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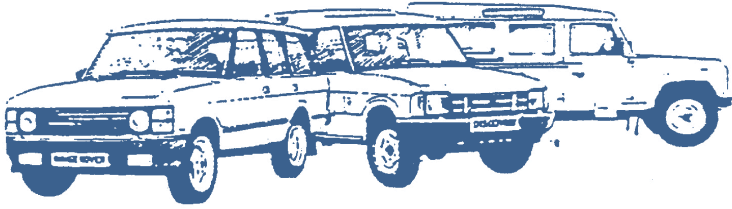
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LROCG News July 2019.

Membership Fees.

A reminder that if you have not paid the annual membership fees they are now **over-due**. The fees remain the same as last year, \$75. The fees can be paid at a club meeting, in person at Gippsland Land Rover or a cheque mailed to the LROCG c/o Gippsland Land Rover. It is important that the fees be paid as there is an insurance component in the amount charged. You should not be on club trips if you are not financial as you will have no insurance cover. You will have received a renewal form with your newsletter, either as an email or as a hard copy if you get a printed magazine.

General Manager.

If you walk past Charlie Calafiore's office door at Gippsland Jaguar Land Rover you might notice that the title on the door is "General Manager". On Charlie's return from Europe he will assume the role of General Manager / Dealer Principal. Congratulations to Charlie on this position. Tom Smith, who many of you have now met, will be working with Charlie in Land Rover Jaguar sales. Tom has been very helpful to us in Charlie's absence; attending the June meeting, setting up for meetings, providing building access, etc. Thanks Tom for your support of the LROCG.

New Defender.....at last!

In 1993 Lois and I were told by John Ayer, owner of ULR the Land Rover dealership in Melbourne, that a completely redesigned and modern replacement for the County / Defender vehicles would be released within twelve months. Well, here we are in 2019 and it's finally about to happen. The world will get to see the vehicle in early September. There have been plenty of "tease" releases and photos to whet potential buyers' appetites. This is a very big deal for the Land Rover company and fans of the product. I know there are a few club members keen to get proper details of the vehicle with thoughts of a purchase if it is as good as the pre release hype. It will be great for Gippsland Land Rover to have a Defender back in the product line up too. Australia gets to see the vehicle in the flesh in the first quarter of 2020.



Unimog At August Meeting.

Club member Wayne Foon has arranged to bring a Forest Fire Management / DELWP Mercedes Benz Unimog to the August meeting. These are very impressive machines. The Mogs have outstanding all terrain capabilities and a range of features to keep the crew of four safe. Designated as heavy tankers, they have a 4000 litre water capacity. Wayne will explain and demonstrate all the Unimog's features on the night. Bring suitable clothing for being outside for a short while. The Unimog is much too large to fit in the showroom but it will be under cover between the Jaguar / Land Rover and Isuzu / Suzuki buildings.

This month's cover; Ross & Sue Howell in the snow in their 2A 88" Land Rover

Land Rover Owners Club of Gippsland
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Volunteer Work With Parks Victoria.

These volunteer activities have been a highlight of our club calendar for several years. The LROCG has an excellent relationship with Mike Dower Area Chief Ranger Foothills and Southern Alps and the Rangers at Heyfield and Dargo. If you are new to the club, or have not been

on one of these activities, come along. You work at your own pace in some beautiful locations. Our scheduled May weekend with Parks Victoria was cancelled due to ongoing fire operations. We still have two events locked in for the year.

The first is on Saturday the 27th of July along the Wellington River camp grounds north of Licola. Meet at Licola Store at 9:30 a.m. Bar-b-que lunch. Bring what you need in the way of meat. Breads, sauces and sponge cake for dessert will be provided. Please contact me (Greg) if you intend to come along.

The second event is a three day collaborative working venture, somewhere north of Licola, in the Alpine National Park. The dates are Monday the 18th to Wednesday the 20th of November. These multi day events are great social outings as well as volunteer activities. There is often some great four wheel driving too. There are several members already booked in for November but there is always room for more. Contact Wayne Foon for details.

Club Name Badges.

We have some new members who may not have club name badges. Please let Charlie Calafiore or one of the committee members know so that badges can be ordered for you. There is no cost to members for the badges.

Greg Rose
President LROCG

Jaguar Land Rover is losing £4m a day - can it turn things around?

CEO Ralf Speth has pledged the company will return to profitability by the end of the financial year. Jaguar Land Rover announced a loss of £395m for the second quarter of the year on Thursday - which means the Coventry car maker has been losing more than £4m a day. As the company continues to chart a path through choppy waters it has faced a number of challenges, including slowing sales in China, declining demand for diesel vehicles and uncertainty over Brexit. Despite the difficult times it is enduring, Jaguar Land Rover's CEO Ralf Speth has pledged the company will return to profitability by the end of the current financial year. Announcing the £395m quarterly loss for the period from April to the end of June, the company said there were some encouraging signs in the shape of record UK sales, which were up 2.6 per cent year-on-year for the period. Another ray of hope was a rise in sales in China in June.

CoventryLive has spoken to former Land Rover chief engineer Dr Charles Tennant, now a respected automotive industry analyst, as to what the latest figures mean for the company going forward. Mr Tennant said Jaguar Land Rover was going through "worrying times" but seemed to be "on the right path" with its electric vehicle plans. He also said that given the global headwinds impacting on the automotive industry the prospect of a takeover by high-flying French car giant PSA



Group was still potentially on the horizon. Here's what Charles Tennant had to say on the state of the company.

"Jaguar Land Rover sales for the April to June quarter slumped 12 per cent to 129,000 vehicles and it lost a massive £395m, even though they are in the midst of a huge £2.5 billion cost saving programme. This comes after a major credit ratings downgrade forced them to take a bailout from the UK government, in the form of a £500m loan guarantee to help fund its vehicle electrification plans. The losses have also caused the company to swing to a negative cash flow of £719m and throttle back investment by £271m to £795m in the quarter. Amongst this bleak turmoil the only bright spot was the UK market which saw an upswing in sales of 2.6% but all other markets were down. Worryingly Europe was 9.3% down and China a whopping 29.2% both being much worse than the industry average. Sales were depressed across all of the vehicle range with the worst performers being the Jaguar XF, Land Rover Discovery & Discovery Sport, and Jaguar F-Pace. The Range Rover models fared little better although the electric Jaguar I-Pace saw a big upswing in sales.

So at least it would appear that JLR is now on the right path with plans to produce more electric vehicles, but this will come at a high cost in lean times, so I fear more debt will be loaded onto the company's balance sheet to fund this. These are worrying times for JLR as their owner Tata Motors is also struggling with losses in a rapidly slowing Indian car market and a share price that has tanked this year. Obviously JLR has suffered more than most with the diesel decline and is working hard on its collaboration with BMW on alternative gasoline engines and electrification plans, but it has other problems. The company has a complicated and overlapping vehicle range, which has caused a phenomenon known as sales cannibalisation, where similar vehicles across JLR simply compete for the same customers. Also it is hampered by poor quality and reliability as evident by coming last in the recent influential JD Power survey in America, warranty expenses at an all time high of 3.9% of revenue, and brand image damaging product recalls in China."

Are you worried about Jaguar Land Rover's future? "Yes. It's going through a tough time and it faces some serious challenges to turn things around. It has come through tough times before and will do so again. Whilst it is true that other premium and luxury vehicle manufacturers such as Daimler and BMW have also taken a hit on profits, they are much bigger companies more able to weather the storm than JLR. And meanwhile the French group PSA (Peugeot/Citroen/Opel/Vauxhall) is being touted as the turnaround king by Forbes for producing German style premium sector profit margins from its mass market cars and SUVs. It is now sitting on a cash pile and is looking for further acquisitions to grow its business further – could that be JLR in the not too distant future?"

Jaguar Land Rover granted £500 million loan guarantee by UK government

Having committed to building electric vehicles in Castle Bromwich, the British carmaker will have a £500 million loan guaranteed by the UK Government. Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has secured a £500 million (\$884 million) loan guarantee from the British Government, having last week announced plans to build its next-generation electric vehicles in the UK. The guarantee was made by the UK Export Finance agency, and is designed to give the struggling carmaker a leg-up in the race to develop electric vehicles. Theresa May announced the guarantee at a round-table meeting of carmakers at Downing Street in London. The British Prime Minister laid out plans to boost electric vehicle adoption, including a plan to make England the first country to make electric charging points mandatory in new homes. Last week, Jaguar Land Rover announced it will make the next-generation XJ a pure-electric sedan, and committed to re-tooling the Castle Bromwich factory to create the "UK's first premium electrified vehicle plant". It's a move that will preserve at least 2500 jobs in Britain, according to the company. The same factory recently voted to move to a four-day week as Jaguar Land Rover looks to slash costs. To support its new electric plans, Jaguar Land Rover called for the British government and industry to invest in 'giga-scale battery production' to 'support and grow' the existing vehicle supply chain.

Jaguar Land Rover Ratings Cut Again, But Profit Turnaround Expected

Financially troubled maker of luxury SUVs and sports cars Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has been boosted recently by its decision to accelerate electric car production, and a \$626 million loan guarantee from the British government. But British-based and Tata Motors of India owned JLR was reminded of reality Tuesday when Fitch Ratings downgraded some of its debt, citing weakening markets, high investment spending requirements, the prospect of a "disorderly" Brexit, and worries about tariff wars. Fitch said JLR is the most exposed premium manufacturer to a Brexit which doesn't include an agreed plan between the EU and Britain. But it also said current JLR losses will turn into small profits next year, and larger ones by 2022. This comes after Moody's Investors Service downgraded some of JLR's debt in June because of its continuing troubles in China, and similar worries about the huge amount of capital required to fund electrification. JLR reported a loss of \$4.6 billion for its financial year ended March 31. JLR has said it was cutting 4,500 jobs as part of a turnaround policy. In November last year JLR announced a plan, "Charge and Accelerate", to slash \$3.2 billion in costs over the next 18 months. Fitch said JLR is handicapped by its small size compared with the competition from Mercedes, BMW and Audi.



"JLR's business risk profile is negatively affected by its small scale relative to investment grade auto manufacturers as well as its high operating leverage. JLR's margins and cash flow were sharply affected by declining sales in China and Europe," Fitch said in a report. "Countering the sales slowdown over the last twelve months has been cost reductions in U.K. manufacturing and the move to lower cost manufacturing in Slovakia to support new model lines. Fitch expects volumes to remain relatively flat for the 2020 financial year as it forecasts negative sales growth in Europe and flat sales in China," the report said. Fitch expects JLR's EBIT (earnings before interest and tax) margin to recover to between 1%-2% in financial years 2020 and 2021, from negative 1.8%, excluding write-downs, in the financial year ended March 31. "We expect the EBIT margin to increase to 4% in financial 2022 as the effect of higher margin model launches is felt," Fitch said. In the report, Fitch reckoned JLR's plans would start to work in a couple of years. "We expect investment spending to remain high at between (\$4.4 billion-\$5.0 billion) from financial years 2020 through 2022. Fitch expects investment in new models, such as the Defender and Range Rover replacements, to bolster revenue and profitability in financial 2021 and 2022. JLR's investments in electric drive-train and battery plants should protect the company from capacity constraints in electric vehicle production, and ensure the supply chain remains under JLR's control for future production," the report said. Fitch said JLR's over-reliance on diesel power is being corrected and accounted for 71% of sales in the last financial year, down from over 90% the previous year. "This could be reduced by JLR's plans to offer the option of electrification on all of its vehicles from 2020. JLR's early introduction of PHEV (plug-in hybrid electric vehicle) technology has improved sales of its high-end SUVs compared to its rivals," the report said. In June JLR and BMW announced a plan to collaborate on developing electric motors and transmissions.

BMW and Jaguar Land Rover to share engines

BMW and Jaguar Land Rover are reportedly set to share petrol, diesel and hybrid powertrains in a bid to save money. British publication Autocar reports that the two companies will extend their recently announced partnership on electric vehicles to include internal combustion engines. BMW will provide Jaguar Land Rover with four- and six-cylinder petrol and diesel engines, and mild-hybrid versions of both for a range of vehicles. While the deal hasn't been officially announced, it will be a win-win for both companies. Jaguar Land Rover is under pressure amid declining sales while simultaneously needing to invest in developing a new range of electric vehicles, including an electric sedan that will replace the now defunct XJ. BMW will be able to amortise its investment in the next generation of internal combustion engines at a time when increasingly tighter emissions add to development costs. Partnerships are becoming more popular in the car industry as carmakers look to maximise the return on investment, especially with the increase in demand for electric vehicles. In recent months, Ford has taken a \$500 million stake in electric ute/SUV brand Rivian, and just last week expanded its partnership with Volkswagen for EV passenger cars. It's not just EVs though, with Toyota famously partnering with BMW for the new Supra/Z4 and Subaru for the 86/BRZ sports cars.

Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover sees weaker US sales for second month

Luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover posted its second straight monthly sales decline in U.S., adding to the worries of parent Tata Motors. Jaguar Land Rover sold 8,485 cars and SUVs across North America in June, down 9% from the year-earlier period, it said in a statement. Sales volumes of Land Rover fell 6% on-year to 6,593 vehicles, while that of Jaguar slumped 20%. "After setting record sales in previous years, we are beginning to see the industry soften," said Joe Eberhardt, president and chief executive of JLR North America. "But we are confident that with our robust product offering, we are in a position to maintain our sales momentum." Automobile sales in the U.S. showed a mixed trend last month, with SUVs continuing to draw consumer interest, while passenger cars further sliding, Reuters reported. Car sales have been hit by high interest rates while a number of cars coming off vehicle leases also damped demand, it added. JLR's weak monthly sales in the U.S. also comes in the backdrop of simmering problems at the British car maker, which has been witnessing a slowing demand in major markets, especially in China. JLR accounts for almost half of the Mumbai-based Tata Motors' unit sales and 75% of its total revenue. After years of good growth, JLR's retail volume growth in China turned negative in May 2018 and has been declining at high double-digit rates since last July. The marquee brand is also facing weakness from a demand slowdown in Europe and the U.K., hit by tougher emission rules, as well as the company's new electrification plans. The company said it will introduce a portfolio of electrified products across its model range in the coming years, embracing fully electric, plug-in hybrid, and mild hybrid vehicles, as well as continue to offer ultra-clean gasoline and diesel engines. Lower incentives offered by the automaker also hurt demand. Incentives at JLR dropped 20% sequentially, Nomura said, adding that Jaguar saw a 10% decline, while Land Rover posted a 28% slump. Higher incentives at other luxury rivals Mercedes Benz, BMW, and Audi helped improve their monthly sales volumes in June. Nomura expects JLR's sales volume to grow 6% in this fiscal year, led by the launch of new Range Rover Evoque variants and a new Defender.

The troubles at JLR last month prompted Moody's Investors Service to downgrade credit ratings of Tata Motors and JLR. The slump in demand had, earlier this year, forced JLR to cut 10% of its workforce and revamp its operations. In February, Tata Motors posted its biggest loss in India's corporate history of \$4 billion due to an impairment at JLR. In April, the company said it expects JLR to eventually return to profitability on the back of cost cuts and a recovery in Chinese demand. But it warned that the cash flow for JLR would be negative till fiscal 2021.

Tata Motors rose 1.8% in Mumbai trading on Thursday, while the benchmark S&P BSE Sensex ended 0.2% higher.

Jaguar Land Rover reports best ever July sales in US

Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) has released its July sales performance in the US: Land Rover sales were up 4% year-on-year at 6,456 units; Jaguar sales were 2,020 units, a 7% increase. Total July sales in the US reached 8,476 units, a 5% increase from in July 2018. For the calendar year, JLR achieved 70,881 units, an increase of 5% vs. 67,655 in 2018.

These figures follow worrying first quarter results for JLR published last week that revealed a £395 million pre-tax loss, widening from the £264 million loss in the same period last year. "We are proud to end the month with an increase in sales across both Jaguar and Land Rover," said Joe Eberhardt, president and CEO, JLR North America. With the industry experiencing significant headwinds, we remain confident that our award-winning SUV product offering, supported by our dedicated retailer network, will continue this sales momentum." Land Rover sales were driven by the Range Rover lineup. The new Range Rover Evoque is up 38% with 876 units sold. The Range Rover Sport continues to be the brand's sales leader with 1,748 units sold. The Range Rover is up 20% with 1,307 units sold. In the US, the 2019/2020 Land Rover model line-up features six models; two within the Discovery family, and four within the Range Rover Family.

Tata Motors eyes partnerships for Jaguar Land Rover

Tata Motors is looking to establish partnerships for its Jaguar Land Rover subsidiary, in light of the British outfit's volume slowdown and increasing losses. This was revealed by Natarajan Chandrasekaran, chairman of Tata Motors, at the company's 74th annual general meeting, as reported by *Financial Express*. According to JLR's financial results for the three-month period ending June 30, 2019, the company recorded a year-on-year 11.6% decline in its global retail sales to 128,615 vehicles for the quarter. It also reported a pre-tax loss of 395 million British pounds, which was higher than the loss of 264 million British pounds loss in the same period last year, on quarterly revenues that declined 2.8% year-on-year to 5.07 billion British pounds. Chandrasekaran described the automotive sector as both capital and investment intensive, especially to develop new products and technology. "The only way to handle the ongoing crisis and the continuing need for large capital expenditure is additional investment through partnerships, because we want to spread the investment, which cannot be shut either," said Chandrasekaran. "There are many discussions from tactical to strategic for such partnerships. Opportunities are coming and we keep evaluating them and as long as it is in the interest of Tata Motors. We will forge such partnerships so that we are able to address the capital expenditure issue," he added. The uncertainty that arises from the Brexit issue is also detrimental to JLR, as it affects the company's ability to procure parts. "The real concern is if Brexit were to happen with or without a deal, what will be the impact on our supply chain. We import millions of components from other parts of the world, particularly Europe," explained Chandrasekaran. In the situation of Brexit, there's a possibility of a supply chain breakdown, which essentially means production cannot happen, inventories are to be maintained," he continued. For now, Chandrasekaran stated the company has yet to narrow down any potential partners, but will continue meeting with multiple players, including in China, to find a suitable fit for JLR.

Land Rover driver granddad, 89, 'would rather go to prison than pay £160 parking fine'

Roger Murray has now been threatened with bailiffs if he doesn't pay. An 89-year-old from the Midlands has vowed to go to jail rather than pay a parking fine. The pensioner made the claim after he was fined £160. He claims he was fined over parking his vehicle, which is a Land Rover, "just over the line" in a car park. Now, the grandfather says he will go to prison rather than fork out the money. Roger Murray has now been threatened with bailiffs if he doesn't pay. He was initially handed a £50 penalty for 'untidy parking' in May. The 89-year-old made an appeal, insisting he parked as close to the wall as possible, while allowing his passenger access to leave the vehicle. But Cheshire East Council rejected his claim that the space was too small for his 4x4. Officials said Roger could have parked at other spaces that were large enough for his vehicle. He refused to pay the fine so it has now increased to £158, and bailiffs are threatening to come and seize his possessions.

The latest fine charge includes any costs bailiffs' incurred on their visit. Roger, who has two daughters and two grandchildren, told Cheshire Live "I dare not leave home now as they could turn up at any time it's frightening. "I probably should have paid the fine but for a trivial offence of untidy parking this is over the top. "The council is partly at fault as their allocated spaces are to much too small. "The old Defender is not a big vehicle in this day and age, tall maybe, but not as wide as today's SUVs. "I am so incensed, the council should show more compassion. I'll get the barricades up and wait for them, I'd rather go to prison than pay the fine, it's totally wrong." The incident happened at the Grosvenor multi-storey, in Macclesfield town centre. Roger, from Cheshire, even returned to the parking space and took a picture of his Land Rover in it to prove the bay was too small. He has shared his story on Facebook, where it has attracted hundreds of supportive comments. Upon refusing Roger's appeal and then the fine not being paid Cheshire East Council passed the matter on to bailiffs. A council spokesman said: "Every penalty charge notice (PCN) issued is supported by a range of evidence, including a photographic record. In this case, the PCN was issued correctly. Regulations state that a vehicle must be parked within the marked bays. In this case, the vehicle was positioned in a way that prevented other drivers from using the neighbouring parking space. The car park in question has some bays that are noticeably smaller and are marked up to warn drivers of this fact. It also has areas on certain floors that can accommodate the wider vehicle. When any PCN is issued we offer a number of opportunities for the driver to pay and the driver is given very clear notice of the consequences and timeline of what happens if they do not pay. We only engage debt recovery enforcement agents following continued requests for payments being refused or ignored. We pursue PCNs to protect the public purse. We do not seek to intimidate residents or service users."



Jaguar Land Rover to help tackle plastic waste problem

Jaguar Land Rover is trialing an innovative recycling process, which converts plastic waste into a new premium-grade material that could feature on future vehicles. It is estimated that the amount of plastic waste is predicted to exceed 12 million tons globally by 2050. Today, not all of this plastic can be recycled for use in automotive applications — especially in vehicle parts that are required to meet the most exacting safety and quality standards.

Working in conjunction with chemical company BASF, Jaguar Land Rover is part of a pilot project called ChemCycling that upcycles domestic plastic waste, otherwise destined for landfill or incinerators, into a new high-quality material. The plastic waste is transformed to pyrolysis oil using a thermochemical process. This secondary raw material is then fed into BASF's production chain as a replacement for fossil resources, ultimately producing a new premium grade that replicates the high quality and performance of "virgin" plastics. It can be tempered and colored making it the ideal sustainable solution for designing the next-generation dashboards and exterior surfaces in Jaguar and Land Rover models.

Jaguar Land Rover and BASF are currently testing the pilot phase material in a Jaguar I-Pace prototype front-end carrier overmolding to verify it meets the same safety requirements of the existing original part. Chris Brown, senior sustainability manager at Jaguar Land Rover, said: "Plastics are vital to car manufacturing and have proven benefits during their use phase, however, plastic waste remains a major global challenge. Solving this issue requires innovation and joined-up thinking between regulators, manufacturers and suppliers. "At Jaguar Land Rover, we are proactively increasing recycled content in our products, removing single-use plastics across our operations and reducing excess waste across the product lifecycle. The collaboration with BASF is just one way in which we are advancing our commitment to operating in a circular economy."



2020 LAND ROVER DEFENDER ON SHOW AT GOODWOOD

The 2020 Land Rover Defender Was Driven Up The Famous Hillclimb At The Goodwood Festival Of Speed Across The Weekend Giving A Glimpse Of The New Off-Roader. The 2020 Land Rover Defender will be revealed in full at the Frankfurt Motor Show in September, but attendees at the Goodwood Festival of Speed were given a glimpse of a camouflaged Defender. The prototype Defender was driven up the famous hillclimb track at Goodwood by the Duke of Richmond (pictured).

The Duke of Richmond said, "Few vehicles in the world can claim to be an icon, but that's the only way to describe the Land Rover Defender. It's extremely close to my heart and a vehicle that I've had a close connection with over the decades, so to be able to open this year's Festival of Speed by driving it up the Hill was a real privilege".

Land Rover displayed a replica (read: one that didn't give too much away) of the Defender that was recently used by the Tusk Foundation in Africa as part of the Defender's final field test.

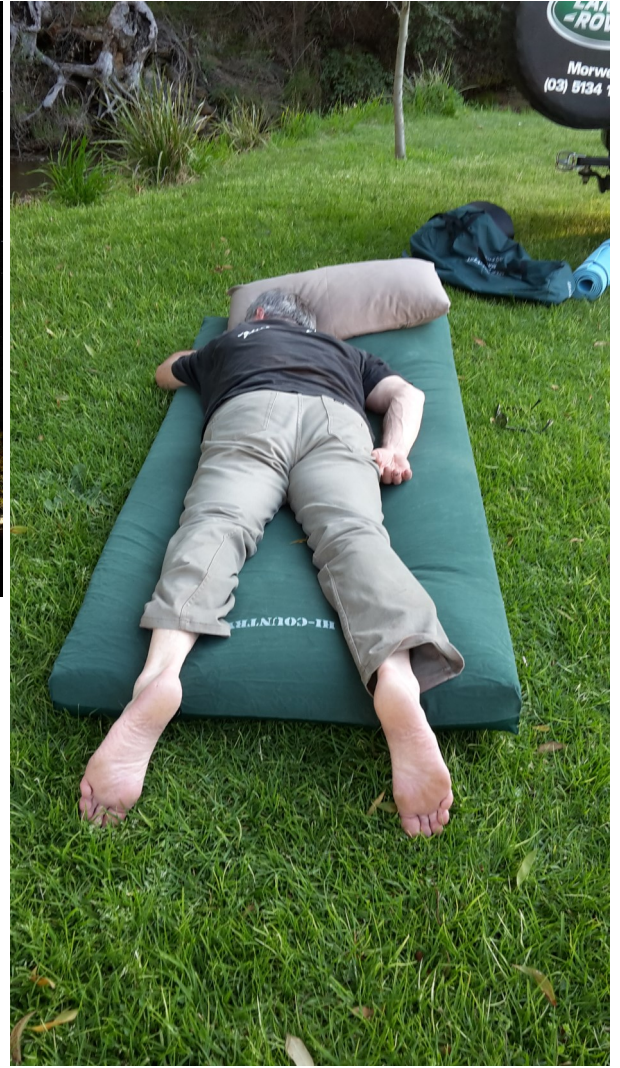


Red Cross tests new Land Rover Defender in the desert

The new Land Rover Defender is imminent and, like its predecessor, will be put to work for many public and emergency services, as well as overseas charities. After pushing it to the limit in the desert, the Red Cross has already signed a three-year deal with Land Rover. The Red Cross threw the new Defender headlong at the harsh desert environment. Steep ascents, soft sand and temperatures exceeding 40 degrees centigrade were a real challenge. They also took it on-road to assess refinement and comfort, along the Jebel Jais highway and up to 2,000 metres above sea level. Prototypes have covered more than 750,000 miles in the world's harshest environments. This included a spell in Africa with the wildlife conservation charity Tusk, working with Lions. The Dubai excursion with the Red Cross is the latest in a long and gruelling programme. Land Rover wants to make sure the new Defender is worthy of the name. "Jaguar Land Rover is proud to support the work of the IFRC," said Nick Rogers, executive director of product engineering at JLR. "Since 1954, our vehicles have enabled access to remote and vulnerable communities, helping them become more resilient, and we hope the new Defender will maintain this heritage. The dunes of Dubai are the perfect place to confirm that this is the most capable Land Rover ever made." The work began with a visit to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) global fleet base in Dubai. Land Rover's relationship with the IFRC goes back 65 years. That relationship continues as the two go into a three-year global partnership focused on disaster preparedness. "The Red Cross supports millions of people in crisis every year, working in almost every country in the world," said Ilir Caushaj of IFRC. "We operate in some of the most hard-to-reach places on Earth, often working in very difficult terrain, so our teams have to be able to cope with anything. "That's why we're proud to have partnered with Land Rover since 1954, and to be putting their new Defender to the test, as together they help us reach vulnerable communities in crisis, whoever and wherever in the world they are."



Some entries from the LROCG photo comp





Don't forget the Where am I Now competition on the web site.

<https://lrocj.jimdo.com/question-of-the-month/>

For each month from now to the Christmas meeting I will keep a record of answers to the monthly question and the individual with the most correct answers will win a tire repair kit as seen below.



For Sale ; Solex carb. Complete to suit 2 or 2A. Jet good in the throat. Selling for deceased estate. \$50.
Contact John Fowler 0400 278 375.



Land Rover Owners' Club of Gippsland — Minutes for Meeting Held On Monday 3rd of June 2019.

Meeting held at Gippsland Land Rover Traralgon.

Meeting started at: 8.02pm

Thanks.

From Lois and Greg, for the condolence cards from the club and the many messages, phone calls and visits from club members and Gippsland Jaguar Land Rover, after the passing away of Greg's mother on Thursday the 9th of May. Also thank you to Ian Blake, for chairing the May meeting in Greg's absence, and to Helen MacRae for taking the minutes in Tonee's absence.

Attending: David Murray, Eric Shingles, Paul Whitehead, John Jennings, Peter Durrant, Kay Durrant, Jan Parniak, Colette Parniak, John Kerr, Heather Kerr, Ian Webb, Terry Hensley, Ted Allchin, Shirley Allchin, Brian Johnson, Les Warburton, Loris Catchpole, Rod Catchpole, Ross Howell, Sue Howell, Ian Blake, Shannon Brill, Lois Rose, Greg Rose, Alan MacRae, Helen MacRae, Alan Harlow, Tonee Harlow, Wayne Foon, Sharna Foon (& Indi Foon)

Visitors: Tom Smith from Gippsland Jaguar Land Rover who is replacing Charlie Calafiore, and Marco Tripodi (Dealer Principle)

Apologies: Bob McKee, Annette Fleming, Mal Trull, Charlie Calafiore, Jim Hood, Jill Beck

News from travellers:

Mal Trull is currently in Alice Springs and about to head to the Kimberleys before returning to Alice Springs in late June. Charlie Calafiore will miss two meetings as he is travelling in Europe with his family. Bob and Annette are in Adelaide SA.

Minutes of April Meeting.

Moved that the minutes be accepted; Peter Durrant; Seconded ; Sue Howell

Passed

Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

Details of the Camp Host Programme over Easter indicated that Bob and Annette were also in attendance, however this was not the case. Participants were; Peter Durrant, Jan Parniak, Colette Parniak, Alan Harlow & Tonee Harlow.

Correspondence:

In: Nil, Out: Nil

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In: Nil, Out: Nil

Treasurer's Report:

Moved: Alan MacRae, Seconded: Brian Johnson

Reminder that the annual club fee of \$75 is due at this meeting or as soon as possible.

Publicity Officer's Report: Tom Smith

Editor's Report: Eric hopes you liked the newsletter, and is always looking for more stuff.

Webmaster's Report: 1 email inquiry. Most views via phones. Need some photos and report please from most recent working bee to upload to website. Peter Durrant to supply.

Technical Report.

Greg had details of Wheel trolley available which has proven valuable for those with a Discovery 3 or 4, when it comes to changing/moving tyres. Good on hard flat surfaces. Cost around \$40.

Service Manager.

Greg rang Matt Cunningham to pass on best wishes from the club. Matt will be off work still and in for a very lengthy rehabilitation period after his second knee operation. His replacement



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during this period will be Jamie McLauclan (apologies if spelling is incorrect).

Events Coordinator's report:

Past Events.

May coffee morning at Cafe Qu Bah, report; Jan Parniak.

Proved to be a great success, with about 19 members in attendance and about half of those staying on for lunch as well.

Future Events.

June coffee morning: **Friday 14th June** at The Green Olive, Traralgon 10am. After a show of hands to indicate interest, Jan will make a booking for 15, but there is room for more, so all invited, be great to see you there.

June 16th. An easy drive to Donnelly's Creek is being planned. More details in the newsletter, however please meet at Walhalla by 9.30 am at the open park area just past the railway. Personal Information Form in a sealed envelope to be available to hand to trip leader Dave.

July 1st. LROCG Meeting.

July 27th. Note this is a Saturday. Clean up day along the Wellington River Campsites in the Alpine National Park. This will be in conjunction with Parks Victoria. Similar to previous one day events. Meet at Licola Store at 9:30. As it is the day before Greg's birthday there will be cake. B.Y.O. meat bar-b-que lunch. Bread, etc. will be provided.

August 5th. LROCG Meeting.

September 2nd. LROCG Annual Meeting followed by General Meeting.

October 7th. LROCG Meeting.

November Cup Weekend.

Rod and Loris have organised a trip to Omeo this year. We will be staying at the Omeo Caravan Park from 31st October until the 6th November. Please let Rod or Loris know if you wish to attend.

November the 11th, NOTE changed meeting date due to Melbourne Cup weekend.

Monday the 18th, Tuesday the 19th, Wednesday the 20th. LROCG/PV. Details via newsletter once confirmed. Several members already booked in to this event. This will be somewhere north of Licola.

December 8th, Sunday, LROCG Christmas picnic and final meeting for 2019. Annual awards presented.

Looking for suggestions for a suitable venue.

Four Wheel Drive Victoria Delegate's Report.

FWDV Regional Representatives meeting was held at Heyfield on the weekend of the 18th and 19th of May. Wayne and Greg were the lead vehicle for an inspection drive to assess the impact of the Macalister Complex fires on the area. Drive was over Mt Wellington and to Millers Hut. There will be an article in the next issue of Trackwatch. Over both days there was considerable discussion about the frequency and intensity of fires, impact on recreation use of the alps and broader concerns for species viability, catchment impact, etc (ie; the peat lands will take thousands of years to recover).

General Business.

*Rod advised that Jim Hood, who now receives the SA Obsession magazine on behalf of the club, would like the committee to arrange this to now be obtained via a more suitable source.

*Trackwatch magazine should be due in about 2weeks. It is no longer a monthly magazine.

*Wayne is considering running another 3 day trip in early December this year. Dates will be 9th, 10th, 11th December if members are interested. More on this as the year progresses.

*Early snow in the Alps last week, saw 4 separate parties stuck/stranded just off the Dargo High Plains Road near the iconic Blue Rag Track. Their vehicles are now stuck until possibly November. Police search and rescue in conjunction with Parks Vic and SES rescued them to Hotham. Only one of the 4 groups were suitably prepared; highlighting the importance of checking weather forecasts and conditions in the area to be visited. Greg also emphasised the importance of not trying to circumvent the correct and appropriate authorities in these situations.

Club Photo Competition

There were 78 photos entered for this year's competition. Charlie had the unenviable task of being the



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judge. After considerable deliberation Charlie short listed 13 images. From that he arrived at a final two. In Charlie's words, the one that "did it for him" was finally chosen.

The winning photo was taken by Sharna Foon and entered by Wayne.

Other certificates were also presented by Greg, due to the many fabulous entries.

A slide show of the submitted photos followed.

MEETING CLOSED : 9.10 PM

Next Meeting : Monday July 1st at Gippsland Land Rover at 8pm

Pre Meeting Dinner from 6pm at the Italian Australian Club Morwell

Land Rover Clubs Liaison Meeting.

Hello Presidents and Club Reps,

As previously advised, I met with James Scrimshaw, of Jaguar Land Rover Australia, on Tuesday, 18th June, at their HQ building at Mascot, in Sydney.

Items of general interest discussed included:

*Difficult sales environment worldwide (especially China) although North America good.

*Some redundancies at JLR worldwide including Australia. JLR A is now doing more with less.

*Demand for diesel vehicles low - especially in Europe. Now seeing this trend in Australia. JLR is moving to offer more electric power trains, including pure electric (such as Jaguar I-Pace), plug in hybrid (Range Rover Sport PHEV) and 48V mild hybrid (new Range Rover Evoque).

*Longer term - Demise of diesel may not suit Australian users. Unfortunately, Australian market not big enough to support ongoing worldwide manufacture of diesel.

*New Defender to be released in first week of September. Will be a huge media launch. James looking forward to comparison tests with other off road oriented vehicles, as it will do very well. Expect Defender to be available in 90 and 110 models and will have many historic Defender styling cues.

*The marketplace is changing and JLR needs to meet the tastes of a younger population. Example - Many younger customers will not buy leather upholstery. (Due to vegan tastes, do not support using animal products, etc.). Land Rover have developed an upholstery fabric incorporating recycled plastic as a substitute which is doing well.

Items raised by Clubs:

*I had a query from the TeamW4 Club of Western Australia with regard to having their club included in the listing of Land Rover clubs provided to new car buyers. In the past, a hard copy customer brochure, listing all LR clubs in Australia, was part of the sales package dealers provided with to new car buyers. (I received one when I bought my new Discovery some years ago.)

*James said JLR had moved away from hard copy brochures and now made that information available online. However, the Australian Land Rover clubs listing has not been replicated online so there is no list of clubs currently available. By way of explanation, online information is now managed centrally from the UK so it has become more difficult to have local data included. James will look into what can be done and advise.

*I had not received any further items or responses from other clubs.

Regards, Jim...

Jim Nicholson | President

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Trip Report – Donnelly’s Creek area 16th June 2019.

Trip Leader: Dave Murray

Trip Leader’s Assistants: Krystal & Harley Murray

No.1 Radio Person: Krystal Murray

Participants:

The Murrays - Land Rover Perentie

Paul & Simon Whitehead with passengers, Adrian and Cayden Rollandin - Discovery 1

Annette Fleming and Bob McKee - Discovery 4

Alan & Tonee Harlow - Discovery 3

Ashley & Shannan Brill - Defender 130

Chrissy and Phil Croft - Jeep Golden Eagle

Dave must have a direct link to the “powers that be” because the day was fine and generally sunny: all wet weather gear remained stowed. We met in 3°C at Walhalla’s southern car park area, and after a few quick pit stops set off north through Walhalla at 09:50 hrs. Trip leader observed the 30 kmh limit through Walhalla, so fines will not be forthcoming. The Perentie then set a cracking pace but was always brought back to the pack because he had to await the slower convoy body to catch-up each time he had to mark a turn. A right turn onto Binns Rd and along to the helipad for morning coffee and personal refuelling (4°C). Off once more we finally caught the Perentie at the left turn onto McEvoy’s Track (aka. Springs Rd). We saw several examples of the work done by Rudi Paoletti and his helpers who have installed many signs and information panels here and elsewhere in the district. Past the Dawes Hotel, Bark Hut Boarding House and The Springs sites before turning left onto Donnelly’s Creek Rd for a quick stop at the Edwards Reef Burial Ground which was established in 1863. This burial ground was not gazetted as a cemetery but served the Edwards Reef Township (pop about 300) for over 20 years. Recent bushfires cleared the undergrowth, exposing several “lost” graves which are now clearly visible and marked out with white stones. All official records were lost in the 1939 bush fires so only some 19 people are now confirmed as having been buried there. The grave of Christina Shaw is marked by a wrought iron bedhead and a copper plate on which her name and particulars have been detailed in Gaelic. The plate was placed on the grave in 1930 by Christina’s son, Alexander.



Entrance to the Edwards Reef Burial Ground



New Signage at Edwards Reef Burial Ground



Christina Shaw's Grave

Next a quick stop to look at a lone burial plot of 5 year old Eliza Alderson at the site of the Edwards Reef Township.

There were several campers packing up at the Store Point Township site as we passed on the way to O’Tooles Flat camp ground for lunch. Conversation and lunch with Tonee’s

