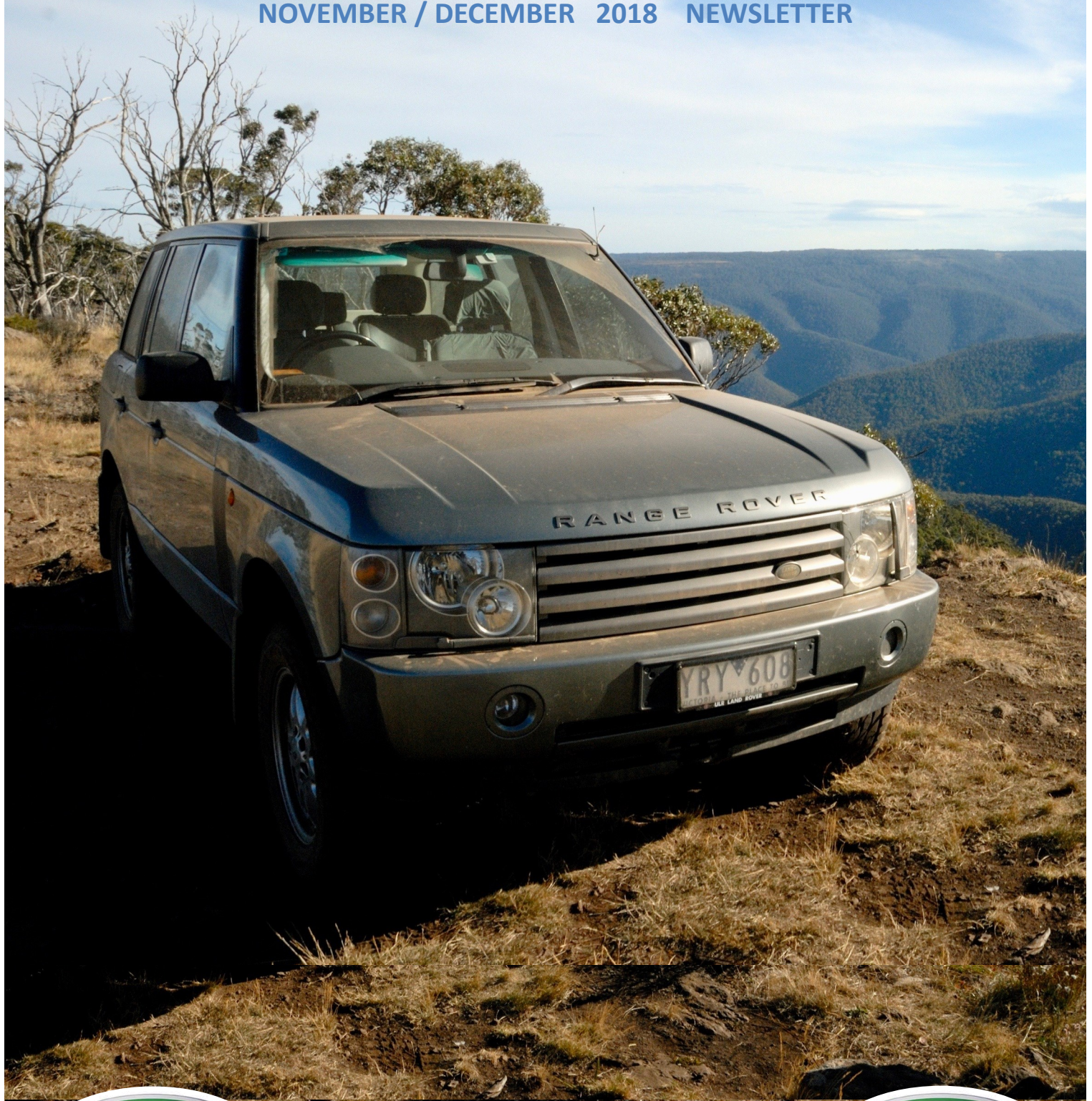


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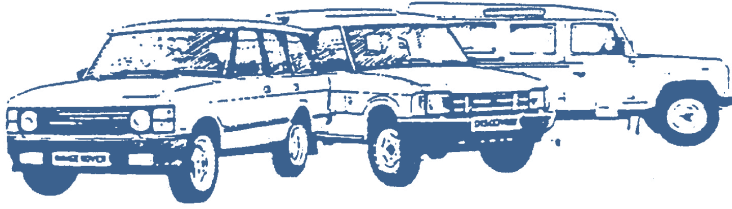
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## Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland News, November 2018.

### Inspection of Gippsland Land Rover's new home.

Thanks to Charlie Calafiore and Marco Tripodi for the tour of the nearly completed new home of Gippsland Land Rover. The inspection was conducted before the November meeting. It promises to be a very impressive facility. At this stage the plan is to move in around the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

Meetings for next year will be at the new showroom. The first meeting to take place there will be Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February.

### Christmas meeting and picnic lunch.

The venue for our December meeting will be Cowwarr Weir. Arrive at 10:30 and there will be a short meeting and annual awards presentation at 11:00. BYO everything you need. Christmas hats optional!

### Pre meeting dinner committee.

A small sub committee has formed to decide on the pre meeting dinner venue now that our meetings will be at a new location. The sub committee is chaired by LROCG Vice President Bob McKee and has as its members Annette Fleming, Tonee Harlow and Alan Harlow. Bob asked some preliminary questions of club members at the November meeting.

### Geoff Potter's Series 1 Land Rover.

Thanks to Geoff Potter for bringing his beautifully restored Series 1 86" Land Rover to the November meeting. The attention to detail and presentation of the vehicle is a credit to Geoff. Have a look at the photos of the vehicle in this newsletter.

Thanks you Bob McKee, for arranging Geoff's visit.

### Victorian 4x4 Show.

The club will have a site at the Victorian 4x4 Show, Lardner Park, February the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will have two Parks Victoria staff and a PV vehicle, probably a Mercedes G-wagon, on our site. This will help us showcase the impressive volunteer work and relationship our club has with Parks Victoria. We have a small group of club members who will be able to help on our site but more would be welcome. Talk to Ian Blake, site co-ordination, at the December or February meetings if you can help on the Saturday (set up day) or Sunday.

The Gippsland Motor Group will have a site opposite ours with Land Rover product as part of their display.

### Club calendars.

Alan Harlow is working on the club calendar for 2019. The calendar will feature some of the photos entered in this year's Land Rover photo competition. Thirty calendars will be printed.

The calendars will cost approximately \$11 and will be available at the December picnic meeting.

### Car Models of Braidwood.

During our Melbourne Cup weekend Base Camp at Moruya many members visited the model shop in Braidwood. The shop has one of the largest collections of die cast model cars in Australia. There were quite a few Land Rover models in various scales. If you are a model collector can find the website by entering Car Models of Braidwood into your search engine.

Greg Rose.

### This month's cover; 2<sup>nd</sup> place in LROCG photo comp, Craig Murray's Range Rover



**My Momma always said ; Life is like a Series Land Rover; you never know what your fixing next.**

### Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland 2018-- 2019 Committee

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### Club Awards.

#### Club Person of the Year - Greg and Lois Rose.

Lois and I thank the club for the award. It is an honour to win it again. We can proudly add it to our collection having won the award in 1998 (the first one awarded I believe), 2013, 2015, 2016 and this year.

At the other end of the scale I won the "Charlie Award" in 2000 for "the most memorable act of stupidity for the year". That was bending a brand new Discovery, that we had owned for 27 hours, by running over a log in long grass on a survey run for a club trip. If you are brave enough you could ask Charlie why the awards were called "The Charlie Awards".

The club, through the work **we all** do, has a very high level of respect with the four wheel drive community. Our ongoing sponsorship by and close association with Gippsland Land Rover, is the envy of other clubs. We are about to enter a new and exciting era of this with the opening of the new Gippsland Land Rover facility, which will become the club's base and meeting venue. The club also has a unique working relationship with Parks Victoria which should be highly valued.

Those two relationships and the fantastic members we have make it a pleasure to be involved in the club.

The original idea behind the Club Person of the Year Award was to encourage members to take an active role in leading trips and seeking positions on the committee. Points are allocated, by David Murray, for trip participation, trip leading and committee position. Clearly this incentive has not had the desired effect as disappointingly we still have only a handful of people prepared to lead trips. The committee may look at a new criteria for next year and ways to encourage members to lead trips to their favourite places.

#### Greg's Special Awards to members.

At the December meeting certificates were presented to the following people for things of note during the year.

**Luxury Camping Award** – Barb and Terry Heskey. In recognition of their flash new motorhome.

**Fashion Trend Setter Award** – Helen MacRae. For her ground breaking pink club top.

**Scientific Data Award** - Sue Howell. For having a photograph of a snake, taken at Eaglevale, included in the Victorian Biodiversity Atlas.

**Show and Tell Award** – Eric Shingles. For bringing a Mercedes Unimog to a club meeting.

**Should Have Known Better Award** – Wayne Foon. Though not on a club event Wayne should have know better than volunteering to be pepper sprayed, as part of his Parks Victoria compliance training.

**Conquering the Goat Award (1)** – Bob McKee. For driving his Discovery 4 up and down Billy Goat Bluff Track.

**Conquering the Goat Award (2)** – Mal Trull. For driving his new Isuzu MUX, fitted with road tyres, up and down Billy Goat Bluff Track.

**Conquering the Goat Award (3)** – David Murray. For driving an aging Land Rover 90, with no side window, no traction aids, no climate control and no cup holders, up and down Billy Goat Bluff Track.

NOTE: Billy Goat Bluff Track is one of Australia's iconic four wheel drive tracks and is rated double black diamond.

#### Thanks to Alan and Helen MacRae.

The December meeting and picnic this year was at Cowwarr Weir. Ten minutes into the meeting the wind increased the skies darkened, the rain started and we bolted, chairs under our arms for the shelter of a large tree. Alan and Helen suggested, as there had been plenty of rain activity all morning, that we relocate to their home in Traralgon. The meeting resumed and then folk enjoyed their picnic. The MacRaes saved Christmas!

#### Meeting venue and pre meeting dinner venue for February 2019.

The club's first meeting for 2019 will be held at the new Gippsland Land Rover showroom 5535 Princess Highway Traralgon. The dinner, for those who wish to socialise before the meeting, will be at the Italian Club in Morwell. At the meeting Alan and Tonee Harlow, Bob McKee and Annette Fleming will present their recommendations for the dinner venue for the remainder of 2019.

#### Victorian 4x4 Show Lardner Park.

Our club will be having a site at Lardner Park for the Victorian 4x4 Show on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2019. Set up day is Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the club display will be our volunteer efforts with our Parks Victoria partners. Usually the club display features some aspect of the Land Rover model range or Land Rover history. Although a departure from our normal themes the display will highlight a unique aspect of our club. We are lucky to be having Area Chief Ranger Mike Dower and Ranger Team Leader Sarah Noonan involved on our site with one of the Parks Victoria four wheel drives. It would be nice to have club members who have been involved with the volunteer work in attendance on the day to discuss our activities with the public. If you can help out contact Alan MacRae or Ian Blake or chat to them at the February meeting.

#### Seasons Greetings.

On behalf of the Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland I would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas. Be safe, enjoy the festive season and we look forward to seeing you all at club meetings and activities in 2019.

Greg Rose,

President, Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland.



## Land Rover teases second-gen Evoque

Wire mesh installation marks teaser campaign for all-new Range Rover Evoque.

LAND Rover has begun the teaser campaign for its second-generation Range Rover Evoque medium SUV with a wire mesh art installation on the streets of London, ahead of its reveal at 6:45am on Friday, November 23.

If the idea of a wire mesh teaser installations sounds familiar, that is because it is – Land Rover pulled the same stunt in 2015 while teasing the Evoque convertible in 2015.

Four of the 1:1 scale models are set up at select locations in the well-to-do London suburbs of Kensington and Chelsea, finished in shades of copper, red and blue. The sculptures give some clues as to what shape the new Evoque will take, with the model looking to retain many of the design cues of its predecessor. It will feature the same high waistline and low, rearward-sloping roofline, while the headlights also look as though they will have a similar flat, horizontal design that narrows towards the vehicle's flanks.

The sculptures suggest large alloy wheels will feature, while the tail-lights will remain slimline and integrated into the tailgate. A rear diffuser is also expected to be carried over to the new model. Land Rover first introduced the Evoque in 2010, with a major update following in 2015. Its imminent refresh means that the mechanically related Land Rover Discovery Sport will also be set for a new-generation model in the near future.

The British car-maker has said the new Evoque will feature “new standards of design, capability and sustainability”, suggesting the new model may feature greater off-road ability than the urban-focused first-generation version.

Greater sustainability means the Evoque will likely be offered with alternative powertrain technology, in accordance with Jaguar Land Rover's plans to offer either a full EV, plug-in hybrid or mild hybrid variant with each of its models developed from 2020. Along with an electrified variant, the Evoque will likely be offered with 2.0-litre turbocharged petrol and diesel Ingenium engines, in a range of engine tunes.

Land Rover chief design officer Gerry McGovern said the installations reflected the contemporary design attitude of the Evoque. “The wire forms have been created to preview the new Evoque – which is the embodiment of Range Rover’s modernist design approach,” he said, “Where better to put these bespoke installations on display than in the heart of London – one of the greatest cities in the world.”

To the end of October, Land Rover has sold 1183 examples of the Evoque, a 52.8 per cent skid over the same period last year. It trails the leaders in the premium medium SUV space such as the Mercedes-Benz GLC (5054 units), BMW X3 (4259), Audi Q5 (3342) and Lexus NX (3207).

Land Rover previously sold a three-door version in Australia, but it was discontinued in 2016 due to low sales.

## Sleek Body Kit Turns the Suzuki Jimny Into a Land Rover Defender

Fueled by the successful return of the Suzuki Jimny, Japanese tuner DAMD Inc. debuts its new body kit that transforms the Jimny into a Land Rover Defender lookalike. Referred to as the “Little:D,” the kit pays homage to the Defender, with key stylistic details highlighted in the front grill, hood, and headlights. The aftermarket setup also provides the Jimny with mudflaps, fender flares, and front and rear skid plates, in addition to eye-catching alloy wheels and all-terrain tires.

For more on this impressive body kit for the Suzuki Jimny, follow on over to DAMD Inc.

Suzuki brought the Jimny back earlier this year with its first complete redesign in roughly two decades. The initial reveal was so popular that it virtually crashed the Japanese website.

## Ineos off-road car decision expected

A decision on whether a new off-road car will be made by Ineos Automotive in Bridgend is expected within days following a board meeting this week.

BBC Wales understands Ford in south Wales is in competition with a site in Portugal to build a new car inspired by the Land Rover Defender.

A UK government letter seen by BBC Wales emphasises “unrivalled corporate tax support”.

It also highlights the skills of the local workforce.

Signed by Business Secretary Greg Clark and Welsh Secretary Alun Cairns, the letter commits them “to explore exactly how the UK might support you on this exciting opportunity”.

It points to the “rich and unique heritage” the UK has in car production including the Land Rover Defender.

Ford employs 1,850 people at its Bridgend plant, though there have been concerns for its long-term future as it stops producing engines for Jaguar Land Rover in 2020.

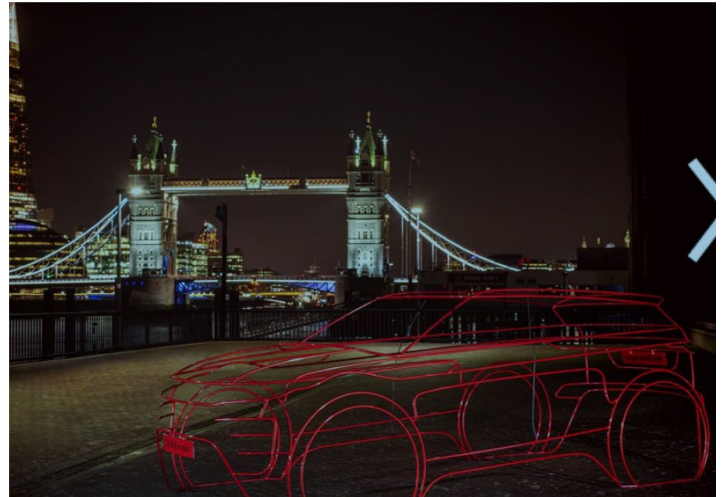
There have been problems with industrial relations at the factory and documents previously leaked to BBC Wales showed the cost of producing engines was significantly higher than at Ford's Dagenham plant.

Those supporting Bridgend's bid for the work hope that Ineos has been convinced that the situation has improved at the site.

UK corporation tax has been cut from 20% in 2015 to the current rate of 19% and will be further reduced to 17% by 2020.

Corporation tax in Portugal is 21%.

The Land Rover Defender is being resurrected by Ineos, after going out of production in 2016.



## Zotye, China's Maker Of Porsche, Land Rover Clones, Is Coming To America

Zotye Automobile has announced plans to become the "first Chinese company to sell vehicles in the United States under its own Chinese brand name." As part of this mission, the company has joined forces with HAAH Automotive Holdings to launch Zotye USA. Its headquarters will be located in Lake Forest, California.

Zotye was tight-lipped about specifics, but confirmed the brand's first model will be an SUV. The company went on to say "engineering development and homologation work on the model is underway and is proceeding smoothly." If everything goes according to plan, Zotye will begin sales in 2020.

While the company declined to say which model will be offered in the United States, HAAH Automotive Holdings' website says Zotye is "developing numerous new models to be launched between 2018 and 2022. One of these new models will be the first product launched in the USA [in the] fourth quarter of 2020." Zotye USA is currently looking for interested dealerships and HAAH Automotive Holdings CEO Duke Hale said "I am beyond thrilled to make this announcement" and "we have begun setting up a franchised dealer network to handle sales and service in America." Autoweek reports approximately 20 dealers have already signed up and they will be announced next month. Speaking of the dealers, Zotye is reportedly looking at examples set by Tesla and Saturn.

The Tesla example seems far-fetched considering several traditional dealers have already signed up, but the Saturn model could still be possible. While General Motors famously shuttered the brand during its bankruptcy, Saturn billed itself as a "different kind of car company" and become known for its no haggle pricing. While Zotye isn't as widely known as some other Chinese automakers, the company has a reputation for blatantly copying European designs. Its T600 echoes the Volkswagen Tiguan and Touareg, while the T700 is a bit of a Range Rover Evoque knockoff.



### Jaguar Land Rover worker 'holds two bosses hostage in office after losing it'

The man took two hostages and barricaded himself into an office at the site in Halewood in Merseyside. An employee at Jaguar Land Rover's car plant in Merseyside barricaded himself into an office with two managers this morning. Police said they were called at around 8.15am to reports of an 'altercation.' According to a JLR worker who contacted the Liverpool Echo, the man was upset about the lack of support he received from bosses over a bad patch he was going through. The employee, who wanted to remain anonymous, said: "The lad's been asking for support but he hasn't received any." "This morning he was taken into an office with the superintendent of the body shop and another manager, and he ended up barricading himself inside with them." "He's been going through a bad time and he just lost it." It is believed the man released the two hostages without officers having to force their way in at the site in Halewood. A police spokesperson said: "Officers were called to Jaguar Land Rover at around 8.15am to reports of an altercation, which involved two members of staff being locked in a room." "A short time later, a 42-year-old man was arrested on suspicion of false imprisonment." "He has been taken to a local police station for questioning.

### Inside Land Rover's Polo in the City

See inside the event that saw the likes of Jennifer Hawkins, Sally Fitzgibbons, Nick Truelove, and Amber Sherlock in attendance. The Australian summer has officially started with the Land Rover Polo in the City series, rolling through five cities, gathering VIPs, celebrity ambassadors and polo enthusiasts to celebrate one of the season's most iconic sporting events. This year marks the brand's fourth year as naming partner of this exciting urban polo event, and Land Rover will also celebrate its landmark 70th anniversary. Approximately 200 VIPs gathered at the Land Rover marquee, an architectural installation designed by Alistair Thomson, featuring horse-shoe inspired arches, to enjoy the equestrian event and admire the Range Rover vehicles on display, including the new, minimalist Range Rover Velar. Guests sipped on champagne and feasted on a menu curated by Land Rover ambassador James Viles, showcasing sustainable cuisine with dishes like dory roe profiteroles with caviar, chicken liver paté with braised salt bush and ghost crab toasts.

The VIPs who joined the Land Rover Polo in the City celebration included ambassadors Jennifer Hawkins and Sally Fitzgibbons, Michael and Lisa Wipfli, Amber Sherlock, design industry figureheads Steve Cordony and Blainey North, sporting legends Phil Waugh and Brett Lee, and models Nick Truelove and Angus Rodman. Also hosting an incredibly buzzy and chic marquee was Mark and Evette Moran of the Mark Moran Group with a very impressive list of A-listers including Angela Belle McSweeney, Mark Coppleson, Jade and Richard Coppleson, Iggy Damiani, Vanessa and Tom Fennell, Victoria Morish and interiors gurus Juliet Love and Charlie Ablone.



## Land Rover gang which used hi-tech gear to steal keyless fob vehicles in £500,000 racket is jailed

A gang of criminals involved in a stolen car racket worth £500,000 have been jailed after police used their own CCTV equipment to snare them. Thieves used hi-tech equipment to steal Jaguar Land Rovers worth tens of thousands of pounds, using the keyless fob ignition system, across London and the South East of England.

The cars, including Defenders, Discovery Sports and Evoques, were then driven to a secluded business park in the Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire where they were either broken down for parts or sold on intact. Police said the Gloucestershire gang had processed 18 vehicles worth £500,000 over an eight-month period. Four members of the gang were jailed for a total of more than 14 years at Bristol Crown Court today, following an 18-month investigation by Gloucestershire Police.

Edward Barrington, 28, Barrington's father Michael Fear, 58, and associates Luke Heron, 25, and Kelvin Harding, 29 are now behind bars. Barrington even 'exploited' his mechanic Stephen Goode, 45, to join the conspiracy, the court heard.

Barrington ran Everything Land Rover breakers' yard at the New Dunn business park in Sling legitimately trading in scrap and insurance write-off Land Rovers and in April 2017 he leased a second breakers' yard at nearby Parkend.

Breaking up high-value cars can be more profitable than selling cars whole and Barrington would dismantle stolen cars that were often still under manufacturer's warranty or had less than 8,000 miles on the clock, with the parts sent overseas or sold on the internet or in the motor trade press. In April 2017 a motorhome was stolen from an address in Surrey and in June a GPS tracker on the vehicle was activated and led the owner to Barrington's yard. He was arrested on suspicion of handling stolen goods.

Detectives began an investigation and seized a months' worth of CCTV recordings from the premises, which showed top of the range cars, as many as four a day, being delivered and then being broken down.

Eleven intact stolen vehicles were recovered at the two sites and all were on cloned number plates.

A wider police inquiry revealed that another 26 high-value cars had been dismantled at Barrington's two yards between November 2016 and June 2017, which had all been stolen from Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, Surrey and the south west of London. Police said in total 37 vehicles worth £820,000 had passed through Barrington's two yards.

All the cars used a fob instead of needing to insert a key into the ignition, which allowed thieves to use high-tech equipment to either clone the fobs or hack into the car's electronics. The police investigation revealed that the stolen cars being delivered from London were always driven by Heron with associate Harding following in another vehicle to take him home.

Heron, who ran a vehicle recovery business called Mr Recovery, left his fingerprints on some of the cloned number plates.

When he was arrested police searched his home in Bromley and found an electronic device called The Legend which can be bought on the internet for £500 and allows the thief to capture the key fob code if it is nearby.

They also discovered an on-board diagnostic system (OBD) which enables the user to connect to a car's electronics and start the ignition or clone another key.

When Harding was arrested police recovered a turbo decoder key, which can be used by locksmiths legally.

Goode was arrested after CCTV showed him working on the stolen vehicles.

Fear was arrested at his home where police recovered two stolen vehicles, a Vauxhall Vivaro van and a Land Rover Discovery.

Barrington, of Wellington Terrace, Newnham-on-Severn, Gloucestershire pleaded guilty during his trial to conspiracy to handle stolen goods and was jailed for four years.

Harding, of Euston Road, Croydon, Surrey and Heron, of Kingston Road, Epsom, Surrey were found guilty after a trial of conspiracy to handle stolen goods and were each jailed for four years.

Fear, of King Street, Cwm, Ebbw Vale, South Wales pleaded guilty to two charges of handling stolen goods and was sentenced to two years and four months' imprisonment.

Goode, of Gloucester Road, Coleford, Gloucestershire pleaded guilty to conspiracy to handle stolen goods and received a six-month prison sentence suspended for two years.

Two other men were acquitted by the jury.

Passing sentence, Judge Mark Horton said: 'This was not a conspiracy where specific vehicles were stolen to order.

'This was a conspiracy where those vehicles were stolen and Heron and Harding knew vehicles could be delivered to Mr Barrington's yards. 'The main problem was that Mr Barrington was having difficulty with the large number of cars that not only Mr Heron and Mr Harding were delivering but also others. 'It is quite plain from the overwhelming evidence this was a professional and sophisticated operation. 'It is clear some the vehicles had been stolen and delivered to the site very soon after they had been stolen.

'Mr Goode has least culpability and was exploited by Mr Barrington and was not involved in the detail of the planning of the offences.' Barrington faces a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing later in the year.



## The new Land Rover Defender's design will make Brexit debate seem mild...

Actually, a very large part of me thinks that there won't be a debate and that automotive enthusiasts have already closed their minds to accepting the new Defender.

But here's hoping that Autocar readers are a bit broader-minded than this – and that we can all wait until the covers come off before leaping to conclusions. After all, the best pictures we've seen of the Defender so far are resplendent in camouflage to make the SAS proud.

The case for the defence has merit. First, if the Defender is to exist at all, Land Rover must turn it from a 20,000-units-a-year seller to a 50,000-a-year one. It would be business suicide to plough the same furrow carved by the old Defender.

Second, they won't be launching a new Defender per se, but rather a new family of Defenders. Does that mean there will be one designed for showing off in Chelsea rather than traversing a swollen Zambezi? Probably. But don't moan: just take your pick.

Finally, Land Rover's design team arrive at this point with a string of king-hits to their name, the rear end of the latest Discovery aside (arguably). Like it or not (and isn't it so very British to be snooty about it), they have knocked out success after success. Could it be that they could top their greatest triumph of recent times – the Evoque, surely – and unveil a Defender that makes us all fall in love with it?

The most highly anticipated car of the century? Probably. If there's one car that will make our website break, from sheer number of readers, it's the Defender. Lucky we've got a powerful website, then...

### Long wait for Aussie Land Rover Defender

Local stakeholders aren't fielding orders for new model just yet

Fans of the Land Rover Defender have been warned not to get too excited by the arrival of camouflaged prototypes in the USA. The public appearance of the Defender prototypes is being used by Jaguar Land Rover as the start of a massive public relations onslaught for the crucial new model, as well as a way of introducing the Defender to private owners in the USA for the first time. But the first Defender deliveries in Australia will not happen for more than a year and the company is not even ready to open the local order books.

"We won't see the Defender here until 2020," confirms Tim Krieger of Jaguar Land Rover Australia. "It's too early to even start talking deliveries. The model line-up is still to be confirmed."

The build-up to the replacement of the Defender began back in 2011 with the motor show appearance of the DC 100, a polarising concept vehicle. It was more like a kid's toy than a real four-wheel wheel but JLR wanted to test the public reaction to its very boxy look. The DC 100 was morphed with a series of different body styles and colours for different motor shows before being withdrawn from the public eye.

Now, the new camouflage-wrapped prototypes are genuine Defender test vehicles and point to a public unveiling sometime within the next six months.

JLR is not being drawn on details but it is extremely unlikely to show the production Defender – the name continues – at a motor show. Shows have been in massive decline in recent years and even the biggest of 2019, the Frankfurt Motor Show in the second half of the year, will not give JLR the impact it needs. Krieger will not comment on the launch event, or the timing, but he admits that JLR has moved away from motor shows and has had a good response to its own launch events with everything from the Range Rover Velar to the upcoming Evoque II. But he is prepared to hint on timing, based on the need to open the Defender production pipeline in the final months of this year. "We should be ready for customer orders late this year. There is no confirmation yet, but it's looking that way," he says. No-one at JLR is prepared to talk about what is under the camouflage of the test vehicles, even if the company is using them as bait for buyers. "People will just have to wait. But they will get the answers this year," says Krieger.

The all-new Defender is the replacement for one of the world's most charismatic and long running off-roaders, having started its life in the 1940s and running through to 2016. Its project number is L851 and there will be the usual plethora of body styles, as well as a battery electric model before 2025. The model line-up is expected to include a Defender Sport, codenamed L860, and the mechanical package will be built around a modern aluminium architecture with independent rear suspension. Buyers will be able to choose the number of doors, the size and style of engine – petrol and diesel – for uses from all-out country mud pluggers to city runabouts.

### Jaguar Land Rover to slash UK jobs

Jaguar Land Rover will cut 10 per cent of its workforce, mostly in its home market, as Britain's biggest car maker faces lower Chinese demand and a slump in European diesel sales. Based in central England, JLR will cut some 4500 out of 42,500 jobs, targeting managerial roles rather than production-line workers as it battles to return to profitability. Owned by India's Tata Motors, JLR also said it will build electric drive units at its Wolverhampton engine plant and create a new battery assembly centre in Hams Hall, near Birmingham, as it develops a greener vehicle range. JLR builds a higher proportion of its cars in Britain than any other major or medium-sized car maker and has spent millions preparing for Brexit, in case of tariffs or customs checks. But it lost STG354 million (\$A629m) between April and September 2018 and had already cut around 1000 roles in Britain, shut its Solihull plant for two weeks and announced a three-day week at its Castle Bromwich site. JLR's chief executive Ralf Speth said on Thursday he needed to go further as part of the company's turnaround plan. "We are taking decisive action to help deliver long-term growth, in the face of multiple geopolitical and regulatory disruptions as well as technology challenges facing the automotive industry," Speth said. JLR, which became Britain's biggest car maker in 2016, had been on course to build around 1 million vehicles by the turn of the decade. The company reported a 4.6 per cent drop in full-year sales to just under 600,000 vehicles. It has hired staff in China and Slovakia in recent years as it opens new plants and last year unveiled plans to cut costs and improve cash flows by STG2.5 billion (\$A4.4b). Ford also said on Thursday it will cut thousands of jobs in Europe, exit unprofitable markets and discontinue loss-making vehicle lines as part of a turnaround effort aimed at improving profit margins in the region. Several companies have warned of a slowdown in China and the effect of trade wars. It comes as automakers pump billions into greener technologies to meet stricter emissions rules and customers shun combustion engines in the face of higher levies.



**Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland - Minutes of Meeting Held On Monday the 12th of November 2018.**

Prior to the meeting club members had a tour of the new Land Rover / Jaguar showrooms and workshop facilities.



Meeting started at Suzuki showrooms at 8.09 pm.

Attending: David Murray, Brian Johnson, Dorothy Prince, Ron Prince, Mal Trull, Mick Hammett, Colette Parniak, Jan Parniak, Helen MacRae, Alan MacRae, Lois Rose, Greg Rose, Wayne Foon, Sharna Foon, Ian Blake, John Kerr, Heather Kerr, Russell Hodgson, Rod Catchpole, Loris Catchpole, Annette Fleming, Bob McKee, Ross Howell, Sue Howell, Ted Allchin, Shirley Allchin, Eric Shingles, Alan Harlow, Tonee Harlow, Charlie Calafiore

Visitors: Peter and Kay Durrant (WA), Geoff Potter (guest speaker)

Apologies: Shaun Johnson, Siobahn Walker, Jim Hood, Jill Beck

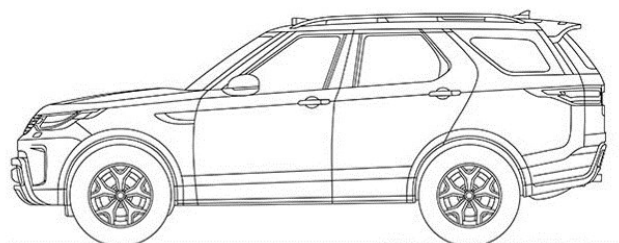
News From Travellers: Nil, they are all home,

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved: Bob McKee, Seconded: Alan Harlow

Business Arising: Nil

Correspondence:





In: Obsession, Trackwatch, Review

Out: Nil

Emails:

In: Nil

Out: Membership spreadsheet

Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Alan MacRae, Seconded: Ross Howell

Publicity Officer's Report:

Charlie advised the move in date for the new Land Rover showroom is 7/12/18.

Whilst in Sydney for the dealership, Charlie got to drive the new Jaguar iPace, electric vehicle. He was well impressed with the vehicle and is looking forward to its arrival.

Editor's Report:

Eric "Hope's you like the newsletter; and is always looking for more stuff..."

Webmaster's Report:

Alan reported that visitor numbers for the month were up.

Prize for photo quiz rolled over to next month.

Up to date with photos, calendar events, and newsletter.

Technical Report.

APT off road in the final stages of testing a replacement front guard for Discovery 4 that will be compatible with ARB winch mount bull bars. (weighing 9 kg)

Alan MacRae has information and specs on;

Anti rattle device for Haymen Reece towbar system.

Wireless trailer interface, which can reduce the number of plugs required for van/trailer towing.(cost \$499 + installation)

Events Co-coordinator's report:

Past Events:

November. 1st to the 8th. The traditional Melbourne Cup weekend base camp. This year it is at Moruya on the New South Wales South Coast. Trip Leader Rod Catchpole. Report in newsletter.

Coming events.

November Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th

Craig Murray heading to Chromite Mine area prior to heading to working bee in Eaglevale; see below

November. Monday the 19th, Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st. Eaglevale on the banks of the Wonnangatta River. Contact Greg Rose or Wayne Foon for details. Details also in newsletter. You will need to book in so that we can assess the number and scale of tasks to be undertaken. 15 members are booked in. Some will go on the Sunday in preparation for the Monday. Members wishing to travel together on Sunday can meet at the highway park in Stratford. Leaving Stratford at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday the 18th.

December. Saturday the 1st. Lady of the Swamp open day at Tarwin Lower.

Eric Shingles for details and if interested in going. Bookings required.

December. Sunday the 2nd. LROCG December meeting and Christmas picnic. Cowwarr Weir.

Alan MacRae has contacted Southern Rural Water to advise.

Arrive around 10.30am, Meeting to commence 11.00am. Lunch and socialising after meeting. BYO everything...

December. Tuesday the 11th to Friday the 14th. Wonnangatta / Bright Trip.

Meet in Stratford on the Tues. Sharna will email details to those attending. Wonnangatta via Cynthia Range and Wombat Spur, camp one night. Out via Myrtleford. Camp two nights at Bright, local tracks, evening meals at local eateries. Home via Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain Track, Birregun Range to Dargo. Trip leaders Wayne and Sharna Foon.

2019.

NB: No January meeting.

February Monday 4th: Club Meeting at new Land Rover facility

February. Saturday the 16th, set up day. Sunday the 17th show day. Victorian 4x4 Show Lardner Park.

Ian Blake has volunteered to oversee the site during this event.

Discussion on theme raised, with a possible focus on our volunteer work with Parks Victoria being the most likely.

Sara plus 1 other from Parks Vic willing to attend, with vehicles and tent. Gippsland Motor Group also attending with Land Rover, Suzuki, and Mercedes Benz.

March.

Monday 4th: Club Meeting

Sunday the 17th. Avon River Area Trip.

See trip advice in the newsletter. This trip will be in the Avon River area. Trip leader Greg Rose.

Parks Victoria dates for 2019 will be in the newsletter and on the web site calendar. Vote of thanks to Sara Noonan of parks for her work in planning the dates in advance.

John Kerr will liaise with the Bairnsdale 4WD club's David Raeburn to arrange a joint club outing.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Delegate's Report.

Greg Rose attended the FWDV Regional Representatives meeting, with Mike Dower, Area Chief Ranger Parks Victoria, at



Mansfield on the weekend of October the 13th and 14th. Greg and Mike gave a presentation on the Butcher Country/ Caledonia Track upgrades, the Wonnangatta Iconic Drive and the proposal to build a replica of the Wonnangatta homestead.

General Business.

New LROCG Photo Competition. Land Rover related photos. These can be of any Land Rover or part of a Land Rover. Maximum 4 entries per member. Entries close at midnight Friday 26th of April. See full details in the newsletter.

Sub committee to investigate pre meeting dinner venue for 2019 meetings due to change of dealership location. Bob, Annette, Alan and Tonee to follow up.

Report from Mal Trull on the Aussie Muscle Car run raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation. The club sponsored Mal and his son on the event. The Trulls were in the oldest of the 60 vehicles which participated, raising \$13,500 of the \$534,000.00 total funds accomplished.

Alan Harlow is preparing a club 2019 calendar, which will be available at the December meeting. Order numbers were firmed up. Cost to be confirmed and advised, however they will be either \$10.00 or \$11.00 per calendar.

Lois advised the Gippsland Vehicle Collection in Maffra has a vast model collection, well worth a visit.

Many of our members on the Moruya trip took advantage of the visit to Braidwood to enhance their collection of minatures.

Meeting Closed: 9.10 pm

Next Meeting : Sunday Dec 2nd at Cowwarr Weir Picnic Grounds 11am, (ho, ho, ho...)

**Following the meeting, our guest speaker Geoff Potter showed and discussed his lovingly restored 86" Series 1.**



## Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland — Minutes of Meeting Held On Sunday the 2nd of December 2018.

Meeting held at Cowwarr Weir.

Meeting started at 11.01am

Attending: David Murray, Krystal Murray, Sharna Foon, Lois Rose, Greg Rose, Mal Trull, Ron Prince, Dorothy Prince, Jill Beck, Jim Hood, Helen MacRae, Alan MacRae, Annette Fleming, Bob McKee, Alan Harlow, Tonee Harlow, John Kerr, Heather Kerr, Brian Johnson, Colette Parniak, Jan Parniak, Terry Heskey, Barb Heskey, Rod Catchpole, Loris Catchpole, Les Warburton, Ian Blake, Jill Blake, Eric Shingles

Apologies: Shaun and Siobahn send apologies as they are in Tasmania for Land Rover Experience. They wish everyone a happy Christmas.

Ken Markham, Susan Markham, Don Little, Shirley Little, Sue Howell, Ross Howell, Wayne Foon, Shirley Allchin, Ted Allchin, Vivien & Craig Murray, Charlie Calafiore

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

As there has not been a newsletter members have not seen the minutes. They can be dealt with at the February meeting.

Correspondence:

In: via Web site; request for information – response provided

Out: Nil

Emails:

In: Thanks from Vicki Jones Parks Victoria Ranger Dargo, for the volunteer work with Parks Victoria at Eaglevale.

Acknowledgement from Sarah Noonan, Parks Victoria Ranger Team Leader Heyfield re contact person for Lardner Victorian 4x4 Show.

Acknowledgement from Parks Victoria Area Chief ranger Mike Dower re Lardner Victorian 4x4 Show.

Notification from Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria that Graeme Walsh has taken on the vacant role of President.

Out:

Thanks to Parks Victoria for the Eaglevale organisation, etc. Sent to most members of Parks Victoria Foothills and Southern Alps Team.

Contact details to Mike Dower and Sarah Noonan PV for LROCG organisers of site at Victorian 4x4 Show.

Thanks to volunteers from Greg as LROCG organiser for the Eaglevale volunteer days.

Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Alan MacRae, Seconded: Rod Catchpole

Publicity Officer's Report: N/A

Meeting adjourned at 11.07am due to rain.

Members packed up chairs etc and headed to the MacRae's residence.

Meeting resumed 11.50am.

Editor's Report: Apologies for running late with newsletter.

Webmaster's Report: 86 visitors, 15 up on last month. Peaked on 11/11. Site fully updated with photos and reports from recent events. New blog page with trip reports to view.

Competition winner Greg Rose who was able to name Hopetoun WA as the location of the photo, despite never having been there (apparently 1.5 hours of google searching is a close substitute...)

Events Co-coordinator's report: David Murray.

Past Events.

November. Monday the 19th, Tuesday the 20th and Wednesday the 21st. Eaglevale on the banks of the Wonnangatta River. Highly successful and enjoyable activity. 15 people proved many hands make light work. See full report and photographs in Newsletter. Greg thanked all volunteers.

December. Saturday the 1st. Lady of the Swamp open day at Tarwin Lower. Great day had by those from our club that attended, including Jim Hood, Jill Beck, Ian & Jill Blake, Ron & Dot Prince, John Jennings, Les Warburton and Eric Shingles.

Future Events.

December.

Tuesday the 11th to Friday the 14th. Wonnangatta / Bright Trip.

Meeting in Stratford at 9am to head to Wonnangatta via Cynthia Range and Wombat Spur, camp one night. Out via Myrtleford. Camp two nights at Bright, local tracks, evening meals at local eateries. Home via Mt Hotham, Dinner Plain Track, Birregun Range to Dargo. Trip leaders Wayne and Sharna Foon.

2019.

February.

Monday the 4th. LROCG meeting. 8:00 p.m. Gippsland Land Rover new showrooms, Princes Highway Traralgon.

For those wishing to dine together first, we will once again meet at the Italian Australian Club in Morwell at 6.00pm.

Saturday the 16th, set up day. Sunday the 17th show day. Victorian 4x4 Show Lardner Park.

Ian Blake will oversee the site during this event. Alan MacRae to help with



organisation prior to the event and liaise with Parks Victoria's Sarah Noonan & Mike Dower. We will need volunteers for the day. As Parks Victoria are sharing our site could club members please wear club badges and if possible club clothing.

March.

Sunday the 17th. Avon River Area Trip.

See trip advice in the newsletter. This trip will be in the Avon River area. Standard: Medium, with some rocky areas and river crossings. Trip leader Greg Rose.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Delegate's Report.

New President is Michael Martin who has been on the board for some time.

FWDV in a very strong financial position.

General Business.

Alan H; Calendars. Available at the meeting for purchase; cost \$11.00 each.

Bob; February pre meeting dinner to be at the Italian Australian Club, Morwell. Findings re alternative venue to be presented at the meeting.

Mal; Mechanical items on offer for best price with money raised to go to assist GMG employee who has a son with leukaemia. Heather Kerr contributed with treats for a gold coin to boost funds.

Ian; Club trip to Boolarra Fish Farm suggested. March meeting or separate club trip. Will incorporate a tour and information session. Decided to make a separate trip on a Sunday afternoon. Ian to arrange and advise. Boolarra fish farm focus on ornamental fish.

Alan M; Dec 7th the new home of Land Rover in Gippsland opens for business. Formal opening will be held early 2019.

Annual Awards. Club Person of the Year, presented by David Murray to Greg and Lois Rose.

Novelty Awards presented by Greg.

Luxury Camping Award – Barb and Terry Heskey

Fashion Trend Setter Award – Helen MacRae

Scientific Data Award – Sue Howell

Show and Tell Award – Eric Shingles

Should Have Known Better Award – Wayne Foon

Conquering The Goat Award (1) – Bob McKee

Conquering the Goat Award (2) – Mal Trull

Conquering the Goat Award (3) – David Murray

Meeting closed @ 12.25pm

Next meeting; Monday the 4th. 8:00 p.m. at Gippsland Land Rover (new showrooms) Princes Highway Traralgon.

For those wishing to dine together first, we will once again meet at the Italian Australian Club in Morwell at 6.00pm.



James Middleton - The Duchess of Cambridge's brother (Kate Middleton) and his Defender - taken at a 'post Christmas drink at a Berkshire pub' with Michael and Carol Middleton and Pippa and James Matthews and baby Arthur.



Greg Rose met up with Ben Reidy, from Reidy Recovery on the road recently, that certainly is a very impressive Mog.

## Old Car, Slow Car, Who cares!!

The 1960s and 1970s were the golden years of Aussie Muscle cars. So what better way to raise funds for a cause close to our hearts, than for my son Michael and myself to enter our 1962 R Series Valiant, into the Leukaemia Foundation "Aussie Muscle Car Run"?

As most will know my wife Sandy passed away in 2016 from Leukaemia. We felt this was a way to honour her and also have some valuable Father Son time.

The Aussie Muscle Car Run was conceived by GT Falcon Club President Kevin May almost 10 years ago. Kevin lost his sister to Leukaemia. After organising the GT Falcon Nationals in Adelaide it occurred to him that this would be an ideal way to combine the passion of car enthusiasts with the need to fund research into blood disease. And so the "Aussie Muscle Car Run" was born. As actor and run participant Shane Jacobson said, "What a way to combine fun and fundraising."

2018 saw a record number of 60 entries line up in Hindmarsh Square for the beginning of the seventh running of the event. To date the fundraising has been a huge success with a total this year of \$536,916. This brings the overall total raised to about \$3,000,000.

The event includes track days at motor sport venues so we had to prepare our car with this in mind.

The Valiant, although never raced at Bathurst like most of the other entrants, still qualified as RV1 Valiants were raced in their time and are considered the first of the Aussie Muscle Cars. Our car has had considerable modification so did not need a lot of preparation. Just new brake pads, fluid and a good thorough service.

The track days included a full day at the new circuit at Tailem Bend "The Bend", 1/8<sup>th</sup> mile drags at Mildura, Collingrove Hillclimb near Angaston and Mallala Raceway just north of Adelaide.

Our car was the oldest in the field and one of the slower cars but it did not matter we were there to have fun and raise some money.

That we did, with a total for "Team Sam" of \$13,491. The team name comes from my wife Sandy's family nickname "Sam".

Some of our own highlights were: a genuine 100mph on the long straight at The Bend, overtaking a GT Falcon through the esses at Mallala and



winning the Safety Award at the presentation night. This award was for not causing any drama at the track and being considerate to faster cars when being overtaken. Really it was self-preservation on our part.

I would like to thank The Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland for your generous donation as well as everyone who contributed to this fantastic event which can only grow in future years.





Next year the run will begin in Adelaide and finish in Melbourne at St Kilda beach taking in race venues such as Phillip Island and Winton along the way. Mick and I have already expressed our intention to participate again so do not be surprised when you see me rattling the tin for donations next year.

Mick has a 1971 Valiant ute in his shed in Alice Spring. He is in the process of purchasing a complete 350 hp Chrysler 6 Pack engine and driveline to install in the ute for a future event. Watch this space.

Thanks again everybody.

Mal and Mick Trull.

### **Eaglevale. Parks Victoria / Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland Joint Works.**

Sunday the 18th of November to Wednesday the 21st of November.

Participants LROCG.

Lois Rose, Greg Rose (organiser for LROCG), Bob McKee, Annette Fleming, Alan Harlow, Jan Parniak, John Kerr, Alan MacRae, Mal Trull, Sue Howell, Ross Howell, Vivian Lee (Murray), Craig Murray, David Murray, Ian Blake.

Participants Parks Victoria.

Vicki Jones (organiser for PV Dargo), Conor Wilson (Ranger Team Leader Dargo), Mick and Gary (powerhouse workers from Sale). PV visitors, Jenny and Sam.

Club members arrived at Eaglevale over a few hours on Sunday afternoon. By dusk everyone was sitting around the campfire with the Wonnangatta River gurgling away beside us. The afternoon's main entertainment was watching Alan, Jan and John put up their borrowed camper trailer.

Eaglevale is a flat grassy camping area within the Alpine National Park. Eaglevale Track, which leads up to Cynthia Range and tracks to Wonnangatta, is accessed from the camping flat. There is high clearance two wheel drive access to Eaglevale and the only asset, prior to our work, was the long drop toilet. Our task was to build some assets at Eaglevale to formalise the places for campfires and improve the visitor experience. Planning for the works had taken over twelve months and included site visits for Greg, Lois and Vicki, many emails, phone calls, office visits and a heritage inspection.



We awoke to a warm, sunny morning on Monday. There was time for a leisurely breakfast as Vicki, Conor, Mick and Gary from Parks were not due onsite until 9:00. Conor arrived first and after unhitching one of the three trailers of gear, headed back to Dargo, with Mal and Greg to collect and load up a second trailer. This highlighted the difficult logistics of these activities as everything has to be brought in over long distances on narrow roads. Mick and Gary arrived next closely followed by Vicki in one of the new Mercedes g-wagons towing a third trailer.

Following the essential safety briefing work began.

Three concrete fire rings were to be constructed. Using the steel outer form ring as a template the circular ring is marked out. The area is dug out, bedding sand is spread, the outer and inner steel form rings are put in place, steel reinforcing mesh





is cut and placed in the ring, cement is mixed in the cement mixer and shovelled into the ring, the final step is working the cement to create a smooth surface that will last for many years. Once the cement is dry the form rings are removed, not always easy, and soil is added to the outside of the ring so there is not a trip hazard.

Three table and seat sets were to be assembled and installed. These sets are constructed by Parks staff at Heyfield. Onsite they have to be assembled, legs cut to size, holes for the legs dug, legs cemented into place, tops fitted and the whole lot given another coat of very messy decking oil.

Our volunteers have become expert in the construction of these Park assets. We have now installed them at Eaglevale, Talbotville, Horseyard Flat and McMichaels Hut.



Hot and weary club members had most of the work finished by late afternoon. Some went for a wallow in the river while others sat in the shade with a well earned cool drink. A small brown snake had to be asked to leave the camping area in the afternoon and with a bit of herding it headed into the long grass.

A retired couple camped near one of the fire ring sites have been "on the road" for four years, their only home being a Land Cruiser tray and a swag. They had some great tales of their minimal gear travels.

The club provided Monday night's dinner. A bar-b-que with a variety of meats, plenty of salads, bread, sauces and a variety of desserts all finished off with chocolates and a fumble around to find the Turkish Delights in the dark.

While the dinner was being cooked Alan Harlow, Jan and John disappeared and a short time later three beautiful mountain maidens appeared and danced around the campfire tempting the rest of us with their sultry moves and winning smiles. Conor bravely tried to ignore the tempting damsels but the Irishman held a fascination for the three lovelies. Strange things occur in the mountains.

After a troubled sleep interrupted by dreams of bearded women, we woke up to another beautiful morning. As much of the work had been completed and rain was forecast for



late in the day it was decided to do a drive up and down Billy Goat Bluff Track. Billy Goat Bluff is a double black diamond rated track and has one of the longest and steepest climbs in the Alps. Conor lead the way in the g-wagon, Vicki was tail end Charlie in the dual cab Land Cruiser. Club cars were Craig driving his amazing Perentie, David in the yellow V8 90, Bob driving his Discovery 4, Mal with his brand new very well set up red Isuzu MUX and Greg in his Discovery 4. Other club members filled passenger seats in the vehicles.



At the base of the track a new sign blade was fitted. Almost as soon as we started the track we knew it was going to be a challenging drive. The dry conditions had turned much of the steep surface to bulldust like powder, the roll-overs (open culverts) were badly chewed up meaning it was essential to pick a good line. As Vicki later observed, it was the first time she has used both diff locks on a climb. The track surface improved after the helipad. The best approach to the climb was to drive on the rocky sections where there was much better traction. The views, through the dust, were stunning but we could see the clouds building up. All our vehicles negotiated the ascent without any drama. The return down Billy Goat was punctuated by stops for convoys of vehicles from the ACT and NSW heading up.

Back at camp, after a quick lunch, work was completed with an eye to the approaching storm clouds. Once the work was finished Ross got out his vibrantly coloured Chinese kites and flew them above the campsite, no doubt confusing the resident bird life. There was more swimming to wash off the work grime. We were joined for afternoon tea by Park Rangers Jenny and Sam. They had been in Wonnangatta Valley conducting a plant survey. Sam was delighted to see the picnic tables he had built, with his improved design, in place beside the river. Earlier in the day we had seen Adam from Parks looking for weeds to be eradicated along waterways.

Dinner was a camp oven meal prepared by Vicki. A radio call from Area Chief Ranger Mike Dower warned us of the approaching high winds, thunderstorms and rain. Vicki's stew served with damper rolls was delicious, the dessert of golden syrup dumplings with custard or cream was superb. The heavens opened just as the meal was finished causing an exodus to tents and awnings. With the rain easing off we gathered around the campfire again only to be driven back into shelter a little after nine.

The pack up on Wednesday morning was a wet affair as there had been some very heavy rain during the early hours of the morning. Lots of gear to dry out when we got home. Despite the rain everyone seemed to have







a well earned sleep. Vicki and Conor left first with two trailers leaving one for Bob and Annette to tow back to Dargo. After the obligatory group photo we made our way home. Some folk detoured to Dargo for a coffee and really tasty egg and bacon pies made by the new store owners.

Our four days had been a great success. All the planning had paid off. Eaglevale looks much better now this stage has been completed. Like our work at Talbotville it will probably be a two stage project, working on the area where we were camped, next time.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and our fantastic friends at Parks Victoria Foothills and Southern Alps team, Heyfield and Dargo. The dates for our three activities with Parks Victoria in 2019 have already been set and appear in the newsletter.

Greg Rose.



## Annual Cup Week Trip 2018 : Moruya NSW

Nineteen members gathered together in beautiful Moruya on the NSW south coast to celebrate cup week. Attendees; Ian Blake (Defender), Ross and Sue Howell (Defender), Ted & Shirley Allchin (Discovery 2), Rod & Loris Catchpole (Discovery 3), Alan & Tonee Harlow (Discovery 3), John & Heather Kerr, Jan & Colette Parniak, Greg and Loris Rose, Alan & Helen MacRae (Discovery 4s) and Terry & Barb Heskey in their new Jayco motor home.

Once again Rod and Loris Catchpole outdid themselves in organising a fabulous trip that included interesting bush tracks to drive, a river cruise, and local markets. Special shout outs to Heather Kerr for introducing all to her own special version of dominoes, to Ted and Shirl for their Trivia Quiz night, and Alan Harlow for his ever-inventive new takes on running the cup sweep.

An especially hilarious evening on the final night for the remaining 16 of us, when an impromptu game of Charades developed, shall remain ever memorable.

Here are the daily reports...

Arrival: Wednesday 31/10 & Thursday 1/11 Jan and Colette Parniak

We set off from home at 7.30 am to meet John & Heather down on Narracan Drive. The four of us then set off to the next rendezvous to meet up with the rest of the contingent at Flynn.

The four of us were the first there, followed by Ross and Sue, Ted and Shirley, Rod and Loris, Alan and Helen. At about 8.30am there was a phone call from Terry and Barb informing us that we should head off as they would be still  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1 hr away. Now it was all 12 of us heading off to our next stop

We bypassed Sale, straight through Stratford, and as we drove through Bairnsdale we veered left and onto Bruthen for our morning coffee and cake at the local bakery.

All finished, the 12 of us headed onto Cann River for lunch and a top up with either petrol or diesel. Our next stop was planned for Genoa, and with approx 90kms to go all 12 took off at a leisurely pace to arrive there at about 4.00pm, with just a short wait till beer o'clock time, this is when Terry and Barb caught up with us.

Now all 14 of us are on our final leg of the trip to Moruya. Leaving the Genoa campsite, most of us turned left except for Ross and Sue, John and Heather. Ross turned right to go back and have a look at Old Township and John followed, thinking that Ross was following the rest of us...

Ross was quite a distance in front of John, so when he turned into town after crossing the river, John didn't notice, and consequently was heading to Cann River. Not sure how far they continued before it was obvious to John that they had gone the wrong way. After leaving Genoa the morning coffee break was at Bega. Somehow the group was split up again, due to unforeseen circumstances. The two groups were only 500 metres apart but far enough to not see one another. Rod, Loris, Ted, Shirley and ourselves, Jan and Colette, took off and while crossing the bridge over the Bega River, there below us was the rest of the gang... They gave us a royal salute and with horns blazing passed one another.

From there-on, plain sailing to Moruya to meet up with the Harlows. It wasn't long before all the other parties arrived, set up camp, and ... you guessed it... Beer O'Clock Time.

The following day the Roses arrived and also Ian.

Friday 2/11/18

Ian Blake

On Friday afternoon, members travelled 17km to Mogo - a small town with lots of small gift-type shops, book shop, leather wares, haberdashery and a large display of historic sewing machines, bric-a-brac, ice-cream and lots more.

The original Gold Rush Colony 1850 Pioneer Town, and a yard with rusty tractors, trucks and cars.

On the return trip, members drove the tourist drive along the beach back to camp.

(Editors note: the beach stop enabled the viewing in the latest of briefest swim wear, causing Shirl to call "Don't look Ian...!!!!" to the delight of the rest of us...)

Saturday 3/11/18

John & Heather Kerr

Today we awakened to a very windy day. The Moruya Market was the morning attraction. Most of us walked across the bridge from the caravan park and had to hold onto the rails and each other as the wind howled across us. Having reached the market we wandered around the many stalls. Some bought books (Ted loved them), clothing (the ladies hunted the bargains), and plants (Ross purchased 8 tomato plants for \$10, or was it 10 for \$8 and it was a bargain. Hope you've planted them Ross). Tonee, Heather and Ross enjoyed a free foot massage as well as advice on their health. Coffee and lunch topped off the morning before we battled the wind and returned to the caravan park.

Our afternoon was for doing as we pleased.





Some played farmyard roundup which Heather indoctrinated several people into during our stay. The game was played on several nights and you could tell by the noise in the camp kitchen that people enjoyed it. At 6.00pm a courtesy bus picked us up and took us to the Moruya Bowling Club for a scrumptious dinner (tea if you are old fashioned) and an enjoyable social occasion.

Sunday 4/11/18 River Cruise Greg & Lois Rose Clyde River Boat Cruise - Batemans Bay to Nelligen and return.

The weather was superb for our boat cruise; warm, sunny and very little breeze across the water. Just like in the 1960s T.V. show "Gillian's Island" it was to be a three hour cruise. Fortunately our outcome was better than that suffered by Gillian, the long suffering skipper and the unlikely group of passengers of the "Minnow".

Our own cast of colourful characters left Moruya at 10 a.m. for the half hour drive north to Batemans Bay. Plenty of time for a coffee prior to boarding the "Escapade" at 11. Alan MacRae made a new friend at Innes Boat Shed. The young lady behind the counter saw Alan Harlow's club clothing and said she needed a paint number for the restoration of her father's 1972 short wheel base Land Rover.

Alan MacRae promised to look at his 1972 shorty and email the paint code. That resulted in a platter of prawns being delivered to the boat. Alan, not being a prawn eater, shared them around; yum.



We had reserved seating on the 60 tonne cruise vessel. The boat motored into the bay which gave us a chance to look at some impressive real estate and even more impressive pleasure craft in the marina.

Our boat captain had a great commentary for the whole trip, lots of history facts. Interesting that the tourist industry has filled the local economy gap left by the ending of the timber and commercial fishing industries.

The boat turned around and headed to Innes Boat Shed, the famous fish and chip cafe in the Bay and picked up our delicious lunches. The lift span bridge had to be raised to allow our boat to enter the Clyde River. That bridge raising halts all the highway traffic. Sadly the wonderful old steel bridge is soon to be replaced by a modern high level concrete structure. It will be much more efficient but not as unique as the old bridge.

The voyage upstream to Nelligen was superb. After feasting on our fish, chips and salad people sat and chatted, ventured up to the bow and up to the wheelhouse deck for better views. We passed the extensive Sydney Rock Oyster "farms" and

travelled through superb National Park bush land. At Nelligen we had half an hour's shore leave. There were ice creams to be eaten and historic photographs to view. We also looked at the remaining stump of the huge tree the Clarke brothers, murderous bushrangers, were chained to before being transported to Sydney and ultimately hanged for their crimes.

The return to Batemans Bay was notable for the small power boat that inexplicably decided to cross in front of the Escapade's bow twice. The skipper first slowed then had to go into reverse to avoid a collision. The skipper incidentally was a massive Land Rover fan having used Defenders extensively in the U.K.

While most of us had the river adventure Ian Blake toured Tilba Tilba and checked out some sights he had missed at Mogo.

The highlight of the day's post cruise Happy Hour, apart



from the nibbles provided by Tonee and Heather, was the sampling of Alan Harlow's very spicy pickled onions. Thanks to Rod and Loris' research we have had excellent river cruises two years running as part of the Cup Weekend.

Monday 5/11/18

Alan & Helen MacRae

Day trip to Araluen, Majors Creek and Braidwood

Promptly, at about 9.00am, five vehicles left the park to commence the climb to Araluen via Larry's Mountain Road. After Mogendoura the road became a dirt track which narrowed as it wound up to (you guessed it!) Larry's Mountain. At the intersection with Ridge Road we found a water truck and grader taking a rest. That explained why the track condition was pretty good. We turned right at the intersection with Araluen Road (still a dirt track, with occasional short stretches of bitumen which usually coincided with a house. Clearly the residents don't appreciate dust.) We followed the Deua river for quite some distance, passing the Dry Creek and Deua River camping areas after which the track condition markedly improved as we approached the old mining town of Araluen. This area, which previously boasted to be the richest source of alluvial gold in Australia is now best known for its fruit. In its heyday, the area boasted 28 hotels, 5 police stations and 8 schools, not to mention a significant number of alluvial gold dredgers. Today there is one pub which was shut. It being only 10.30, one vehicle nearly drove past

the morning tea site at the hotel, wrongly assuming that the message to stop at the hotel was a joke. Even though the pub was shut, the Publican was happy to let us use the picnic tables and toilets and would probably have poured us a beer if we had asked. Araluen is not actually the centre of the universe, so had the publican and us done a deal, it would probably have been a red letter day in the recent history of the pub.

After morning tea and arranging to look after an abandoned camera, we set off along the now sealed road towards Braidwood. Of course travelling a sealed road would have not been seemly, so in short order we turned back onto dirt and commenced the climb up the mountain to Majors Creek.

We stopped at Clark's Lookout, which affords a fantastic view over the Araluen Valley. It was at this point that the rightful owner of the camera realised that he no longer knew of its whereabouts. Once reunited, a group photo was taken and we hopped back in the cars to recommence the climb.

Seating arrangements were subject to agricultural musical chairs and it was discovered that one vehicle comprised only hens, and another only roosters.

At the top of the climb, we intersected a bitumen road and proceeded through Majors Creek to Braidwood. A short tour of the town ensued; short since most of the interesting shops were shut for the day. A few of us managed to liberate a number of model cars. Land Rovers and another obscure brand that ensures one of our members has multiple interests from "Car Models of Braidwood" which fortuitously was open.

Most of us took lunch at the Bakery, much to the chagrin of the group photographer who had visions of a more salubrious lunch. I say most of us because the multifaceted model car collector and partner partook of the fare at the second hand book shop/café on the other side of the road.

After lunch we departed independently down Kings Highway for home via Batemans Bay. The record for the slowest trip home (and probably the most circuitous route) was set jointly by one of the Discoveries and the only non Discovery in the touring party.

Note: The names of the guilty have been withheld on the basis that "What happens on tour, stays on tour".

Tuesday 6/11/18

CUP DAY

Ted & Shirley Allchin

The chicken, salads and pavlovas having previously been ordered, were collected by Rod and Loris this morning. Chicken platters were prepared and the pavlovas filled, while savoury scones were being baked in preparation for our Cup Day luncheon in the camp kitchen and recreation room of the caravan park.



After lunch Alan Harlow conducted an auction of the horses surplus to the number required in the sweep, which led to some very keen bidding, and drew the sweep.

The business matters being completed, we all settled to watch the big race and see whose investments paid dividends. The lucky people were, Helen with the winning horse, Loris with the second horse, which was also the leading auctioned horse, and Alan MacRae the third runner.

We lazed away the rest of the afternoon, and dined on the remainder of the chicken, salad and desserts for tea. After tea Ted and Shirley conducted a trivia quiz, with the group divided into three teams, resulting in a three way tie for first place, consequently three first prizes were awarded.

This concluded the day's activities and we drifted back to our camps.



Wednesday 7/11/18

Canberra

Ross & Sue Howell

At 8.30am a convoy of two cars with Jan, Colette, & Alan Harlow, Ross, Sue, John & Heather left Moruya CP. Travelling North of town to Bateman's Bay we started the ascent of Clyde Mountain via Braidwood to Canberra. As it was reasonably early the visibility on the way up was poor due to low cloud & fog so the trip slowed for a while with no views. Arriving at the New Parliament House car park at 10.45am was considerably easy with the aid of Google maps. We decided we needed morning tea so we headed to Queens Cafe on the 1st floor of Parliament House. Following our coffee etc. we were lucky enough to be given a private tour by Alan as he had very recently been to Parliament House. This tour included a display of knitted & crocheted poppies arranged in columns on the walls of the 1st floor annexe. There were also hundreds of poppies laid on the ground at the entry to the front door of the house. Even in the pouring rain these sopping wet poppies really sent a message of remembrance. They looked stunning against the white columns of Parliament House.

The next part of our trip was to negotiate the route to the Australian War Memorial on the other side of Lake Burley Griffin. This was done by driving over the bridge along Commonwealth Ave. & Anzac Ave. to the Car Park of the memorial. The view of the 62000 poppies in the ground on the western side of the War Memorial was breathtaking.

There was one poppy for each Australian soldier killed in WW1. The poppies were supplied & arranged by the 5000 Poppy group. The poppies came from all over Australia plus from all over the world. It was an idea started by the group in Melbourne for the 100th Anniversary of Anzac in 2015. These poppies have been reused here for this 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

We had lunch in the Poppy Cafe in the grounds of the memorial followed by a quick look at the WW1 display & the shop. Finally we arrived home at 6.45pm after a very rewarding trip.

The remainder of the LR club members had started dinner in the common room of the CP having leftovers from Cup day. After dinner we split into two groups & played Charades, acting out movie titles. Wow! What a show! A few budding actors, some R rated themes among the movies. We had such fun with a lot of laughs but I better not give too many details of the sex acts. Imagination only & the rest to remain in our memories.

Editors footnote

Most members made their own way home, in their own time due to various personal commitments.

The Harlows, Howells, Allchins and Parniaks circled their wagons together (free camping) at Cann River on the Thursday night. The cicadas greeted us in fine form (drowned out the traffic noise and the nearby generator!), and the cute possum in the nearby tree managed to provide both Shirl and Alan with a wee shampoo experience...

We sat around a wonderful campfire till 11pm; a fitting end to a wonderful week away together.



Look what Greg Rose got to ride in the other day! Spent the day in the Park in a G wagon then Wayne Foon took him out in the Unimog.

## Avon River Area Trip.

Trip Date: Sunday the 17th of March 2019.

Meeting Time: 9:30.

Meeting Place: Heyfield, the park on the right hand side heading through town near the round-a-bout and Timberline service station. The park has a playground, toilets, etc.

Trip Standard: Medium difficulty, some water crossings, low range will be needed for some hills. If we have the predicted dry summer the tracks will be very dusty.

Trip Limit: Maximum 8 vehicles. You will need to book in with Greg or Lois at a meeting or via email or phone.

Maps: The trip area will be on the Hema High Country West map.

Trip Leaders: Greg and Lois Rose.

The plan is to travel some of the tracks in the Avon River area. Plan for a maximum couple of hundred kilometres loop from Heyfield back to Stratford. The tracks are generally in good condition with a hard base and some rocks. Water crossings are easy. The exact route will be planned closer to the date taking current track and weather conditions into account.

You will need:

Reliable vehicle in road worthy condition.

Tyres in good condition with a good spare, jack, wheel chock, wheel brace to fit.

Fuel for at least 200 km.

Basic recovery gear. First aid kit.

Fire extinguisher.

Food, drinks and any personal medication for the day.

Sunscreen, hats, insect repellent, etc.

Two FWDV personal details forms in sealed envelopes with the person's name clearly on the front, for each person in your vehicle – one to stay in your vehicle, one to be given to the trip leader at the start of the day.

Chairs.

Camera.

Important note: This trip is in a reasonably remote area with very few quick exit points. Communication by phone is very limited. In accordance with club policy, if it is a day of declared Total Fire Ban or a forecast of significant rain or damaging winds, this trip will be cancelled.

### New Photo Competition.

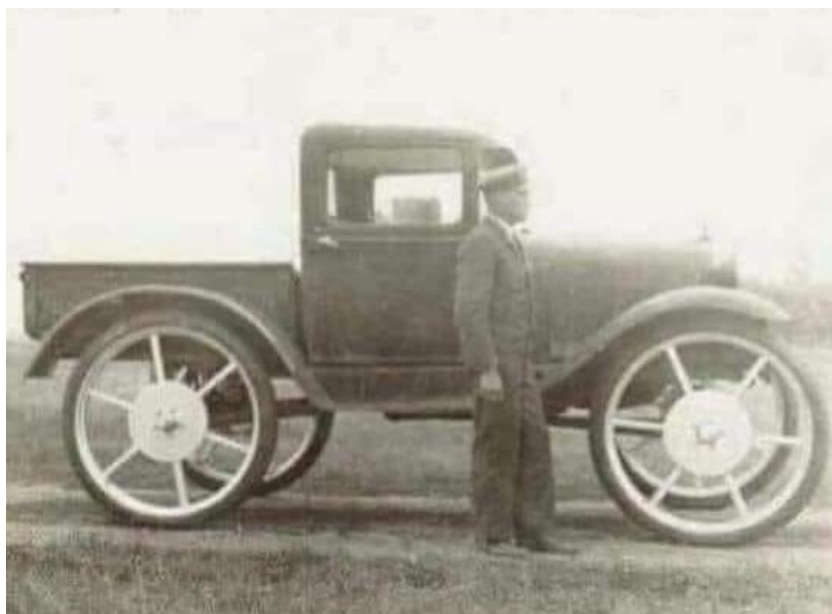
Just for the fun of it there is a new photo competition.

The theme is very broad as any "Land Rover Related" photo is eligible. There has to be a Land Rover or identifiable part of a Land Rover in the photo, it does not have to be a Land Rover you own.

The photo does not have to be taken within the contest time frame.

You could have action shots, artistic, scenic shots, an engine bay, a Land Rover badge partially hidden by dust, Land Rovers you have seen on travels, odd Land Rovers you have encountered. Maximum of four entries per club member – families four per family member.

Entries as large jpeg files to gro13624@bigpond.net.au by midnight on the 26th of April. There will be good prizes!



This explains it all ;

We wonder why David Murray has a passion for large tyres, well, I think I have found a clue. Here is a picture of Great Grandad Murray and his ute taken in 1928.



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