Mountain Cattlemen's Association of Victoria, the Victorian High Country Huts Association, the Australian Deer Association, the Victorian Bushwalking Association and the Heyfield community to build a replica of the Wonnangatta Homestead to act as a visitor focus and information centre. Still in very early stages of consideration.

General Business:

\*ParkConnect information session. Tuesday the 18th of July 2-4 p.m. 71 Hotham Street Traralgon. In order to be involved we need to provide an email address and a website. We will use Charlie's email address and the club website; [irocg.jimdo.com](mailto:irocg.jimdo.com)

\*Terry Heskey passed his driving assessment. Well done, Terry.

\*Power Point presentation, by Alan MacRae, of his UK Land Rover adventures.

\*Lardner Park will replace Wandin next year.

Reminders:

\*Land Rover's 70th Birthday Celebrations at Cooma, Easter 2018. 30th of March to the 2nd of April. Wise to make bookings as soon as possible

\*Name badges. If you do not have a club name badge please contact Charlie Calafiore so that they can be ordered this month.

\*Think of a venue for LROCG Christmas/December meeting. Sunday the 10th of December.

Meeting Closed at: 9.30pm

A big thank you to Helen MacRae for taking the minutes in Tonee's absence.

#### **4 C's Motor Museum (Colin's Classic Car Collection)**

Barfoot Road, Mirboo North (located at Leongatha entry/exit side of town)

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July @ 2PM

\$5 per person which includes afternoon tea.

This will be an interesting and informative afternoon.

You can go straight to 4 C's Motor Museum at 2PM or you can make a day of it at Mirboo North with the Market in Baromi Park which gets underway in the morning, plus the Cafes, Pub, Brewery, Bush Walks, and Surrounding Scenic Drives prior to going to the 4 C's Motor Museum. Please contact Charlie Calafiore at Gippsland Land Rover to register your attendance.

#### **Colin Kiel's collection of classic cars at Mirboo North is a cracker**

JOHANNA LEGGATT, *The Weekly Times*, November 26, 2014

ENTHUSIAST Colin Kiel is a lucky man. The South Gippsland businessman has achieved such success with his plastic moulding manufacturing company, Kiel Industries, he has been able to devote the past 10 years to indulging one of the great loves of his life: classic motor cars.

“Like many, many other people, early motor cars have always been a passion of mine,” says Colin, 63, who has 16 cars in his collection. “But it has only been in the past decade that I have been able to pursue that passion.”

Colin has been dedicated to putting food on the table and children through school and university, rarely having time to tinker with cars, let alone amass money to pay for them.

Kiel Industries was hit hard by the recession in the late 1980s and early 1990s, and Colin and wife Maxine decided to move the fledgling business from Melbourne to Mirboo North,

“The local council was great and they gave us a good deal on the 10 acres (four hectares) where we set up our business and we were able to live on site,” he says.

Years of hard work followed, and by 2008 the company had outgrown the site and was relocated to a larger plot of land in nearby Morwell.

Colin has never forgot the community's generosity and plans to “give back” to the town with the opening of his 4Cs Motor Museum, also known as Colin's Classic Car Collection, on the site of the factory in Mirboo North.

“What we have got that other museums don't is a full history of motoring, so you walk in at the beginning and come out in 2000,” Col says.

The earliest car is a 1912 Star of Wolverhampton, and the most recent is an elegant 1985 XJS Jaguar. The museum, which will be “softly launched” for a few car clubs at the end of the year, is likely to be up and running by spring next year.

There are 20 cars in the museum — with a few thrown in by collectors keen to make some room in their sheds — and Colin hopes to increase that number to 40 by spring.

4Cs Motor Museum, 10 Barfoot Rd, Mirboo North, is open by appointment only. Ph: (03) 5668 2465.



## National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo

Now's the Time to Take Action.

The action-packed outdoors haven for outback tourers, fishermen and boaties, the National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo, is back at the Melbourne Showgrounds from 18 – 20 August 2017.

This year's show brings thousands of fishing, boating, camping, outdoors and 4x4 products from over 200 leading exhibitors and retailers, as well as re-nowned industry experts.

Join more than 30,000 fellow fishing, 4wding and outdoor enthusiasts across the weekend at this popular one-stop shop featuring the latest products and some great deals on display. A wide variety of outdoors products will be showcased, from fishing, boating and marine to camping and four wheel driving.

All of the popular features will be back including the 4WD Proving Ground, Campfire Cooking Corner, Tackle World Fishing Stage, Waeco CFX Outback Stage and the legendary Action Arena. This year also features for the first time, Base Camp, an interactive environment featuring your favourite camping exhibitors.

### Event Overview

For nearly two decades, the National 4x4 Outdoors Show, Fishing & Boating Expo has been Melbourne's leading event for the 4WD industry and fans of the great Australian outdoors. Join us once again to enjoy your old favourites, the Waeco CFX Outback Stage, Tackle World Fishing Stage, Campfire Cooking Corner, Action Arena and Proving Ground, along with TV's biggest outdoor experts Rick, Jamie & Starlo (The Offroad Adventure Show), Roothy, Paul Worsteling (iFish), Jase Andrews (All 4 Adventure), Spida Everitt (Great Australian Doorstep), and Shaun and Graham (4WD Action).

Be sure to check out the new attractions too including the new Base Camp interactive campsite. Oh, and don't forget more than 200 exhibitors and industry experts will be on hand to give the best advice and deals for your 4x4, camping, fishing, boating and outdoor adventures.

### When;

Friday 18th August: 9am – 6pm

Saturday 19th August: 9am – 6pm

Sunday 20th August: 9am – 5pm

### Where;

Melbourne Showgrounds

Epsom Road, Ascot Vale VIC 3032

Add the promo code 4WDVIC when you go to purchase tickets.

<https://tickets.lup.com.au/national-4x4-outdoors-fishing-and-boating-melb-2017>

## Parks Victoria / LROCG Joint Project.

Following the cancellation of the intended work at Horseyard Flat earlier this year there has been a re-think of the joint projects work for this year. The following points outline what is proposed plus a brief background for new members.

### History.

LROCG members have worked as volunteers with Parks Victoria staff from Heyfield and Dargo for a number of years. We have an ongoing club commitment to two multi day events each year. One in Autumn and one in Spring. We have just completed a two year project at Talbotville. Previously we have worked at Wonnangatta Valley, Wellington River campsites, Howitt Hut, Moroka Hut, Horseyard Flat, Kelly Lane, Kellys Hut, McMichaels Hut, Guys Hut carpark and Snowy Range airstrip.

### Tasks.

Initially the club did basic clean-up work; collecting rubbish, digging out fire pits, grass cutting, etc. We now concentrate more on building permanent assets and improving major remote camping areas to benefit all users of the Alpine National Park.

### On Site Inspection June 2017.

On the 15th of June Greg Rose (LROCG President and Four Wheel Drive Victoria Regional Representative, Southern Alpine National Park) and Mike Dower (Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger, Foothills and Southern Alps) met a contractor at Horseyard Flat. The plan for rehabilitating some of the camping areas and access tracks was formalised. From this meeting we were able to decide on work the club volunteers could undertake.

### November 2017.

Monday the 20th, Tuesday the 21st and Wednesday the 22nd of November are the dates for the Horseyard Flat volunteer work.

Accommodation will be at Surveyors Creek camp. Cabins, hot showers, flushing toilets, dining area, kitchen, lounge, etc.

Meeting Point and Time, Licola Store, 9:00 Monday the 20th.

Tasks. Planting of young trees indigenous to the area in rehabilitation zones. Construction of three or four concrete fire rings. Assembly of four picnic table and seat sets. Some fencing. Erecting new signs. Rehabilitation of old fire scars. Grass cutting.

### Finally.

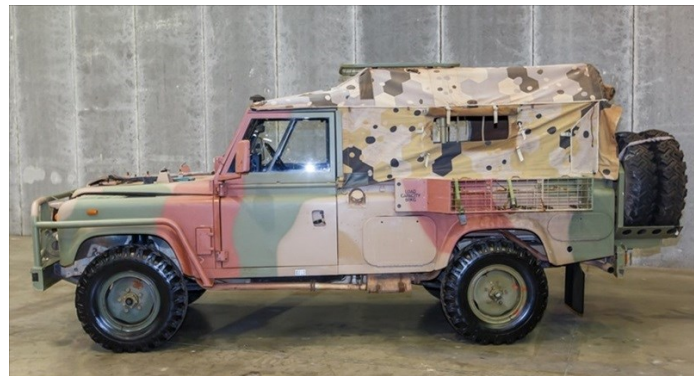
Currently we have fifteen volunteers booked in. We can always use more people. It would be excellent to have some of our newer members come along. There will be more detailed information as the event gets closer. For more information or an offer to volunteer talk to Greg at a club meeting.



### Initial Production Vehicle number 3

The Initial Production Vehicles were the first ten production (Perentie) 4x4 vehicles built and represented at least one of each model that was anticipated to be built at that time. Where multiples were built, it was because one was retained by Land Rover as Engineering Reference Vehicles. There was a range of minor differences in the IPV's from later production vehicles. Seven of those 10 were given Army Registration and entered service.

This Land Rover Perentie is Initial Production Vehicle Number 3. It was built in February 1987 as Truck, Utility, Lightweight, FFR, Winch, MC2, VIN: SALLDHAZ1BF565736, the first FFR with winch. It had Army Rego number 48 003. It was later used (as was IPV 2 — 48 002 ) to develop the RFSV variant, and was finally upgraded to the later RFSV configuration. After 30 years in service, 48 003 has just been sold by the Government through Grays on Line. And No, the Editor didn't buy it. He wanted to. 48 003 was the last IPV to be sold.



Land Rover 110 4x4 Regional Force Surveillance Soft Top (RFSV) with winch 02/1987 16,874 kms \$27,609



Initial Production Vehicle number 3; Truck, Utility, Lightweight, FFR, Winch, MC2, Land Rover. pictured in February 1987.

Initial Production vehicle 48-002 and 48-003 were the development vehicles for what became the RFSV, prototypes in essence. They were utilised as hacks and were left out in the sun for a number of years. In the end they were converted to the later RFSV standard and returned to regular service, making them fairly unique vehicles to have existed in three distinct configurations.



48-002 & 48 003 at LRA Moorebank shortly after conversion from FFR. Taken on the 26/07/1990.

Officially the Truck, Surveillance, Lightweight, Winch, MC2, Land Rover, built under Project Perentie. This vehicle was built to traverse the most inhospitable parts of Northern Australia. The vehicle is a ruggedised version of the basic soft-top derivative with additional stowage facilities for stores and equipment. A number of features such as increased vehicle protection, modified rollover protection system, heavy duty split rims, extra fuel storage and spare tyres were included to make those crewing these vehicles as self sufficient as possible. This version is intended to carry up to 1200kg of payload, with a driver and 2 passengers for prolonged periods of time whilst on patrol. Some applications will require the towing of a trailer up to 900kg mass.

Whilst there is only one RFSV model, the fleet undertook a number of upgrades and changes during it's lifetime, creating 2 vehicles reasonably different in appearance. Changes included an upgrade to the ROPS, storage and seating system. Able industries won this tender and did the conversion work to 150+ RFSV's as a part of Project Overlander Phase 2A. And as the number suggest, not all RFSV's were converted, and some of the first ones that appeared at the 2013 Australian Frontline Machinery Auctions were still in their original configuration. 243 RFSV's were built under Project Perentie, and an additional 20 FFR With Winch vehicles were converted to RFSV standard. However 12 RFSV's were converted to SRV, then SRV(SF).



48 003 at Port Darwin Motors in late 1990 or 1991



48-003 taken at Rover Australia, Rosehill in 1998/99.



48 003

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48 002 & 48 003 at Moorebank on 4th June 2002.



48 003 at Bandiana after going through the line and being brought back to original RFSV build configuration on 24/03/2006



48 003 as it went through the auctions last month