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Club Membership - New Applications

Applications for club membership will be voted on at the following Ordinary Meeting.

Peter and Libby Colvin.

New members are requested to pay the due fees to the Membership Secretary (lrc_memberships@lrc.org.au) as soon as possible after being voted into the Club.

New member packs will be available from the Membership Secretary.

Forthcoming Club Meetings

<i>Ordinary Meeting</i>	<i>Committee Meeting</i>
5 June 2017	19 June 2017
3 July 2017	17 July 2017
7 August 2017	21 August 2017

From the President



The New LRC website has now been rolled out and you would all have received your login details so that you can access the member only area of the site. The Website Manager reports that there were some teething issues when members attempted to log in for the first time, but most members took these issues with good grace. Generally though, the new site has been well-received and thanks to David Wilson and Kevin Phillips for overseeing the development and implementation of the site.

As mentioned previously, with development of the new website we will see the end of production of the Land Roving News as a discrete club magazine. That said, those visiting the site will notice that each article has a print or pdf option, so if you want, you can print or save the articles for later offline reading. When visiting the website please check the news page as this is where updates about the club will be published, including the announcement of prospective members. If you have thoughts on the new website, including content, please contact David Wilson (Website Manager) and he'll help you out.

Also, with the end of production of the Land Roving News, a discrete editor role will no longer be required, so on behalf of the club, I'd like to thank Bob and Zydre Pember, and all the previous editors, for their work in editing and distributing the Land Roving News over many years. Any editorial-like work will now be taken on by the Website Manager however, the committee will keep an eye on how much effort is involved in managing the website and attendant content, and if necessary create a Web Manager Assistant role to take on some of the content management and editing.

At its May meeting the committee began the discussion of succession and it's likely that Carolyn Jamieson will stand aside as Secretary after four years in the role, so if anyone is considering a role on the committee, this might be a good place to start. Obviously, any nomination will need to go through the voting process at the AGM on 9 October.

Two events of note for your diaries, firstly the Spectacular to be held over the weekend of 3 and 4 February 2018 and the 70th anniversary of Land Rover in Australia 30 March to 2 April 2018 and LRC commitment to a lesser or larger degree may be necessary to help run these events. While the Spectacular organising committee has LRC representation, I need a club representative to liaise with the 70th committee, so if you feel that you have an interest in the Land Rover brand and its history, and are happy to contribute please let me know and I'll put you in contact with the head of the organising committee.

Cheers
Bob Zeithofer
President, LRC, ACT

Editorial



Dear all

Well, this is it - the final issue of the Land Roving News. Henceforth all trip reports, Club communications, President's reports, minutes of meetings etc will only be available from the Club's website and not in a newsletter.

We have enjoyed our work in producing the LRN for the last few years, even from afar while on overseas trips.

In this final issue, we have included some members' comments on the Club and memorable trips.

Please continue to submit trip reports and other contributions, only don't send them to us but rather to the Website Manager using websitemanager@lrc.org.au.

Safe and enjoyable 4WD-ing to you all
Bob and Zydre

Land Rover Club of the ACT Inc

Minutes, Ordinary Meeting - Monday 1 May 2017

Location: Eastlake Football Club
Start: 8:00 pm
Visitors: Andrew Freeman.
Apologies: The Wades, Mike Paterson, Peter Mercer, the Lockleys
New Members: Peter and Libby Colvin
Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved: Kaylene Koppe, Seconded: Kevin Phillips.

President's Report: (Andrew Lockley for Bob Zeitlhofer)

- Full report is on the Website.
- Thanks to Andrew for filling in last month.
- Public face of the new website is up and available to members.
- Had a great trip to the Flinders recently with great weather.
- Spectacular planning is well underway. The MOU needs to be sorted for the 2020 Spectacular.
- Planning of the 70th anniversary of Landrover in Australia is to be held in Cooma. Help may be needed by club members in the future;.

Guest Presentation:

- Nil.

Treasurer's Report: (Stephen Winterton)

- Account balances were presented by Steve.

Secretary's Report: (Carolyn Jamieson).

- Nil.

Trip Coordinator: (Ian Toten)

The trip coordinator reminded the club members of the club ethos of using their vehicles to get to interesting places and back and that we follow the principles of tread lightly.

Trip reports this month:

- Flinders trip – Sue Alexander with David Wilson.
- Overnight BLC trip – Paul Koppw.
- Weekend at Majors Creek – Gary Blagdon.
- Postmans Track – Mary Bergstrom.
- Brindabellas for beginners – Susie Kendon.

Upcoming trips:

- Check the club calendar for more details.

Membership Secretary: (Michael Thomson)

- Nil Report.

Social Secretary: (Kaylene Koppe)

- BLC to Goulburn in May coming up.
- Two day mid-year trip. First day to be an observation rally on 8th and 9th July.

Editors: (Bob & Zydre Pember).

- Apologies for the rush job of the latest magazine, the wrong trip calendar was included.

Merchandising: (Kevin Phillips)

- Nil report.

Purchasing: (Michael Thomson).

- Next month will be the final clearance sale of purchasing items. Gold coin donations accepted. Shackles, LED globes, bolts and sponges.

4WD Association: (Kevin Phillips)

- Next meeting will be on Saturday 20 May. Will be reported in July as Kevin will be on a trip in June.

Kosciuszko Huts: (Mike Paterson)

- Nil Report.

Webmaster: (David Wilson and Kevin Phillips)

- New website has a public face, but the member section is still coming. Members will be given user ID to log in. The member section will be very modern and interactive especially in the calendar and trip report functionality. Thanks for your patience.

Council of ACT motor clubs: (Denis Ford)

- Nil report

4x4 Spectacular 2018: (Russell Speldewinde)

- Sales for sites is going well from previous exhibitors.
- A group will be needed to start organising the club tent come September.

ACT motor clubs: (Denis Ford)

- Nil report.

Series Vehicles : (Peter Mercer)

- Nil report.

Other business:

- Nil report.

Meeting closed: 8.55 pm

Land Rover Club of the ACT Inc

Minutes, Committee Meeting - Monday 15 May 2017

Location: Eastlakes Football Club
Start: 7:30 pm
Attendance: Bob Zeitlhofer, Carolyn Jamieson, David Wilson, Ian Toten, Russell Speldewinde, Kaylene and Paul Koppe, Sue Alexander, Kevin Phillips, Andrew Glennie.
Apologies: Mike Paterson, Bob & Zydre Pember, Stephen Winterton, Andrew Lockley, Peter Mercer.
Absent: Rick Robins, Jim Stevenson, Michael Thomson, Denis Ford.
Acceptance of minutes of previous meeting: *Proposed:* Russell Speldewinde, *Seconded:* Ian Tote.

Review Open Actions:

- Records management project (CJ) - ongoing.
- Website update (KP/DW) - Open.
- Tutorial in SharePoint (CJ/BZ) - ongoing.
- Club banners update (RS/PM/KP) - Russell to follow up.

President's Report: (Bob Zeitlhofer)

- Nil report.

Treasurer's Report: (Stephen Winterton)

- Nil report.

Secretary's Report: (Carolyn Jamieson).

- Received the trailer registration and overdue tax invoice. Bob to scan and send to Stephen.

Trip Coordinator: (Ian Toten)

- One day trips seem to be very popular at the moment. Ian is purchasing the new beacons. Ian to chase up firmware on the sat phone when they return from their current trips.

Membership Secretary: (Michael Thomson)

- Nil report.

Social Secretary: (Kayleen Koppe)

- Mid Year function. Kaylene proposed that the club subsidises the meal for members for this event at \$10 per person. Accommodation will be available locally, details to come. Kaylene proposed to spend \$500 for this event for subsidies and prizes. Sue seconded this decision. Carried by the committee.

Editors: (Bob & Zydre Pember)

- Nil report.

Merchandising: (Kevin Phillips)

- Nil report.

Purchasing: (Michael Thomson)

- Final clearance sale at June meeting.

Spectacular 2018: (Kevin Phillips/Carolyn Jamieson/Andrew Lockley/Russell Speldewinde)

- Our club needs to come up with three names of charities that we could potentially disburse funds to from the Spectacular. Angel Flight, hospital auxiliaries in the outback.
- Plan to introduce EFTPOS machines at the gates to take the pressure off presenting cash by visitors.

4WD Association: (Kevin Phillips)

- Meeting is on this weekend at Bathurst. Upcoming issue will be the Association insurers. More information to come.

KHA: (Mike Paterson)

- Nil report.

Council of ACT Motor Clubs: (Denis Ford)

- Nil report.

Historic Registered vehicles: (Rick Robins)

- Nil report.

Series: (Peter Mercer)

- Nil report.

Website Manager: (David Wilson and Kevin Phillips)

- The members section is coming along. Checking out a couple of new ideas in the next couple of days. Login and payment work, still to be sorted is invoicing. the member section is very close to being completed.
- David will look for some type of portable hard drive to facilitate collection of items for the website. Ian proposed that David would spend up to \$250 on a solution. Seconded by Kevin Phillips. Carried.
- Concerns were raised about where the club's archives currently sit and see about moving this to the new website.

Series: (Peter Mercer)

- Nil report.

Spectacular 2018: (Russell Speldewinde/Carolyn Jamieson/Andrew Lockley/Kevin Phillips)

- Bob to attend the next Spectacular meeting in June as Andrew, Kevin and Russell will be away.
- MOU will be on the agenda.
- Exhibition manager is now at the stage of approaching new exhibitors.
- Pat Callahan has been approached by the committee to sponsor the show be guest like Roothy last time.

Other business/New business:

- MOU for the spectacular. The committee agreed that the club would continue as a participant club and that the MOU should be renewed. Bob will pass this message on at the next Spectacular meeting. Discussion was held about various suggests for parts of the MOU and Articles, especially regarding the recruitment of the exhibition manager.
- Land Rover 70th anniversary - at Cooma over the Easter weekend in 2018. Event manager has been decided. The club may be asked to provide some seed money for this event. Further discussion will be held.
- Bob has advised that he will be away for both the September and October meetings this year. Andrew will be stepping in to fill Bob's shoes.
- Bob to ask the membership whether the time for the ordinary meetings should be changed to 7:30 pm.

Meeting closed: 9.30 pm

Next meeting: 19 June 2017 at Eastlakes Football Club.

Important Information regarding Trips

Grading of trips:

- A Grade: Very difficult trip. Winching probably required
 B Grade: Moderate to difficult trip. Winching may be required.
 C Grade: Moderate with some sections requiring caution.
 D Grade: Relatively easy trip.
 E Grade: Very easy, usually on sealed or formed roads.
- Weather conditions on the day may require the trip categories to be upgraded.
 Distances indicated are approximately the total distance, ie the return trip

	Easy	Medium	Difficult	Very Difficult
Overview Description	All-wheel drive and High Range 4WD. Novice Drivers	Mainly High Range 4WD but Low Range required. Some 4WD experience or training required.	Significant Low Range 4WD with standard 4WD ground clearance. Should have 4WD driver training.	Low Range 4WD with high ground clearance. Experienced drivers.
Advisory Sign/ Symbol	Green Circle	Blue Square	Black Diamond	Double Black Diamond
	Dry Conditions  Easy	Dry Conditions  Medium	Dry Conditions  Difficult	Dry Conditions  Very Difficult

Essential Equipment

- Your own snatch strap and two “D” or bow shackles (rated).
- Strong towing points on the front and rear of your vehicle.
- Extra food, water and warm clothing in case bad weather traps you unexpectedly.

Radios

UHF channel 10 is used by the club on trips. A UHF radio is not essential for new members, but advisable for your comfort and enjoyment of trips.

The Club has a number of portable radios for use by members – new members are given priority.

If you need to borrow a radio for a Club trip, contact the Trip Coordinator.

Trip Bookings	<p>Unless otherwise indicated, booking should be made with the Trip Coordinator who can be contacted at tripcoordinator@lrc.org.au.</p> <p><u>Please note that booking does NOT automatically mean confirmation.</u> You will be contacted prior to the trip to confirm your place. If you need to cancel, please advise the trip coordinator in the first instance <u>as soon as possible</u>, or the Trip Leader for that trip.</p>
Important	Please note that persons participating in Club trips cannot hold the Club or any of its members, trip leaders, or office bearers responsible or liable for the safety or well-being of a member or any other participant on a trip, including children and/or family members.
Friendly Reminder 	<p>Members are reminded that, for the enjoyment and comfort of other members and in observance of National Parks laws, <u>dogs (or other pets) should not be taken on Club trips, unless otherwise advised.</u></p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">       </div>

Trip Reports

Postman's Track: 21 - 24 April 2017

Trip attendees:

Tom and Rob De Jongh
Robert and Zydre Pember
Paul and Kaylene Koppe
Mary Bergstrom

Geoff Banbury
Matt Bolton
Claire deLacey and Karl Bossard

Day 1 Canberra to Nunnock Swamp via Cooma 194km



We arrived at the meeting place to find that Zydre and Robert had brake problems and had called the NRMA and one of the trip leaders was delayed in Canberra for a day.

Off to Nunnock Swamp we travelled, with Tom and Rob in the lead, along the Old Bega and Fastigata roads, through the old Glenbog State Forest, and then across the Snowy Mountains Highway, onto Packer Swamp Road. We arrived at Nunnock Swamp for a late lunch and luckily had the place to ourselves. Despite some light rain, the campsite was delightful and most people toured around the swamp on foot in the afternoon.



Day 2 Cattleman's Track and Postman's Track – approx 18km

Untimely rain meant packing up our wet gear with the rain clearing in time for our 9.30am departure. Karl left the group at this point to retrieve Claire from Nimmitabel, and the group headed off with Matt in the lead and Geoff as tail-end Charlie.

A leisurely low range run down Cattleman's Link Road and Cattleman's Track, and then on to the Postman's Track. The group stopped at Alexander's Hut, a simple slab dwelling that provided basic facilities and shelter for early cattlemen and is now available to campers. The hut is situated picturesquely on a grassy hillside above a large dam; the camping area is adjacent, and nicely grassed. We also stopped at the Solomons Creek bridge crossing, which provided a great photo opportunity.



Postman's Track: 21 - 24 April 2017 (Cont'd)

All tracks were in good condition with a few water crossings, the deepest being the crossing on a sandy bend of Tantawangalo Creek into Postman's Camp, where Mary valiantly waded across to check the depth.

We arrived at Postman's Camp in time for lunch and set up our shelters for the night. We luckily had the place to ourselves again. Throughout the afternoon we sat back and relaxed to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and great company. We also enjoyed the camp fire into the evening and watched the storm clouds gathering.

The Gourmet Brothers (Tom and Rob) produced a delicious self-saucing lemon pudding for dessert, and when the storm broke most of the group decided to retreat to their camps for the night with a few diehards staying up until the rain finished.



The Postman's Camp is another beautiful spot that we highly recommend putting on your 'to visit list' and certainly worth getting out some of your watercolours.

Day 3 Postmans Track, and then down the escarpment on Tantawangalo Mountain Road to Candelo; then Bega, Tathra and long the coast to Mimosa Rocks National Park: approx. 90km.



After a 9 o'clock start, we proceeded up and down numerous spoon drains for 10 or so kilometres on Postman's Track, through more picturesque forest. We travelled up to the Knox Link Road and on to Tantawangalo Mountain Road lookout where we stopped for morning tea. On such a beautiful morning there were many spectacular glimpses to be had through trees.

Postman's Track: 21 - 24 April 2017 (Cont'd)



Matt headed home to Canberra at this point as he wasn't feeling well with the lurgie. After morning tea we headed down hill through dairy country to Candelo where we stopped and visited the market at the Candelo Village Festival.



We travelled on to Tathra and had delicious fish and chips at the beach-hut for lunch. Then we headed north along the coast to camp at Gillards Beach in the Mimosa Rocks National Park and luckily all 6 cars were able to fit in one large camping space which had its own beach access. A very pleasant evening was spent wandering the beach, fishing and sitting around chatting. The Gourmet Brothers (Tom and Rob) produced another delicious self-saucing chocolate pudding for dessert and we welcomed visits from a Swamp Wallaby, a family of Grey Kangaroos and a couple of cheeky Brushtail Possums, one of which devoured Claire and Karl's chocolate biscuits in the rear of their vehicle. We fell asleep to the sound of the waves crashing on the beach.

Day 4 Mimosa Rocks National Park to Canberra via Bermagui, Cobargo and Yowrie; then up the escarpment along the Wadbilliga Track to Countegany, then to Numeralla and Cooma etc. Approx 280 km.

Mary saw the sunrise but the rest of us slept on, though even late risers were still able to watch the Kangaroos and Wallabies breakfasting on the grassy dunes.

Breakfast was a leisurely affair and before we packed up we enjoyed some fresh scones served with jam and cream, again thanks to the Gourmet Bros. The ranger came by to collect the camping fees and we packed up ready for our last day.



Driving in convoy we made our way back to the bitumen temporarily and then back onto the dirt to visit Araganu and Mimosa Rocks proper (another great camping area for the future). After a walk along a board walk and across the rocky beach we returned to the vehicles and made our way to Bermagui where we had lunch. Some chose to have another meal of fish and chips, while others had wraps and leftovers. General consensus was that the fish and chips meal enjoyed the previous day at the Tathra was a superior option.

Postman's Track: 21 - 24 April 2017 (Cont'd)



Heading away from the coast we drove to Cobargo, and upon reaching the Princes Highway we turned left, crossed a bridge and immediately turned right onto Wandella Road to head for Wadbilliga National Park. We followed this picturesque road, with its rolling farmland, until we turned left onto Yowrie Road, which turned into Bourkes Road. We continued to Wadbilliga on some amazing roads which would be well worth researching. They were well engineered but quite narrow and in many places cut into the steep hillslopes. As many of the corners on these roads are narrow and blind, being in convoy can certainly be reassuring as you are made aware by radio when any vehicles are approaching,

Out of the blue, while travelling along the start of Wadbilliga Road a new voice came across the radio. Another of the LR Club members, Margaret and Bob Anderson were out for a couple of days showing some friends the beautiful countryside. We met up with them at Wadbilliga Crossing and stopped briefly for afternoon tea. The benefit of adding a Thermos to our kitchen was made clear during this brief stop.



A short briefing before leaving the crossing emphasised that the track would now get narrower and steeper, with low range required. Tom and Rob reported that they were glad to be 'Charlie' as they could stop to take photos, and be made aware of any approaching vehicles via radio. Although Wadbilliga Road is a two way road, oncoming traffic can be quite problematic as passing bays are infrequent and would require a fair bit of reversing to find a passing point. Fortunately we didn't encounter any oncoming vehicles but we were caught by another group who had come down the track that morning and were happy to slot in behind us and close the gates behind the entire group.

This spectacular route up the escarpment, along with its giant ferns enveloping parts of the track, is well worth having a look at.

When we finally reached the end of the track at the Tuross Road, we bade farewell to our trip leader, Claire and her trip advisor Karl, as they were heading home via Nimmitabel to pick up a second vehicle. The rest of us drove home via Numerella and Cooma, with some stopping for dinner at Cooma and others continuing straight home.

Thanks to all involved for a lovely trip, and a big thanks to all those who took some lovely photographs of the trip (Tom, Kaylene, Paul).



Breakfast, Lies and Coffee: Sunday 7th May 2017

Kaylene & Paul Koppe Trip Leaders

Ian Woonton

Russell & Sharon Speldwinde

Sue Alexander & Merle Hunt

Perc & Des Carter

Jonathan & Kristen Ball

David & Ann Darke

Kevin & Karen Phillips

Stuart & Jan Minton

Roger & Ann Quarterman

Peter & Margaret Mercer

Rick & Anne Robins

On Sunday 7th May we all meet at Spotlight Queanbeyan by 8am ready to leave by 8.15am heading for Rose Café, Goulburn.

We turned onto Kings Highway followed onto Molonglo St/Tearago Rd Bundendore on to Collector Rd, the drive was very pleasant and uneventful. There were no photos taken on the drive to Goulburn. Then we turned onto Currawang Rd where there was bridge work. I don't think the workers have seen so many vehicles' pass by on a Sunday. Finally out on to Braidwood Road where we stopped at Rose's Café for breakfast. Great company a good time had by all.

Thanks Kaylene & Paul keep up the good work.



Flinders Ranges: 25 March - 9 April 2017

Days 1 and 2: Sue Alexander

Our departure from Hall at 7am on Saturday for our two-week adventure into the Flinders Ranges went without a hitch (no pun intended for those four cars out of the seven leaving from Hall which had hitches to their off-road vans to deal with). No worries of that nature for the three hard-core members still relying on tent and/or swag i.e. Sue, Russell and Matt. Gemma gave us a de-brief before departure and handed out a very comprehensive pack containing itinerary and trip notes.

Destination for first night out was Yanga National Park, a few km this side of Balranald. The aim of the first two days was to get to Broken Hill as quickly as possible from where we would head west and launch into the trip proper. We had a routine, uneventful run into Wagga Wagga where we stopped for our morning coffee. Macca's was the go due to easy parking for the vans. It was warming up into a hot day, with the temperature well into the thirties predicted. A re-fuel for some worried about consumption at the truck stop in Narrandera, and then a lunch stop at the very pleasant Bird Cage Rest Stop between Narrandera and Hay. We arrived at Yanga National Park by 4pm and selected the 'group site' at the Mamanga camp on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River to set up for the night. Gemma had been worried that the camp may have been closed due to recent rain, but apart from a few puddles there were no problems. Most of us (if not all) had camped at Yanga on previous trips, so we didn't call into the woolshed, wetlands or homestead, but enjoyed the ambience of the river, the native bush, the river red gums and the bird-life. It was a very hot afternoon and evening, so no campfire was warranted or desired. Russell set up his swag on the river bank, Sue (with her new Black Wolf Turbo tent) and Matt under the trees and the vans circled (sort of). There were a few other campers stretched along the river, but we had our site to ourselves.



Departure was 8am....destination Broken Hill via the black top, passing through Balranald, Robinvale, Euston, Gol Gol, and Dareton to our morning tea stop at Fotherby Park in Wentworth (which is also the site of the 'Ruby', one of the Murray River historic paddle steamers). Then we hit the Silver City Highway for the 265km run to Broken Hill with no planned stops. The aim was to arrive in Broken Hill in time to stock up on any groceries and fresh fruit and veg required for the coming days camping in the bush in the Flinders. There was a moment en-route when Matt thought he had mechanical problems with a red light appearing on the dash. Thankfully it only turned out to be his invisible passenger taking their seat belt off. We arrived at the Lake View Caravan Park by 2pm and met up with Alan and Soraya who had travelled from

their home in Sydney. It was extremely hot, well over 40 degrees with no shade (or lake). Given it was a quick one nighter, Sue opted for an air-conditioned cabin (which had seen better days).

Everyone headed off in different directions for the afternoon, some to the supermarket, some for a town tour, some to the swimming pool and Russell to check out Silverton. Gemma had planned for us to visit the Sculptures on the hill top 12km north of Broken Hill in the Living Desert at sunset, however due the extreme heat inertia had set in, there was little enthusiasm so we all had sundowners in the swimming pool instead. Sue, Russell and Matt sought out the iconic Palace hotel for a counter meal (hamburgers were good) while the others ate 'in-house'.



Flinders Ranges: 25 March - 9 April 2017 (Cont'd)

Days 3 and 4: Matt Bolton

After a warm night at Broken Hill (minimum 25.7C), the group left at about 8 am. The group now had a full complement with the Ryries joining the group overnight, having travelled from Sydney via Nyngan.

We travelled on the bitumen, arriving at Yunta, SA, at 10.30 am. We variously had morning tea, letting tires down, etc. The Ryries had a suspect tyre checked; it got the all OK. We left at 11 am, but tail end Charlie had trouble rounding some laggards. Now on a main gravel road, we spent some time around noon looking over the ruins at Waukauringa. We had a roadside lunch stop at the turnoff to Martin's Wells. Finishing lunch at 1:45 pm, we now travelled on back roads used mainly for station access. A few people stopped near Erudina Station to photograph the imposing homestead and garden. The open countryside of saltbush gradually added trees the closer we got to the Flinders Ranges. Some spectacular scenery was on show and we arrived at Willow Springs at 4:10 pm. We paid for camping, National Parks passes and Skytrek (Day 6) and set up camp at the Grasswren campsite.



We left our campsite for the Flinders Ranges National Park. First stop was the Cazneaux tree, made famous as a photographer's subject in 1937. But Harold Cazneaux could have photographed any one of the old red gums around the Ranges. Next, we started on the Bunyeroo Gorge road, stopping at the Yanyanna Hut and stockyards, Bunyeroo Valley Lookout and then proceeding thru the Gorge. Some of the gorge track was along and across a creek bed with water in it, but 4-wheel drive wasn't needed. We stopped at Acraman Camp Site for morning tea, then moved on to Brachina Gorge.

We traversed 14 rock formations ranging in age from 640 million to 520 million years ago (m.y.a.). This represents the depositional phase of the Adelaide Geosyncline with sedimentary rocks from part of the Pre-Cambrian era, and some of the Cambrian period. The exciting discovery of fossils of primitive animals in sandstone amongst the Rawnsley Quarzite Formation led to the definition of a new geological Period – the Ediacaran (635 to 541 m.y.a.) in 2004.



We had a long lunch at the Prairie Hotel, Parachilna, with the menu based on abundant feral and native animals. Then the convoy travelled thru the (less spectacular) Parachilna Gorge, stopping for fuel and ice creams at Angorichina Resort. Most people returned to camp, with a few people stopping for afternoon coffee at Blinman. Russell went straight to Stokes Hill Lookout to wait for the sunset and chat to other tourists. Matt and the Ryries went there closer to the time of sunset.



Flinders Ranges: 25 March - 9 April 2017 (Cont'd)

Days 5 and 6: David and Judy Wilson



We stayed for several days at Willow Springs Station, a privately-owned cattle and sheep station located 21 km north of Wilpena Pound. Willow Springs Station was one of the early pastoral leases in the Flinders Ranges and was purchased by the Reynolds family, the current owners, in 1956. The station covers 28,300 hectares but can carry only about one sheep per six hectares.

We stayed at the Grasswren Camp site, where we were the only campers. There was a drop toilet at the campsite and showers at the Homestead site about 2 km away.

The first rest day of the trip provided a respite from the calorie-burning regimen enforced by our trip leader. Activities were varied according to individual preferences.

Some of us went walking in Wilpena Gorge - Matt, Russell, Sue and the Ryries. Bob and Pete worked on Pete's flat van batteries. Judy, David and Gemma walked on the hills and creek beds surrounding the campsite; spotting and photographing emus, roos, parrots and other wildlife. Others worked hard on their washing, reading and relaxing.

Some viewed the sunset and sunrise from Stokes Hill. All had a great day, rounded off as usual with animated conversation and sundowners.

The following morning we set out on the Skytrek 4WD track, a 80km round trip which comfortably entertained us all day. Skytrek combines a series of station roads, old mining and goat shooters' tracks, and a fire break. The necessary keys were obtained from Carmel (station owner) and we set off with the leader's baton being passed to Russell.



The first 60km were pretty easy 4WDing and we enjoyed natural and man-made station highlights (aboriginal engravings, old huts and yards, black oak, mulga and mallee trees, bullock bush and bluebush), with views to the ranges in the distance. We lunched in a dry creek bed shaded by the canopies of local eucalypts. The final 20km were the most challenging and slowest, with some steep rock-strewn climbs and drops to negotiate, often with tight turns. Great fun! The ascents led us to some spectacular lookouts on Prominent Hill, Vambata Hill, and at Upalinna Lookout (the highest point on the drive at 747m). We enjoyed superb views of the ranges and countryside.



We all had opportunities to use our low gears and engine braking on the steep descents (several of us for the first time in new vehicles). Overall, a great day's 4WDing.

Naturally, our successful return was celebrated with sundowners.

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Days 7 and 8: Alan (Bubbles) and Soyara Ryrie

The group left Willow Springs by 0930 heading south on the black top. Russell thought his rear wipers could improve his visibility on the journey. After a quick photo stop at Rawnsley Bluff we continued on to our lunch stop at Quorn passing that iconic LR shape masquerading as a letter box.



The group explored the various lunch options, one popular stop was the "Great Northern Emporium" - a trip back into yesteryear with great food. Russell had thoughts of buying a new wonder frypan but thought better of it and we all continued on to Spear Creek Caravan Park near to Port Augusta; the bitumen access road being rougher than most dirt roads traversed on the trip.

A lovely patch of lawn was eyed off eagerly by the tenters with Russell lying down claiming a patch. However, I found his swag later in a different spot. Happy hour on the green grass - what a treat! The caretaker came over to say hello and announced that someone in the group had been undercharged on their credit card for camp fees - 56c instead of \$56. Alas it was us, the Ryries, but all was good after correct payment made. The conversation flowed well with the wine and cheeses and, for some bizarre reason, centred around root blockages and septics. We decided to have a shared camp oven roast dinner the following evening using the property's dorper lamb. April Fool's Day!



An early briefing explaining a change of plan - we were going to stay an extra night at Spear Creek and miss the Bendleby Ranges as some were concerned re vehicle scratching possibilities, and we doubted that anything would out-do Skytrek.

Geoff (again!) showed his skills in extricating his Patrol from its tight parking spot ready for our drive for which we lined up at 1010 hours, with Ryries hitting the panic button when it looked like Sue was about to rearrange a stump with her lovely FJ40 (she was apparently watching anyway with her reversing camera). So, all on our way minus the Gibbs who choose to drive their camera on foot in the hills.

With Russ again in the lead (as he often does at one end or the other) first took us through the wrong gate (April Fool's Day remember) but Geoff soon found the right one so we were on our way again, noting a huge freight train below on the lowlands! Unfortunately, the route signs and directions were very worn out, faded shall we say, so there was much discussion and animated huddles to decipher the way ahead. Russ and Geoff went exploring different directions; eventually having us retrace to our last 'secure' point. Being the good guy he is, Alan fixes a sign and off we go up the hill, down the hill, up the hill you get the idea! Finally, a magnificent view from Hang Glider's Hill with a tricky three-point turn at the top. Morning tea was in a saddle, then back to base for lunch, with a couple of cars displaying extreme side angles.



Afternoon time was free so some went to Port Augusta others rested or went for searching for the stromatolites. Happy hour was once again enjoyed on the lawn with a variety of wine and dip selections and a thank you presentation to Gemma was given before we turned our attention to the camp fire and 4 camp ovens awaiting their saltbush lamb roasts.

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Days 7 and 8 Alan (Bubbles) and Soyara Ryrie (cont'd)



Under the watchful eye of Fire Master Geoff, dressed to impress in smashing boardies, the roasts soon sizzled and gave out wonderful aromas. The group devoured the feast in the camp kitchen and looked forward to tomorrow.

Days 9 and 10: Russell Speldewinde



Due to the change of plans, Matt offered to lead a gorge walk he had always wanted to do in the Mt Remarkable National Park. We headed off around 9am and up Horrocks Pass Road to Wilmington and then hanging a right towards Melrose. We turned off to Alligator Gorge where there was a short but demanding walk on offer. The sign said a 2km round trip will take 2 hours (many many steps). Due to the strenuous nature of the walk all, but Matt and Russell opted to just do the lookouts and then head to Melrose for a wander and lunch.

Irrespective of the advice given, the Alligator Gorge was completed in an hour despite Matt having to undergo a HIA (Head Injury Assessment). Matt and Russell caught up with the group at Melrose where some had the “best pie

they have ever had!” These were Ev’s pies purchased from the Vault Café, an old bank building converted into a café with orders taken behind the teller bars.

From Melrose the group split up with some returning to Spear Creek, the Hills going down to Port Germein and five vehicles taking the Bridle Track Scenic route to Port Germein. The Bridle track was a great find, not a difficult drive but spectacular scenery with 360 degree views over the ranges and the Gulf of St Vincent.

This should have been an uneventful drive however a shredded tyre on Russell’s Disco added some more interest to the drive. Fortunately, this was experienced at the bottom of the drive on flat land and with no traffic. Tyre changed and we were back on the road, heading back up Highway A1 towards Port Augusta, and Spears Creek Camp.

Back in time for sundowners, dinner and drinks.

After another windy night we were up early ready to depart by 9:30am and heading to Burra via Wilmington Orroroo on Willowie Road and then down RM Williams Way and Petersburg Road to Peterborough (originally known as Petersburg but changed after the war). We arrived at Peterborough about 10:45 and Gemma had arranged a SteamTown museum tour for 11:30am.



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Days 9 and 10: Russell Speldewinde (cont'd)

After mornos we regrouped for the tour. This took 1! hours and was quite interesting with Shirley providing good commentary and personal experiences.



Back in the 1950's there were 5,000 people living at Peterborough and 1200 men were looking after 1200 miles of track supporting about 100 train movements a day! These were the days when there was a need to transport coal and supplies one way and ore back the other way between Broken Hill and Port Pirie. At one time the yards and crew supported three gauges of rail, locomotives and carriages.

From Peterborough we headed down the Barrier Highway to the lovely little town of Burra, for some a gateway to the Clare Valley but for others a destination in itself. This is an old mining town.

Set-up, sit down, sundown, eat and sleep.....

Days 11 and 12: Peter and Doris Gibb



We were off on a heritage trail exploring the history of Burra. Gemma ably navigated the convoy with Bob at the helm. First stop is the Redruth Gaol that was built in 1856 and was the first gaol outside of metropolitan Adelaide. Later on, it became a reformatory for young girls, and a family home,

film set and social venue up to 1922. Breaker Morant was filmed here in May and June 1979.

Next was the abandoned nineteenth century township of Hampton. This private township was laid out by Thomas Powell in 1857 and named after Edward Hampton, an assayer at the smelting works. It contained about 30 miners' cottages and a Bible Christian Chapel. The layout of the town is obvious amongst the ruins with many dry walls still surviving time. The township was only abandoned in the 1960s.



Onto the smelting works where smelting was carried out from 1849 until 1868. This was a large site in its day with 21 reverberatory furnaces housed in two smelting houses that had the capacity of 100 tons of copper per week. By 1951 more than 1000 men were employed by the smelting works and about 150 tons of wood were burnt daily. There was not much left of the buildings but it was well marked out so you could get the sense of the size of the operations.

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Days 11 and 12: Peter and Doris Gibb (Cont'd)

Then we visited the Miners Dugouts. Due to a shortage of housing for miners they lived in dugouts on the sides of the Burra Creek. Of the 600 original dugouts that housed around 1800 people only three remain today. In 1851 floods drove the inhabitants from their dugouts and by 1860 the dugouts were largely deserted. Next was a stop at the Police Lockup and Stables. These were erected at the rear of the first police station in 1847. The cells were used as a temporary gaol until the Redruth Gaol was built in 1856. Additional cells, stables and stable yard were added in 1873. Beautiful peppercorn trees surround the property and the car now smells of our harvest!



Around the corner and up the road was the historic Burra mine site. Here there were remains of the dressing tower and the Ore Floor, the Town Lookout and Powder Magazine. These all date around the 1870s. The Powder Magazine is one of the oldest remaining mine building in Australia having been erected in 1847. The National Trust restored it in 1976 (mind you the sign on the actual building says 1970).

Time for a coffee and lunch so the group dispersed for a free afternoon.

Some shopped while others napped before meeting at the Burra Hotel for dinner. A very enjoyable day.

Wednesday – a rest day. With the Clare Valley being so close it beckoned most of the group for a day of wine, beer and food. It seems like we followed each other around, as when the lady at Mitchell Winery asked where we found out about their wines and we said last night at the Burra Hotel she was curious as others had said the same! The two most popular lunch places seemed to have been Paulette's and Mr Mick's. With lighter wallets and heavier vehicles, the camp filled up again.

Sundowners had a nice sampling from the day including salt bush goat cheese, Talbot Block Shiraz and a fortified Riesling from the Mitchell winery.



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Day 13: Geoff and Gab Hill

Today was a big drive day. Our plan of attack was to depart Burra at 0830hrs and head for Tooleybuc, which is located on the NSW side of the Murray River just before Swan Hill. At Tooleybuc we were booked into the local caravan park for two days. Everyone was remarkably spritely after the previous day's wine tasting.

We departed Burra on schedule and headed for Morgan. This part of the trip saw us rolling down out of the Southern Flinders Ranges towards the Murray lowlands. The scenery was dominated by endless fields healthy blue/saltbush, reminding us of the saltbush lamb that we feasted on at Spear Creek.

Arriving in Morgan and the Mighty Murray, Gemma thought we should check out the possibility of a ferry crossing. Unfortunately, the ferry was rather small and the convoy would have required more than one crossing. So on to Berri we drove.

The convoy was quite spread out when we arrived at Berri; but we all found the morning tea venue beside the Murray. Some hit the coffee shop whilst some enjoyed the park. Whilst driving through this part of SA it is easy to see why they call it the 'Fruit Bowl' of the state. Orchards of all descriptions lined the roadside, not to mention vineyards. From Berri our trip took us through Loxton, the quaint town of Pinaroo and onto Underbool, where a pleasant lunch was had at the roadside park. After lunch it was off to Ouyen and Tooleybuc, our campsite for the next 2 nights.

By the time we reached Tooleybuc, around 1700hrs, we had had about 7 hours in the saddle and were looking forward to a quick set up and a drink (and possibly dinner) at the pub. Unfortunately, the caravan park at Tooleybuc is relatively small and, although prior conversations regarding our requirements had been taken place, the manager was surprised at the size of our convoy, which at this stage consisted of 3 vans, 1 trailer and 3 single cars (the Ryries had arrange to leave the convoy at Burra). Even though we were booked in, it was going to be a logistical problem squeezing us all in quickly and comfortably.

At this point Geoff and Gab decided to take advantage of the remaining daylight and push on towards home. They made Yanga before dark, followed shortly after by Russell who had also decided to the head home. The three had a lovely bush camp and a fantastic fire, to finish their wonderful trip.

For those of us who stayed at Tooleybuc, we strolled into town for dinner at the 'local'. What a great find this was. The food was great and the service even better. The owners were extremely friendly and accommodating. Our meals were followed by a complimentary glass of fortified for everyone.



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Day 14: Bob and Gemma

The next day, we headed for Swan Hill for a leisurely stroll through the town centre. After morning tea Sue said she would like to take advantage of being in this part of Victoria and wanted to catch up with some family near Albury. So, the convoy was 4.

Arriving at Jerilderie mid-afternoon we were pleasantly surprised by the facilities at the Motel/Caravan Park. Green grass, drive through sites, no one within cooee of us, and the new refurbished amenities block – Scott Cam would have been speechless. Matt decided to forego setting up his tent for the last night and took a motel room instead. The final sundowners and dinner were had on the lawns in bare feet.

Day 15

The final leg of the trip was uneventful with a leisurely departure from Jerilderie stopping at the Long Track Café, Jugiong for morning tea and then home by early afternoon.

The Flinders is a wonderful destination. Unfortunately, no amount of words or pictures can do the landscape justice – you just have to experience it.



Major's Creek Day Trip: Friday 15 April 2017

Over the course of the weekend we had 16 vehicles and 38 folk join us – seems folk like slow moving base camps with a day trip here and there.

What a great bunch to have over Easter at the Mercers at Majors Creek, basically a catch up of folk who will enjoy the Simpson Trip in a few weeks. Folk travelled from Maitland, Morisset, Windsor, Orange, Yass, Binda, Balmain and Canberra. Generally folk arrived on the Friday steadily streaming in during the day. I am advised that the Hume Highway was bumper to bumper, taking 3 hours from Liverpool to Goulburn. We had a welcoming fire burning. All tents and camper trailers were set-up with a view to enjoy the best of what our Block has to offer.

Everyone sorted their own meals on Friday evening before a good casual chat around the fire.

Hugh arrived in the S2 Diesel from Orange and we hardly recognised it with a different sound from a Series vehicle.

Peter outlined the intention for a Saturday Drive. Folk retired between 9 pm and midnight. A very warm fire with a chill in the air and pleasant gazes of the Milky Way.

Saturday - today was a good looking day with a drive down the old track to Araluen, just as we were about to depart I picked up the Totes on the radio, so saved them the couple of minutes run to our place, which had just been reopened after a land slip in the last few weeks because of all the rain about the place. So Totes, Russell and Sharon (just to Moruya), and Bruce and Helen Hatcher (staying in Braidwood) joined us here.

We had quite a few folk who had not been down this way previously and it was a very pleasant run to Moruya stopping for a leg stretch on the Deua River - very pleasant.

With the rain and the amount of green about, it was a very nice drive to Moruya and we then followed the Highway to Bodalla.

We had a 2 hour lunch break here and luckily everything was open on the day cafes, bakery, old wares.

I had also arranged to catch up with past members, Bruce and Beth Doggan from Cobargo, so we had a good chat with them.

I had had a look at my map, the paper type - South Coast Forest Map by the Forestry Corporation, had rung to check on road conditions and was advised all was good.

We followed the Tuross River then TR on the Nerrigundah Rd, noticing signage indicating the Cadgee bridge was out, which concerned me as I did not know the area at all, so a map moment and we decided to confront the bridge head on – we never found it.

It's a very nice area and if you're down this way worthy of a look see. On we went to Belowra through some very pleasant grazing country and then on up the escarpment, not too strenuous.

Another map moment up near the top as the track. We were on Falcon Rd, took a strong turn to Numeralla on a good road, but it was 30-ish kms in the wrong direction for us at this time of day.

I led the group, turning right on Big Badja Fire Trail heading for Pikes Saddle, sounded ominous. This was a much slower track in a poorer condition and up to 1220-ish metres at times.

It was a pleasant drive, but I was happy to see the main road at the end, so "All Good" on all fronts.

We enjoyed a meal at Majors Creek hotel with a booking for 22 folk, which I am sure they appreciated. The meals were hearty and well priced.

Back home we burnt some more wood before turning in.

Sunday - saw a number of folk travelling that bit further, heading off, as well as some locals.

We didn't do much on Sunday: fire side chats and a bit of fun on the tyre swing. The hot water shower got a work out during the afternoon.

We had a great camp oven dinner on Sunday night with just 6 of us overnighing that evening. Also had plenty of time to answer questions regarding the Simpson during the weekend, so all in all a very pleasant time.

I have been asked if it will be an annual event and I don't see why not.

Thanks to all those that attended as you all contributed to the weekend

All Good,

Peter and Margaret

Brindabellas for Beginners: 30 April

Photos: *Mackenzie Toten*



A Walk down Memory Lane - My first Club trip

Allan Dixon

I had a long wheel base Series 2A Land Rover, and had heard about a local Land Rover Club; so I thought I might check it out with a view to possibly joining. I contacted the Club Secretary, Peter Mills, and he said that a prerequisite was to take part in a club trip before becoming a member.

I asked when the next trip was and he said it was a few weeks away, but there was a recce trip on this coming Sunday and I was welcome to come on it; it was a one-day trip and we would be back by about 6 o'clock. Little did I know what I was getting into, and particularly the relevance of a planned return time for a recce trip. I had been driving Land Rovers, four wheel drive trucks and other military vehicles in the bush for a number of years, so I said yes.

It was Sunday 28 July 1974 and the trip was to "Policeman's Gap", an area near the north-west corner of the Cobargo 1:100,000 map in Dampier State Forest, near Deua National Park, although the track was not then marked on the map. I was warned it might be a hard trip. Policeman's Gap was given its name many years ago when some sheep went missing, thought to have been rustled, from a property at Belowra and a policeman went up into the gap area looking for them – he camped there and spent some more time there when, looking for water in a gully, he lost his pistol.



We encountered some heavy timber across the track, the Belimbla Fire Trail, before we even neared Policeman's Gap. Some of it we were able to clear with the chain saws, but there was one large tree across the track we could not cut and could not move; we could not drive around it to the left because it was too steep (down hill). The options were to go back or try and go around it to the right off the track, which was steep up off the track. We decided to try the right hand detour. This in itself was a bit tricky and took some considerable effort making a way through, and took some time. We got past and back on the track.

We eventually made it to the approach up to Policeman's Gap. It was at this point driving was tested – there was a series of very sharp, steep hairpin bends with a loose rocky surface. They were so tight that long wheel base vehicles could not get around in one turn – it needed reversing and turning a number of times while on a loose steep slope with a drop off. It is even trickier when the spare wheel on the bonnet blocks part of the view on the steep slope. With much effort and a toll on time we negotiated the bends and continued on.

A little time later one of my brake lines was damaged and brake fluid started to leak out. Bush mechanics swung into action and we got under and crimped the broken line. The result, with one wheel not braking, was that every time I braked the vehicle crabbed. It was now also dark and we were still in some pretty rough country.



A Walk down Memory Lane - My first Club trip (Cont'd)



Travel on the hilly and winding fire trails at night was slow going; particularly with a crabbing vehicle. After driving through the night we reached Narooma by about 3.00 am the next morning and then headed back to Canberra, arriving at 6 o'clock (am!).

Peter and some of the other members thought that after that experience I would not come back. Well, I figured if I could survive that I would be ok. I joined up and have had 43 years of no regrets.

Some years later another track, though a steep one, was put in which avoided the bends of Policeman's Gap. Later Belimbla Fire Trail became a management access only track.

Thanks for the Memories

Why we enjoy Club trips

We have been to many places that we did not know existed and discovered many beautiful and secluded free campsites. On these trips, we have been comforted by the security and support of road-wise people who have given us good advice and helped us in times of need. We have met many wonderful people and always appreciated our Club membership. Thanks LRC!.

Bob & Zydre Pember

I would like to say how great it is to belong to the Landrover Club of the ACT, even though I don't drive a Landrover the club members have always made me very welcome. The driver training offered has been really useful as I am very inexperienced at 4WD driving. The friendship and help given is wonderful. I have been on a few club trips from one day to 2 weeks and always enjoyed both learning things and getting to know other members. And the destinations have been fabulous...the annual fees are extremely inexpensive for such great social and learning environments.

Mary Bergstrom

Thanks for the Memories (Cont'd)

It is hard to decide which of the various trips was the best LRC trip that I ever did – the many trips I have undertaken over the 43 years in the club have included recce trips, trips I have led, trips other members have led and, over a number of years, search and rescue operations with the SES and the Police in the ACT and the region (some of which were successful in finding lost people and one where the person had died). Some trips in to the Budawang Ranges in Morton National Park were some very enjoyable trips that stand out, in areas that are now limited to bushwalkers. One in particular was in The Vines, between Quilty's Mountain, Sturgiss Mountain and Galbraith Plateau, an area where Vines Creek started and flowed north to the Endrick River and Kilpatrick Creek started and flowed south into the Clyde River. The area was very scenic having temperate rain forest and a part with many grass trees (previously known as blackboys), large ferns and other native plants. On one occasion we camped there in the middle of winter and, after a very cold night, awoke to fog, frozen water and icicles – but the scenery was spectacular with the various colours of the plants through the mist – unforgettable.

There are many things I like about the Land Rover Club, including:

- * the camaraderie,
- * the exchange of knowledge on a broad range of subjects,
- * sharing information,
- * working together to overcome problems and obstacles in the bush,
- * travel to areas I would not otherwise go,
- * the ability to travel in safety with a group of like-minded people.

As the Club's trophy says – "*On the steepest track and in the deepest bog we will remember them*"

The most memorable trip for us was an 8-week Canning Stock Route trip with Dave and Judy Churches in 2001. So many adventures, so many memories, so much learned about ourselves and our vehicle. Even completed the 2001 Census around the campfire at Well 33! Sadly, Judy passed away in 2011. Rest in peace, Judy.



Allan Dixon

David & Margo Wade

Club Notice Board

Driver Education Unit

The DEU (Driver Education Unit) is for the benefit of all club members to assist and share our knowledge and experience in safe, responsible and practical off road driving techniques.

Regardless of whether you are a new or existing member, if you feel that you would benefit from a 2 hour theory night followed by a practical day, you should register your interest with the *Driver Training Coordinator* at dtg@lrc.org.au.

If there is sufficient interest, the DEU may organise specific training events for club members such as Winching, Snatch Strap Recovery, Water crossing etc.

Short Notice Trips

This feature is for all club members who find themselves with spare time on their hands at short notice and what to go for a day drive or a weekend away at a favourite spot.

Please send brief details and a direct contact email address and phone number to the Webmaster (websitemanager@lrc.org.au) for posting onto the Web page, and then follow up with all interested parties.

You are requested to let the *Trip Coordinator* (tripcoordinator@lrc.org.au) know of the trip and who is attending prior to the trip itself, but you need to coordinate all aspects of the short notice trip yourself.

This feature is for short notice trips only and does not replace the trip calendar for more complex trips.

Out of the Shed

Purchasing goods: Complete Clearance ... after the June meeting!

All these interesting bits and bobs that have been useful to LRC members for the last 10 years or so have at long last had their day as far as being stored for club members.

12v Electrical plug and socket connectors, led bayonet bulbs, a few recovery items, a few maps, and a few cellulose sponges.

The complete stock is being cleared.

Prices vary from gold coin to donation you think is reasonable for the item.

I do not want to continue to store stuff, so if you think you could use it ... bring a few gold coins! First come ... first opportunity to buy (or share with the others who also want them!)

The sale will commence at the conclusion of the business stuff at the June meeting.

Michael Thomson, Purchasing Officer (retiring), LRC-ACT

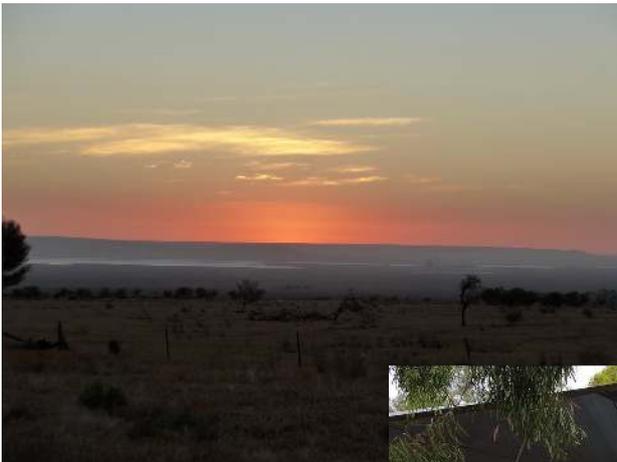


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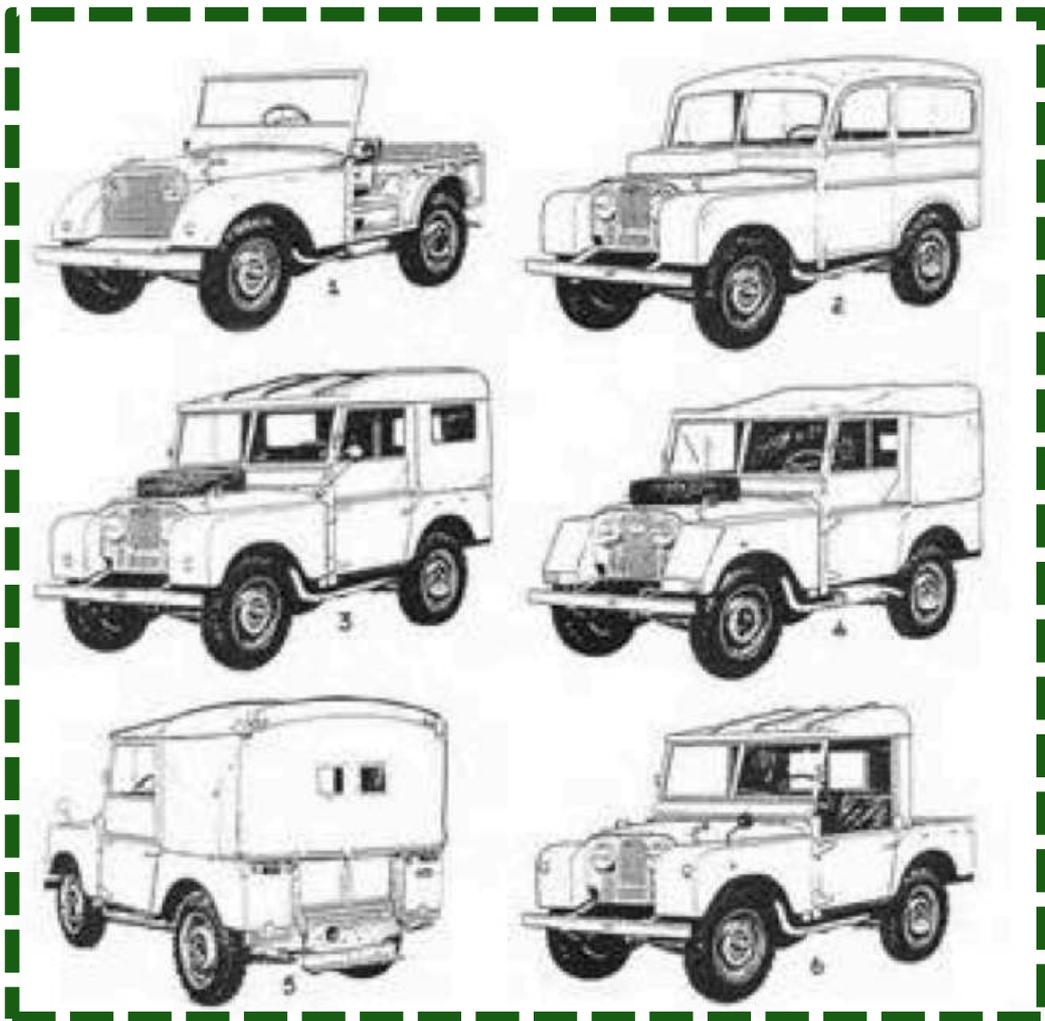
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