

Outstanding Contribution Award.

Parks Victoria has formally thanked the Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland, for its many years of volunteer work in the Southern Alpine National Park. Parks Victoria Area Chief Ranger, Foothills and Southern Alps, Mike Dower presented the club with a framed certificate for the "Outstanding Contribution to conserving special places in the Alpine National Park".

Receiving the award on behalf of the club were Lois Rose and Ian Blake who took part in the first joint Parks Victoria / LROCG activity. On the first venture three club members, Ian Blake, Lois Rose and Greg Rose, worked with Mike Dower cleaning up Kellys Hut and McMichaels Hut on Kelly Lane. The clean up resulted in the removal of two trailer loads of rubbish including rusted bed frames, bottles, cans, rotting mattresses, broken stoves, discarded chairs and oil drums.

Since then the club has undertaken thousands of hours of volunteer work with Parks Victoria. During this time members have been fortunate to make great friendships with Parks Victoria staff from both the Heyfield and Dargo offices.

The hours the club works are recorded and the data forwarded to Four Wheel Drive Victoria. This information is used by 4WDV in negotiations with the State Government and helps show the responsible side of four wheel driving.

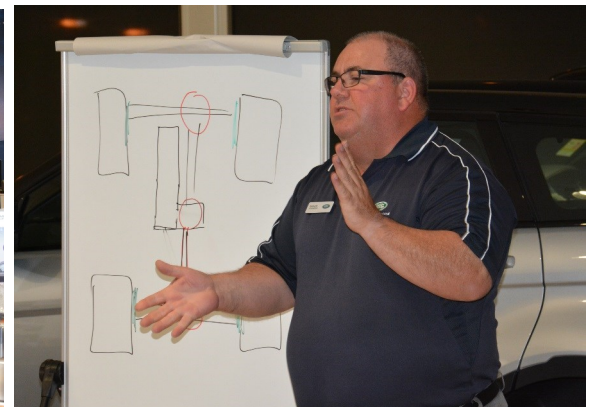
The club has undertaken work at the Wellington River camping sites, Wonnangatta Valley, Kelly Lane, McMichaels Hut, Kelly Hut, Moroka Hut, Howitt Hut, The Pinnacles, Horseyard Flat, Talbotville, Snowy Plains Airstrip and other sites in the Southern Alpine National Park.

The work the club undertakes has changed over the years. From general clean up and light maintenance work the tasks have expanded to building lasting assets in the Park. The new signs, cement fire rings and wooden picnic table sets that have been constructed will last for years to come and be of benefit to all Park users.

Message from Wayne Hevey, CEO of Four Wheel Drive Victoria. "Excellent work by all of you and a very well deserved award. Congratulations to all your club members for a job extremely well done over many years now and how wonderful of Mike Dower and Parks Victoria to acknowledge the efforts in this way. I would like your permission to publish this in Trackwatch if I can get it into the March or maybe the June editions."



Ian Blake, Greg Rose and Mike Dower with a trailer load of rubbish during the first joint venture.



Shaun Johnson gave an excellent presentation on four wheel drive principles, driving an automatic four wheel drive in off road situations, and the correct use of the various Terrain Response functions on a modern Land Rover vehicle.

April General Meeting, Monday the 3rd of April.

We will be having a model/toy Land Rover collection display. David Murray has asked that members bring along "some" of their collection of Land Rover scale models.

Beau Missen will attend the meeting to answer Land Rover related questions.

14th HISTORIC LAND ROVER WEEKEND

Friday April 7th – Sunday April 9th 2017

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

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

Activities

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

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

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

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

Roof of Victoria exploration.

Easter long weekend (April 14 - 17)

Like every year, the plan is to head to Buenba gap, up Mount Pinnibar, along the Davies High plains and then down to have a look at the caves at Limestone creek. Like other years, we'll be travelling a slightly different route to every other time I've lead a trip up here.

Meeting Time: Ready to leave at 1pm.

Meeting Place: Park at the end of Creek St in Omeo

Standard: Medium, Hard if wet.

Trip Limit: Six Vehicles.

Food: Bring food and water for four days.

Pets: As we will be heading into the Alpine National Park, no pets.

Equipment: Snatch Strap, tow points front and rear, camping equipment, usual recovery gear, aggressive All terrain tyres minimum, Mud terrain if wet.

Contact: Craig Murray 0438 109 063

Bunyip state forest trip with West Gippsland Ranger guides

On the 23 April we are going to go for a drive in the Bunyip state forest.

We are looking for people who will have spare seats and a current working with children's check for transporting the ranger guides.

You can still come along if you don't have a wwc any way for a scenic drive.

Meeting at Picnic point Old princess high way Longwarry nth.

time 9:30 am

Standard : medium

Bring your own lunch , chairs,

Contact David or Janice Murray 0356255030 , 0439611055 or 0438369110

Land Rover's Birthday Drive & picnic lunch

The Land Rover was released 30 April 1948.

Come and celebrate Land Rovers 69th birthday drive and BYO picnic lunch.

This will be a combined event with the LROCG and LROCV

We will be going on a drive North of Erica to a lunch spot in the bush.

Plenty of time to socialize and share stories

Meeting place; Moe K Mart car park

Time: 9:30 am

Standard: easy / medium

Equipment: LAND ROVER, lunch , chairs, stories, camera

Contact : David & Janice Murray 0438369110

or email janicemurray5@gmail.com



Mary Clancy goes up to Father O'Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears. He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?" She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me Mary, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father." The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"

She says, He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun...'

Aberfeldy Track Working Bee
27th and 28th of May

The plan for this weekend to do some maintenance on the Toombon mine site and at Webber's point. The work involved will be cleaning of signs, brush cutting of walking tracks and mine sites and using the self propelled mower to mow walking tracks. We will need a trailer or tray to carry the self propelled mower from Erica, out to the sites and back, so when booking in, can you let me know if you can do this?

Meeting Time: 9:00

Meeting Place: Rawson recreation reserve

Trip Standard: Easy

Equipment: Suitable protective clothing, equipment for clearing signs and walking tracks. The Aberfeldy track team have two brush cutters that we can borrow, but if we have more it would be better. Also ensure that you have enough food and water for two days, we will be bush camping.

Contact: Craig Murray 0438 109 063

Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland / Parks Victoria.
Combined working events, 2017.

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

Club members and Foothills and Southern Alps PV staff from the Heyfield and Dargo offices have formed a great relationship. The work we do is highly regarded by Parks Victoria and by Four Wheel Drive Victoria as the volunteer hours help FWDV in negotiating funding with the State Government.

We have two multi day events again this year.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Some pictures from Victorian 4WD Show at Wandin

