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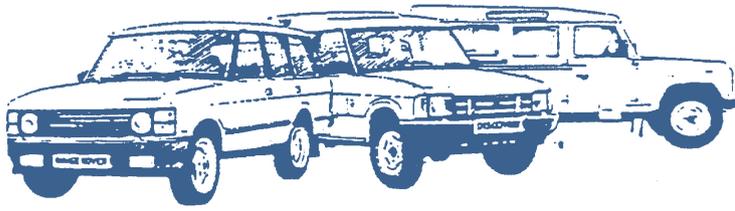
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LROCG News July 2017

All New Discovery.

Thanks to Charlie for having an All New Discovery available for club members to sit in, crawl under, play with all the features and generally admire at the July club meeting. In Charlie's absence Shaun was able to explain and demonstrate the features of the vehicle. The all black HSE was certainly an impressive machine. Charlie will have demonstrator vehicles after the official launch. Shaun is off to do his Land Rover Experience thing with the launch over the next few weeks – such a hard life!

Record Number of Apologies.

On a day off record breaking freezing temperatures in much of Gippsland we had a record number of apologies for the July meeting. We still had quite a respectable number at the meeting able to make fun of the travellers off in warmer climates. We are lucky to have the nice warm facilities at Gippsland Land Rover for our meetings – thanks Charlie and Marco.

Thanks Helen.

Many thanks to Helen MacRae for stepping into the Minutes Secretary role while Tonee enjoyed the nightlife of downtown Birdsville. Meanwhile, Alan was probably busking outside the Birdsville Hotel, collecting money to pay for the two new tyres he had to buy at Birdsville prices.

On The Mend.

It is good to see the large number of club members who have had accidents, operations and illnesses this year returning to the meetings, well on their way to recovery.

Cooma Easter 2018 and Thanks Fred.

Fred DeGooyer attended the July meeting as a guest. Fred is currently President of the Land Rover Owners Club of Victoria. Having recently been to a planning meeting in Cooma for the 70th Anniversary of Land Rover Fred was able to give us some more information about this exciting event and the support from the Cooma community and council. The main message at the moment is; if you plan on going, book accommodation as soon as possible. There will be trips, dinners and other events and we will keep members informed as soon as we have details.

Alan's Quiz.

Alan MacRae entertained members at the July meeting with a slide show of Dunsfold and other Land Rovers and ran a quiz about rare and unusual Land Rover products. It was easy to pick the members who have spent way too much time delving into Land Rover's history! Thanks Alan for an informative and interesting presentation and quiz. The presentation reminded us of Land Rover's long history of innovation and product development.

Upcoming Trips.

There are some very good trips scheduled for this year. David Murray has some great outings featuring visits to local historic areas. Check the newsletter for trip details. There are dates and brief outlines in each month's minutes too. It would be nice to see some of our newer members come along. The Parks Victoria working days are a great way to socialise with members too. We are always looking for new trip leaders. If you have a favourite place, think about running a club trip to share it.

New South Wales National Parks Concession Cards.

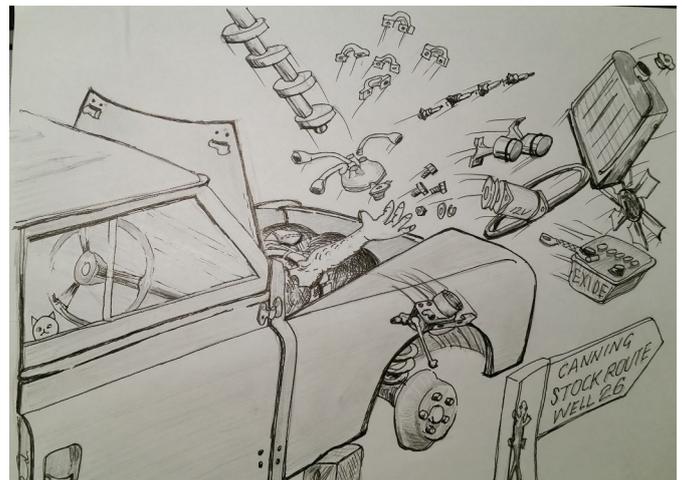
If you are of a certain age, I am trying to put this delicately, and have a pension or seniors card, you are eligible for full or partial entry concessions or exemptions to New South Wales National Parks. The cards have to be applied for annually. Do an online search for NPWS Exemption Card and follow the instructions. These cards will save you quite a lot in park entry fees. Handy if you want to enter the Kosciusko National Park from Cooma next Easter. Greg Rose.

This month's cover; First Discovery owned by Greg & Lois Rose

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WHAT DO YOU MEAN, - You can't find it? Didn't you check the club's common fault register before you left.

LAND ROVER'S 70TH BIRTHDAY IN AUSTRALIA

COOMA SHOW GROUND, NSW.
Friday 30th March to Monday 2nd April, 2018



SAVE THE DATE

Plans are underway for the celebration of Land Rover's 70th birthday. Following on the success of the 60th, we have been welcomed back to Cooma by the Snowy Monaro Regional Council and the Cooma Car Club for a four-day event over Easter 2018. With Land Rover's close ties with one of the world's greatest engineering feats, the Snowy Mountains Scheme, it's fitting that we should return to Cooma.

Land Rover Australia have already signed up as a key sponsor, and as in past events will have all the latest models on display.

All sorts of events are being planned by the sponsors and organisers, the Land Rover Owners' Club of Victoria, The Land Rover Owners' Club of Sydney, the Range Rover Club of New South Wales and the Land Rover Club of the ACT. The 60th in 2008 event attracted over 750 Land Rovers and nearly 1,400 enthusiasts. The organisers of the 70th are hoping for 1,000 Land Rovers. Any owner of any type of Land Rover or Range Rover, be it modified or un-modified, old or new, in original condition or fully restored should attend. But you really need only to be a Land Rover lover – you don't have to own one to enjoy the weekend.

Activities at the 70th will include:

- Displays by trade exhibitors.
- Trips of varying standards in and around the Cooma and Snowy Mountains district.
- A motorkhana.
- One (and possibly 2) Terrapod test tracks, supplied by Land Rover Australia.
- The Grand Parade of Land Rovers through the main streets of Cooma.
- A swap meet.
- Demonstrations of recovery techniques.
- Attractions for the children.
- A Gala Dinner with award presentations, with guest speakers.

The time has come for all those Land Rover lovers who have been putting off restoring their beloved old vehicles to get to it.



JAGUAR LAND ROVER SEES STRONG JUNE SALES, DRIVEN BY HEALTHY CHINA MARKET

	June	% increase YOY	Apr – June (Q1)	% increase YOY
Jaguar Land Rover	51,591	11.0%	137,463	3.5%
Jaguar	15,343	16.4%	41,266	29.7%
Land Rover	36,248	8.9%	96,197	(4.7)%

Ahead of the Range Rover Velar arriving in showrooms, retail sales for Jaguar Land Rover reached 51,591 vehicles this month, up 11.0% on June 2016. Retail sales for the quarter totalled 137,463 vehicles, up 3.5% compared to the same quarter last year.

Retail sales for June were up year-on-year in China (65.3%), the UK (3.8%), Europe (3.7%) and North America (3.2%) whilst sales in Overseas markets were down 8.5%, due to challenging conditions in emerging markets such as Brazil, the Middle East and Russia.

Andy Goss, Jaguar Land Rover Group Sales Operations Director, said: "Jaguar Land Rover saw another positive performance in June, led by strong sales in China, both from imported vehicles and our Chinese joint venture.

"Jaguar sales were up 16.4% thanks to another strong month for F-PACE and XF. This month has also seen solid sales of our flagship Range Rover and the Discovery Sport. July will mark the start of sales for the new Range Rover Velar, which was revealed in March."

Jaguar sales reached 15,343 vehicles in June, up 16.4% on June last year, with strong continued sales from F-PACE and XF. Land Rover retailed 36,248 vehicles in June, up 8.9% on the same month last year, led by continuing strong demand for the new Discovery and solid Range Rover sales.



Some words of wisdom from Hoody,

A day without sunshine is like, well. Night.
On the other hand, you have different fingers.
Light travels faster than sound. That's why some people appear bright, until you hear them speak.
I just got lost in thought, it was unfamiliar territory.
Those who live by the sword get shot by those who don't.
If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

China's Landwind X7 Copycat Crashes Into Range Rover Evoque!

Not even the most twisted minds could have come up with this scenario; a red example of China's infamous Landwind X7 smashed into a same colored version of the car it unashamedly copied, the British Range Rover Evoque.

Chinese media reported that the accident happened yesterday afternoon at an intersection in the city of Chongqing, with police finding the driver of the Landwind X7 at fault. While the two similar looking SUVs suffered some minor body injuries, no human was hurt in the making of this crash.

A highly convincing copy of the Range Rover Evoque, the Landwind X7 was announced in 2014 before entering production and going on sale in China last year at a fraction of the cost of the original Land Rover, with prices starting from around 120,000 yuan (\$18,000) compared to 528,000 yuan (\$80,000) that the British automaker commands for the Evoque.

As you'd expect, Jaguar-Land Rover (JLR) wasn't at all happy with the Chinese automaker, but despite all their legal efforts, the British company failed to stop Landwind from offering the X7 for sale. In June, a Chinese court cancelled both JLR and Landwind's design copyrights on their respective models, designating the Evoque's and X7's exterior design filed patents as "invalid". Despite the setback, JLR is still continuing litigation against Landwind owner Jiangling Motors, though, legal experts say the lawsuit for copyright infringement and unfair competition is likely to be thrown out.



JAGUAR LAND ROVER AND GORILLAZ SEEK NEW ENGINEERING TALENT VIA ALTERNATE REALITY

Jaguar Land Rover use new Gorillaz mixed reality app as innovative recruitment tool

App has a code-breaking challenge to test future engineering talent

Global initiative aims to recruit more than 1,000 electronic and software engineers to Jaguar Land Rover's expanding business

Jaguar Land Rover needs 5,000 recruits this year

Gorillaz guitarist Noodle is Jaguar's Formula E race team and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) Ambassador

Alternate reality, 19 June 2017: Jaguar Land Rover and Gorillaz are working together to recruit the next generation of world-class electronics and software engineering talent with a code-breaking challenge found in the virtual band's app.

The best performers will be fast-tracked through the recruitment process, helping to meet Jaguar Land Rover's ambition to employ thousands of bright new talents over the next year. It's a major change in the way the business looks for candidates, aiming to tackle the engineering skills gap and inspire and attract a diverse range of talent and new thinking.

Noodle, the band's guitarist and a Jaguar Land Rover ambassador, said: "Can you crack the code? Put your skills to the test!! Hey, maybe you might land yourself *the* most BADASS job you can imagine. Dare to win!"

The Gorillaz App today launches a new Jaguar Land Rover recruitment area in the form of a 360-environment situated in the garage of the band's home which also features all the iconic vehicles from Gorillaz past. Here, applicants can explore and take a two-part challenge. The first part, designed to educate users about the benefits of electric vehicles, involves assembling the Jaguar I-PACE Concept, Jaguar's first all-electric five-seater sports car. Users can learn about the vehicle's performance, battery technology, space, charging and range.

The second and more demanding part of the game, developed to engage and recruit budding electronic wizards and coders, will focus on cracking code in Alternate Reality Game format (ARG). The challenge takes them on a series of code breaking puzzles, that will test their curiosity, persistence, lateral thinking and problem solving skills - all real world attributes of a new generation of software and engineering talent.

Alex Heslop, Head of Electrical Engineering, Jaguar Land Rover, said: "As the automotive industry transforms over the next decade, fuelled by software innovation, we have to attract the best talent and that requires a radical rethink of how we recruit. Here we've found an engaging way to recruit a diverse talent pool in software systems, cyber systems, app development and graphics performance. It will be the first of its kind."



Davor Kravac, Executive Creative Director, B-Reel London, said: "This exciting collaboration between Gorillaz and Jaguar Land Rover adds an Alternative Reality Game layer to what is already a cutting edge mixed reality mobile experience combining AR, VR and 360."

The Jaguar I-TYPE, Panasonic Jaguar Racing's all-electric Formula E racecar, appears in the garage. Users can click on a poster of Noodle with the I-TYPE and 'FanBoost' which enables them to vote for the @JaguarRacing team drivers to gain a power boost during their next race or to follow @JaguarRacing twitter channels.

The project follows on from Jaguar Land Rover's STEM initiative with Gorillaz in 2016, where founder member and female guitarist, Noodle, became Jaguar's Formula E Racing Ambassador. As the UK's leading investor in research and development and a leading global automotive manufacturer, Jaguar Land Rover is putting Noodle at the forefront of its campaign to address the skills gap that manufacturing worldwide is facing.

The company has used its debut season in Formula E to promote Jaguar Land Rover's thought-leadership position as a business that is shaping the future to solve the technology innovation and skills gap challenges.

Interested applicants can download the Gorillaz App now at the iTunes App Store (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/gorillaz/id1217997478?mt=8>) or Google Play (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.Parlophone.Gorillaz&hl=en>).

To find out more about Jaguar Land Rover recruitment, click here www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com. For specific roles in Electrification see: www.jaguarlandrovercareers.com/jlr-roles/product-creation/electrification/

Traditional application methods remain open and CVs will be accepted, but Jaguar Land Rover invites potential applicants to download the app and break the codes and solve the problems to fast-track their way into employment.

RISING JAGUAR LAND ROVER STAR AMY WINS AUTOCAR'S GREAT BRITISH WOMEN AWARD

Dr Amy Rimmer, Jaguar Land Rover engineer, wins Autocar's Rising Star Award

21 inspirational women from Jaguar Land Rover were among the top 100 British women selected by the Autocar panel

Autocar's awards ceremony recognises extraordinary women in the car industry

Jaguar Land Rover is focused on diversity in the workplace and encourages women to choose automotive careers

Jaguar Land Rover engineer Dr Amy Rimmer has won Autocar magazine's Rising Star award for British women in the car industry. A panel of judges recognised 29-year-old Amy's significant work as an autonomous vehicle research engineer and her passion and commitment to the car industry. In addition Amy also won the Vehicle Development category award.

Amy said: "I am thrilled to have been named Autocar's Rising Star. To be recognised for my work in future autonomous cars is really exciting. Encouraging young people to consider automotive careers is so important to the future of our industry."

Jaguar Land Rover employees took 21 of the 100 places in Autocar's list of British women in the car industry. Among them was 21-year-old Chloe Crutchlow, who won the Apprentice category for her work on the emissions measurement technologies.

The Autocar Rising Star awards identify and celebrate the British car industry's most promising future female talent, highlighting the range of career opportunities available. The awards celebrate roles from retail to manufacturing, from vehicle development to communications. Amy Rimmer was chosen as the overall winner from the shortlist of category winners.

Amy's passion for numbers led her to study mechanical engineering at Cambridge University, with placements at the McLaren F1 team. She then completed a graduate scheme at Rolls Royce plc, before studying for a PhD, working on autonomously reversing trucks with trailers. Amy joined Jaguar Land Rover in 2015 and now works as a research engineer on ADAS (Advanced Driver Assistance Systems) and autonomous systems and is developing vehicles which can navigate urban environments autonomously.

Nick Rogers, Jaguar Land Rover Executive Director of Product Engineering, said "Our growth in recent years has been phenomenal, with the number of engineers rising to over 10,000. Our focus is on creating pioneering products for our customers and, because we have embraced a very diverse range of global talent into the team, we have been able to develop our engineering skills to help us deliver this. We all know that there is a shortfall of female engineers within the automotive industry but initiatives such as Jaguar Land Rover's 'Young Women in the Know' and our 'Women in Engineering' undergraduate scheme have helped to increase our female engineering workforce from nine per cent to 11 per cent. Our aim is to keep encouraging women to pursue careers in engineering and continue to attract more women into our business."

Jaguar Land Rover provides a range of initiatives to support and nurture future female talent. Currently 15.5 per cent of Jaguar Land Rover's engineering apprentices are female, compared with a national average of four per cent. The Young Women in the Know programme supports young women by challenging perceptions that the automotive industry is unsuitable for women. Jaguar Land Rover has a wide range of other educational initiatives which aim to excite young people about engineering and encourage them to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects at GCSE-level and beyond.

Jaguar Land Rover is committed to inspiring more girls and women to consider careers in engineering and manufacturing.

New Land Rover Defender ute 'number one' on local wish list

It might seem as "Through The Looking Glass" weird as Veuve Clicquot releasing a range of caffeinated soft drinks, but Land Rover might be about to launch a ute – or a pick-up truck, as the Americans like to call them.

Speaking at the first Australian drive of the enticing new 2018 Land Rover Discovery, JLR's Australian managing director Matthew Wiesner admitted he would dearly love to see a pick-up truck in the Land Rover range, because it would have enormous sales potential in Australia and, frankly, around the world, with Mercedes-Benz, for one, about to launch a high-end competitor for the Toyota HiLux.

"A pickup would be the number-one desired product for us," Wiesner said. "I mean, there's enormous demand and you have to remember that it's a product that sits very much in our space."

Such a vehicle, a radical departure for the classy, supremely English brand, Land Rover, would have enormous appeal both in



Australia and in the home of the pick-up truck, the USA. And it could be based on the next Defender, depending on how its design shakes out.

Wiesner admits that, while there is huge demand for a new Defender in markets like Australia, he's still far away from being able to announce any new news about its impending arrival on the global stage.

"I can only tell you that what (global design boss) Gerry McGovern said about Defender at the Discovery launch earlier this year remains our official position," Wiesner said.

McGovern told CarAdvice in Utah earlier this year that he was sick of Australian journalists asking about Defender but that "it's going to be nothing like those bloomin' concept cars we showed a few years go, because we took the Mick with those."

"Our brand has been on a journey of transformation, and the Discovery is the latest step on that; it's less polarising, more appealing." he added. "We haven't always been known for great design in the past, because we came from a very functional base. The cars looked like they did so they could do what they had to, but that's what I want us to be known for; design.

"You'll see that on Defender, it is coming. We've pushed Discovery closer to Range Rover, which will allow the Defenders to come in under that."

McGovern says the brand will be split into three pillars, with Range Rover standing for exclusivity, Discovery equalling versatility, while "Defenders are going to be all about their durability".

The end goal is to have a bigger family of Land Rovers available, allowing the company to build volume and tap into the growth in SUV demand.

"The Defenders, when they come, there will be a whole family of them, and if you look at where we currently are and where we could be in six or seven years time, it's a massive shift," McGovern said.

So, Defender is coming, and a ute version might well be part of its offering, but for now, it's a case of wait and see.

New Land Rover Defender coming in 2020

Land Rover Australia's product and planning manager Brett Lewis-Driver has confirmed a new Defender is in the pipeline when asked by 4x4Australia at the recent launch of the new Discovery.

Here's what you need to know: yes, it's definitely coming. Yes, there's a team working on it now. No, it's not a priority and won't happen before 2020. Yes, it will be the most off-road capable model in the Land Rover line up.

No, it won't be built off a new platform and will use an existing platform. And Finally, no it won't be designed for commercial, rural or military use; it will be a recreational vehicle only.

Also at the launch, Jaguar-Land Rover Australia managing director Matthew Wiesner said "A pickup would be the number-one desired product for us," not surprising given the booming sales of dual-cab utes currently in Australia.

And utes are also very much in Land Rover's core DNA, so it's an excellent product fit as well." Logically it seems that Defender will come in a few body variants with priority given to a dual-cab ute with other variants to follow. But given everything also points to the new Defender being built off the Discovery's aluminium-monocoque platform rather than a separate chassis, having a vast number of models -as was the case with the old Defender -will be very expensive. After a dual-cab ute, a five-door wagon seems the most likely variant perhaps followed by a short-wheelbase three-door wagon or even an extended-cab ute. By using those four basic body styles and with a choice of couple of engines, optional wheel and tyre spec you could quickly flesh out a model range. Lewis-Driver also indicated that smaller brakes are being developed to allow a more practical wheel and tyre spec somewhere south of 19s. Perhaps the best news is the happy relationship that Land Rover appears to be having with Indian owners, Tata. For what seems like a love of the iconic British brand, Tata is pouring money into Land Rover but at the same time letting Land Rover get on with the job of developing new models like the Defender.

JAGUAR LAND ROVER SOLIHULL WORKFORCE CELEBRATE THEIR F-PACE AS THE BEST CAR IN THE WORLD

The World Car of the Year UK Jurors visited the home of where the best and most beautiful car in the world is built – Jaguar Land Rover Solihull. The Jaguar F-PACE was awarded World Car of the Year and World Design Car of the Year 2017 and six of the WCOTY Jurors wished to congratulate the Solihull workforce in building the first Jaguar SUV.

Steve Fowler, World Car of the Year Juror and Editor in Chief at Auto Express said: "It's been wonderful to present these awards to the Solihull workforce. The Jaguar F-PACE looks great, looks sporty and it looks like a Jaguar should. It's built brilliantly." Jaguar Land Rover CEO, Dr. Ralf Speth and Solihull Operations Director Nigel Blenkinsop were handed the awards by World Car of the Year and then Nigel paid tribute to the Solihull workforce who are all behind the build of the fastest selling Jaguar of all time. Third year maintenance apprentice, Nick Langford said: "I am so proud to have contributed to the build of

what has been awarded the best and most beautiful car in the world. The whole plant is buzzing with pride. It was a true honour."



New Land Rover Defender Is Not Far Away

It's difficult waiting patiently for a new Land Rover Defender, specifically after hearing that it's concerning the United States, thankfully, Land Rover design official Gerry McGovern states the model is "not far away".

At the Automotive News Europe Congress recently, McGovern discussed the much-hyped successor, which will recharge the original model that ended production in last year after a run of over 60 years. The new variation is anticipated to keep the same durability as the original. "You'll be able to kick the hell out of them and they'll get up for more," McGovern stated.

While the new Defender's look will keep an emotional connection to the previous generation, McGovern hinted the brand-new version will be more contemporary, saying it's suggested to appeal to a new generation of purchasers in addition to current Defender owners.

"This was a vehicle that for a long time was the emotional core of our brand. In order to move our brand forward we have to create preferable and appropriate vehicles to interest a wider group of customers," he added.

McGovern's comments affirms what we know. A few years back, we discovered that a brand-new Defender will show up in 2018 to commemorate the nameplate's 70th anniversary. Land Rover might produce about 30,000 units of the go-anywhere SUV yearly. The new Defender, which is bound for the U.S., will be based upon the same aluminum-intensive architecture as the Range Rover Sport and new Land Rover Discovery.

1988 Land Rover Perentie Defender 110: 4X4 Shed

So, I bought a Perentie. It's all Robbie Emmins' fault. If I hadn't taken his 1956 Series 1 for a drive a while back, the Land Rover flame may not have been rekindled.

The Perentie 4x4 is actually a Defender 110 built in Sydney for the ADF. In soft-top form it's a rough, tough, noisy, flapping tent on wheels that has all the ergonomic comfort of sitting in a hay shed during a hailstorm. They'll happily sit on 100km/h all day long, but the sensation is similar to being in a low-flying crop duster. However, the Perentie is quite possibly the most capable Land Rover ever built, and best of all they're also part of Australian manufacturing history. And, for the beach bums out there, they sit on a galvanised chassis. I'd been watching the Australian Frontline Machinery auctions on Grays Online, and the prices seemed to have stabilised somewhat. There were, after all, only 2500 Perentie 4x4s made and roughly 600 6x6 variants. As the clock ticked down on the auctions in Darwin and Sydney I couldn't help myself and threw in a bid, and then another, and then got completely caught up in the hype.

The Minto NSW auctions make the most sense for east coast buyers. These vehicles come with a NSW blue slip ready for rego, and it's an easier location to inspect the goods beforehand. As a result, these trucks always go for more dough. I, however, did things completely a*** about, and bought one for substantially less in Darwin, sight unseen – which, of course, you should never do. I then decided to do something even more inadvisable, I decided drive it back to Brisbane across the heart of the outback to give us some bonding time.

I checked over the new purchase on arrival. It was cosmetically a little shabby; sitting around in the tropics had weathered a few bits and pieces. But the 66kW/245Nm 3.9-litre Isuzu diesel coughed into life with no dramas. The coolant was where the coolant should be and so was the oil. I checked for anything that may be loose, threw my swag in the back and then hit the road south. Perenties use a four-speed LT95A transmission and the gear ratios are quite tall, which is good for highway driving. They have a reputation for eating clutches if driven unsympathetically, though. Front and rear diffs are Salisbury and Rover.

4x4 models are naturally aspirated, but the 6x6 variants are turbocharged. That said, the unstressed Isuzu donk took the drive in its stride. I was even able to pass a triple road train or two. I was tempted to divert via the Savannah Way, but figured I was pushing my luck as it was. On road these Landies handle like a bowl of porridge, but Perenties came standard with a 2.5-inch lift (over a standard Defender) and sit on coils all round, so show it a bit of dirt and it's immediately at home.

The trip wasn't entirely without incident as I had some lighting issues, so I had to drive mainly through the daylight hours – the wiring is a dog's breakfast. It would also occasionally jump out of high-range, but some zip-tie engineering got me home.

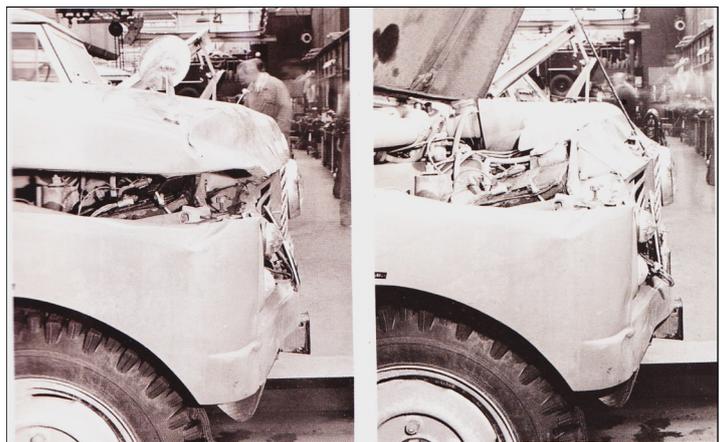
I may now be a little deafer, but I've well and truly succumbed to the Perentie bug. Now it's time to get it ready for rego and perhaps the addition of a turbo. Let the fun begin. (There are a few factual errors in this story, but I reproduced it as is. Editor.)

TOTAL KM: 97,368KM

DATE ACQUIRED: Feb 2017

KM THIS MONTH: 3609km

AV FUEL: 11.7l/100km



Range Rover Prototype two has the distinction of being the first Range Rover to be crashed. A mileage driver had an accident in it at the gates of the MIRA test centre.

Rowan Atkinson's Land Rover Defender

Rowan Atkinson is well-known as an actor, comedian, and screenwriter, but he's also an avid driver, car collector, and motor-sport fan. He famously drove his multi-million dollar McLaren F1 with much gusto, covering over 41,000 miles and twice crashing it – but ensuring it was fastidiously restored both times.

Though he's most closely associated with the Mr Bean character, he rose to fame in the hit British TV series Black Adder and in 1992 he toured his show Rowan Atkinson Live – still considered by many to be one of the finest comedy stage shows of the era.

This Heritage Edition Land Rover Defender was ordered from the factory by Atkinson in 2015 for personal use, he's the only owner since new and he covered 2,260 miles in two years – meaning it's still almost new.

Atkinson will be selling his Defender at the Silverstone Classic Sale on the 29th till the 30th of July with Silverstone Auctions – the estimated hammer price is between £38,000 and £45,000, which would actually be a fair price for a low-mileage limited edition Defender like this even without the celebrity first owner.

The Heritage Edition Defenders were among the final Defenders to roll off the production line. Just 400 were made and they all featured the iconic Grasmere Green metallic paintwork, Alaska White roof, heritage style grille, headlamp surrounds, silver front bumpers, heavy-duty steel wheels, and HUE 166 graphics in tribute to the first ever pre-production Series I Land Rover from 1947.



New Land Rover Discovery scores five-star safety

ANCAP delivers its verdict on British firm's new SUV. Land Rover's much-anticipated fifth-generation Discovery has been awarded a five-star safety rating. The Australasian New Car Assessment Program (ANCAP) said the Discovery scored strongly across four areas of safety assessment, achieving "90 per cent for Adult Occupant Protection, 80 per cent for Child Occupant Protection, 75 per cent for Pedestrian Protection and a Safety Assist score of 73 per cent.

"The Discovery earned its 5 star safety rating showing strengths in structure, design and equipment," said ANCAP chief executive James Goodwin.

"Crash test dummy readings indicated good levels of protection of all critical body regions in the side impact test as well as the more severe side pole test. Protection of the knees and femurs for both the driver and passenger in the frontal offset test was also good,"

"There was however insufficient pressure in the driver's airbag which saw the dummy's head contact the steering wheel and a penalty was applied in the scoring," Goodwin said. "The Discovery is fitted as standard with all three grades of autonomous emergency braking – City, Interurban and Vulnerable Road User – and all performed well during testing."

The Discovery launches in Australia next week. Included in its standard safety arsenal are curtain airbags for all three rows, a manual speed-limiter and emergency stop signal.

Australian-spec models will miss out on a new automatic speed-limiting system available in European models.



New Land Rover Discovery on sale August 1

Fifth-generation, all-diesel Discovery range begins from \$65,960. The wait is over for adventure-seeking family SUV buyers with Land Rover Australia today announcing its fifth-generation Discovery will go on sale from August 1.

As detailed last year, the lighter (-480kg), aluminium-intensive range will be offered in five model grades with three turbo-diesel engines.

The line-up begins with the Discovery S Td4, priced from \$65,960 (plus on-road costs), and tops out at \$131,871 (plus ORCs) for the First Edition Td6. An extensive range of cosmetic, technology and capability option packages are also available.

Looking similar to the upper-crust Range Rover Sport, Land Rover Australia assures us the latest Discovery loses none of the off-road SUV's famed ability. But there's a catch... All variants offer an eight-speed automatic and permanent all-wheel drive system as standard, though not all variants include the off-road-focused Terrain Response 2 system and air suspension as part of the deal. Likewise, braked towing capacity varies between models. Td4 variants offer 3000kg of braked towing ability, the remainder of the range a best-in-class 3500kg. Land Rover says its latest Discovery is the most technologically advanced yet, and includes JLR's InControl infotainment array across the board. It's also the brand's most flexible. There's now the availability of five and seven-seat variants across the range, all offering from 258-1231-2500 litres of luggage space. Missing, however, is the outgoing model's two-piece tailgate.

With a recently announced five-star ANCAP rating, and a considerable arsenal of active and passive safety equipment, the latest Discovery is also Land Rover's safest. Highlights include full-length curtain airbags, autonomous emergency braking (AEB), lane-departure warning and adaptive cruise control, to name but a few.

For the first time since the Discovery Series 1 (1989-98) it is



offered with a four-cylinder engine option. The 2.0-litre Ingenium unit is offered in two specification levels, the Td4 making 132kW/430Nm and the Sd4 developing 177kW/500Nm. Combined cycle fuel economy for the pair is listed at 6.2 and 6.4L/100km respectively. A 3.0-litre V6, dubbed Td6, is also available. It produces 190kW/600Nm and consumes 7.2L/100km on the ADR Combined cycle.

“There have been around 140,000 Land Rovers sold in Australia since 1991,” said Land Rover Australia’s general manager of marketing, Tim Kreiger. “65,000 of these have been Discoverys; that’s almost one-in-two Land Rover sales in the last 25 years. “Since the previous-generation Discovery launch in 2004, it has accounted for almost 33 per cent of the model mix, and towards the end of its lifespan this actually increased.

“Normally sales volumes decline over the vehicle life cycle. However, that was not the case with the Discovery. In fact, in 2015, we sold 2900 units of the car, and it was the top-selling Land Rover model. “This is now the age of the digital Discovery. A new generation that remains true to its roots, but reflects the needs and wants of today’s customers,” he concluded. Globally, more than 1.2 million examples of the Land Rover Discovery have been sold since its introduction in 1989. Locally, sales of the Discovery have fallen to just 227 year-to-date (2017) in anticipation of the new model. Last year the Discovery finished fifth in its segment with 2470 sales.

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2017 Land Rover Discovery pricing:

- S Td4 five-seat — \$65,960 (plus ORCs)
- S Td4 seven-seat — \$71,560 (plus ORCs)
- S Sd4 five-seat — \$71,560 (plus ORCs)
- S Sd4 seven-seat — \$77,960 (plus ORCs)
- S Td6 five-seat — \$78,721 (plus ORCs)
- S Td6 seven-seat — \$84,671 (plus ORCs)
- SE Td4 five-seat — \$77,050 (plus ORCs)
- SE Td4 seven-seat — \$81,590 (plus ORCs)
- SE Sd4 five-seat — \$83,450 (plus ORCs)
- SE Sd4 seven-seat — \$87,990 (plus ORCs)
- SE Td6 five-seat — \$90,161 (plus ORCs)
- SE Td6 seven-seat — \$94,701 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Td4 five-seat — \$87,150 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Td4 seven-seat — \$90,550 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Sd4 five-seat — \$93,550 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Sd4 seven-seat — \$96,950 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Td6 five-seat — \$100,261 (plus ORCs)
- HSE Td6 seven-seat — \$103,661 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Td4 five-seat — \$100,261 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Td4 seven-seat — \$104,350 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Sd4 five-seat — \$107,350 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Sd4 seven-seat — \$110,750 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Td6 five-seat — \$114,061 (plus ORCs)
- HSE LUXURY Td6 seven-seat — \$117,461 (plus ORCs)
- FIRST EDITION Td6 — \$131,871 (plus ORCs)

2017 Land Rover Discovery option package pricing*:

- Black Design Pack — \$900 (SE, HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Business Pack — \$3900 (S only)
- Capability Plus Pack — \$3200 (SE, HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Cold Climate Pack — \$2500 (S, SE, HSE) / \$1100 (HSE Luxury)
- Cold Climate Pack Seven Seat — \$3200 (HSE only)
- Climate Comfort Pack — \$2500 (HSE only)
- Drive Pack — \$500 (HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Drive Pro Pack — \$3800 (S) / \$4800 (SE, HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Dynamic Design Pack 1 — \$3800 (HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Dynamic Pack 2 — \$2000 (HSE, HSE Luxury)
- InControl Connect Pro Pack — \$2200 (HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Luxury Climate Comfort Pack — \$4900 (HSE) / \$4500 (HSE Luxury)
- Luxury Climate Comfort Pack Seven Seat — \$5600 (HSE) / \$5200 (HSE Luxury)
- Remote Intelligent Seat Fold Pack — \$4800 (HSE, HSE Luxury)
- Seven Seat Pack — \$5600 (Td4 S) / \$6400 (Sd4 S, Td6 S)
- Technology Pack — \$4400 (S only)
- Technology Plus Pack — \$3200 (SE, HSE)
- Versatile Climate Comfort Pack — \$3900 (HSE) / \$1400 (HSE Luxury)
- Vision Assist Pack — \$2700 (S, SE) / \$2500 (HSE)

*A comprehensive range of options and accessories are available individually, including metallic and premium paints, and alloy wheel designs.

