

# LRCACT July 2020

## Let The Pressure Out

### Newsletter

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#### *From the Club President*

##### **Next Club Meeting 12 July 2020**



Greetings everyone to our June Newsletter. I hope this update finds you well and you are either getting out and about or at least planning your next adventure. The newsletter has been a great short-term initiative to keep us informed while restrictions stopped us from conducting our club meetings.

I am pleased to advise our club social gathering and Ordinary meeting planned for Sunday July 12 will proceed at **The Bungendore Showground** commencing at **11:00am** and concluding at approx. 2:30pm. A great opportunity to catch up with other members and show off your daily drive or an outing for your Series machine or other favourite Sunday drive.

This gathering will be an outdoor event, with access to toilet facilities and the club will make available the hot water urn. While NSW is getting back to a level of normality, we are still operating under some level of COVID-19 restrictions so the following COVIDsafe plan will apply:

- All attendees are required to join in the event on a 100% BYO basis (ie. Includes all chairs, tables, food, drinks, utensils etc.)
- Unless you are from the same household, we will maintain 1.5m social distancing. So no hugging, kissing or handshakes.
- All attendees will be required to formally sign in with any visitors needing to provide full contact details.
- The club will make available a number of hand sanitiser stations (eg. Toilets, Urn, Sign in book, etc) to enable regular hand cleaning.

Our shortish ordinary meeting will primarily discuss the 4WD Spectacular review and current financial position as we enter the new financial year plus other business as required.

If the weather gods decide to intervene, we will communicate as early as possible if we need to postpone.

Stay safe and well  
Andrew Lockley

#### *Message from Membership Secretary*

Great news. Nearly 50 members have already renewed. It had been usual for many members to leave it to immediately prior to the AGM drop off date, so a great start for our 2020-2021 year.



Even better for me and David, our Treasurer, everyone paying by EFT has included their surname, so we have no 'phantom' payments. For country members, any Westpac Bank will accept payment into our account, (NAME: Land Rover Club of the ACT Inc. BSB: 032-719 ACCT: 562529), except we have discovered that direct deposit at a branch or via auto teller, you can only use a numeric reference, so you will need to make one up (you could use the last 6 digits of your mobile phone number, as I can find that on your membership profile), and email me the reference so David and I can correctly attribute the payment.

I will endeavour to only email the unpaid members in the next reminder, but if you pay between me creating the list, and the email going out, apologies.

During the Covid-19 shutdown, requests for membership information has not stopped. I will be inviting all prospective members to our July 12 function, so be ready to welcome some new faces.

Michael Thomson  
Membership Secretary

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Thanks to all those who have paid their membership subs for the new financial year!



There has been a steady flow of subs coming in since early June. So far, our Club has benefitted to the tune of just over \$3000; just over a third of the way there. It is a real pleasure being on the committee and being treasurer when such support from you, our members, is obvious. Please keep up the good work.

When I circulated our budget position in the last newsletter, I had assumed that we would at best break even on the 4WD Spectacular. As Andrew has mentioned in his report, we did somewhat better than that, and we have finished up with a surplus of \$2000 after expenses and allowing for

tax. Far better than I had hoped for, though a long way short of our normal returns for a Spectacular. I understand that thanks are due to two or three companies which, after the close of our poorly-attended Spectacular, submitted invoices well below the Show Committee's expectation. I'll leave it to others to elaborate.

As you know, at each Ordinary Meeting, I list the expenses paid since the previous meeting so you know about and can approve that expenditure. That obviously hasn't happened for some time, so, just before our planned Club meeting on 12 July, I will circulate a list of bills paid between our last Ordinary Meeting and the close of the financial year, ready for your approval at that meeting on the 12th.

David Wade  
Treasurer

### **From the Social Secretary**

#### **Club Christmas Party - 21 November 2020**

All is on track to have the Club Christmas Party at Majors Creek on 21 November.



While the recreation ground is now open for camping and we hope to be able to have full use of the hall by end November. After last year's fiasco with the bushfires, I have booked the Vanilla Catering from Braidwood again. Fingers crossed we don't have any mishaps this time.

I will send out an email with all relevant information in the coming months.

#### **Historic Registration and Club Membership**



This note is for those members who have vehicles registered through the NSW Historic Registration or the ACT Concessional Registration Schemes.

You are reminded that it is a condition of your vehicle registration that you must be a financial member of the Club that facilitated the concessional registration - in our case, the Land Rover Club of the ACT.

This condition is irrespective of whether you have fully paid up registration with NSW/ACT authorities. Not being a financial member means your registration is cancelled with the appropriate penalties if the vehicle is used.

As has already been advised, Club membership renewals were due on 30 June 2020 and every effort should have been made to meet that deadline.

So please pay your memberships as soon as possible or refrain from using your vehicles until your membership is renewed.

Any questions, please contact Garry Collins at [actmotor\\_rep@lrc.org.au](mailto:actmotor_rep@lrc.org.au) or on mob 0411102488.

### **Note from the 4WD NSW & ACT and NPWS Representative**



The first chainsaw training weekend has been delivered by Getabout Training and by all accounts it went very well. The second course followed on the 18th-19th of July at the Lithgow training area. Even some of the well-seasoned saw operators learned a new trick or two. If you have registered and received the Getabout login information please complete the registration process as your course dates are set. If you are still waiting on a course date it means the course is not filled to a practical number yet, so please be patient. Upcoming course locations and dates are:

- Wagga Wagga on the 1st - 2nd of August (full)
- Southern Tablelands on the 8th- 9th of August (filling)
- Southern Cross on the 26th - 27th of September (filling)

Dates are still to be set for the ACT Land Rover Club (ACT training area) (filling) and dates still to be set multi Sydney clubs (Lithgow training area) (filling).

The ACT Training area course has 5 confirmed attendees to date - 4 from the LRC and one from Wagga. We need 9-10 people for the course to be held in our area. Some LRC members who expressed interest after the initial advice have not yet gone ahead and registered - please contact me by email if you want to take advantage of the subsidised training. There is no limit to the number of members from our club who can attend the training course - it could almost be a private training course for us.

Kevin Phillips  
Club Representative

### **From the Trip Coordinator**

We are looking for members to put forward trip proposals, even if they would rather have someone else co-ordinate and lead the trip.



Trips can be of any length, from 1 day to a month or more. Even if members are unable to commit to a certain date it would be good to get some suggestions.

Also, Ann and I have a proposed trip. The date of this trip is not yet decided as it depends on state borders opening.

## South Australia 2020

A spring trip to South Australia visiting the central and northern Flinders Ranges, travelling the Googs Track and discovering the Eyre Peninsula. Overnights will be a mixture of caravan parks, bush camping, and station camping.

Members are welcome to join us for all or some of the trip. There will be many opportunities for bush walking, relaxing, photography and 4WDing. We will not be moving every day. Most of the trip is suitable for camper trailers. The only part of the trip where trailers are not recommended are on the Goog's Track, which comprises over 300 sand dunes.

*Week 1:* Canberra – Dubbo – Cobar – Pardoo-Darling National Park – Mutawintji National Park – Broken Hill

*Week 2:* Broken Hill – Peterborough – Rawnsley Park Station – Blinman – Vulkathunha Gammon Ranges National Park – Leigh Creek – Port Augusta

*Week 3:* Exploring the Eyre Peninsula (east to west) – Ceduna.

*Week 4:* Ceduna – Goog's Track – Kingoonya – Lake Gairdner National Park – Port Augusta – head home.

This itinerary is a draft only and any suggestions are most welcome. Expressions of interest should be forwarded to the Trip Coordinator ([tripcoordinator@lrc.org.au](mailto:tripcoordinator@lrc.org.au))

Tom & Ann de Jongh



### ***From the Series Rep.***



It's been a great month for me chatting with folk and visiting Sydney based members, I also know a couple who have taken the notes for the OLRHD Heritage Drive and taken themselves on the drive – and quite enjoying it.

We headed to Sydney via Fitzroy Falls and enjoyed a very pleasant few hours with Monica and Ross Waples. What an idyllic area to live amongst the historic Motorbikes and Series Land Rovers. We then headed to Pitt Town for a mini Heritage Drive weekend with Alex and Shirley Brincat, and Jane and Andrew for a couple of nights. What a great time with Rick and Anne arriving on Sunday for the day. There was a great amount of chatting and fire prodding going on. Thanks Brincats

Thanks to Peter W for presenting his spare toolkit for ongoing work on series vehicles appreciated, it's a nice kit.

Things we sorted this month

We managed to sort Liam picking up a Series 2 he purchased from a club member.

We also assisted the owner of a LWB S3 Military with a difficult to find part between the head and the water pump, it took a while but we did it - thanks Alex.

Peter Mercer

### ***A Trip Down Memory Lane***

#### **Reminiscing Nunnock Swamp Camp and Postmans Track Sept-Oct 2018 Trip Report**

We left Canberra at about 5 pm and headed south, aiming for Cooma. Traffic was the usual on a Friday arvo, some slowbies, some speeders and the usual mix of those who don't drive as well as they think they do. The Disco towed the van well so no issues there.

Forgoing dinner in Cooma, we continued on through Nimmitabel headed for Nunnock Swamp camp via Packers Swamp Road. Despite a minor miss direction by the GPS, with an excellent sense of direction by Kaylene, we reached camp about 8:30pm. No-one else being there we had our choice of sites.

We had a peaceful night and rising early(ish) we found it had snowed lightly during the night. Very pretty. We headed for Cooma to do some shopping and to meet up with the rest of the group. On route to Nimmitabel we drove through a light snow 'storm' which gave the pine trees lining the road a very white Christmas look.



Due to circumstances beyond our control we did not meet the group in Cooma but caught up with them back at Nunnock camp where they had mostly finished setting up their preferred choice of accommodation.

Stuart and Jane were first to the meeting spot, chatting to a guy in a 4x4 that as it turned out, was not a part of our trip, but just a random guy waiting for his 4x4 mates at the same place! Rick arrived next and being new to the club, introduced himself to us. Rick was closely followed closely by John. Angus and Susie sent their apologies as they had sick children, saying they would try to meet up with us on Sunday. We chatted for a few minutes then headed down to Cooma. We gathered at the usual haunt (Maccas). After refuelling we headed off to camp to meet Koppes.

Once we set up at Nunnock's camp (John braved a tent) we drove out to Alexanders Hut. At the hut, the group decided that as we had a bit of time, we headed along the Cattleman's Track and turned onto Mogilla Track. We discussed how long we would drive for before turning around and heading back to camp. We decided on an hour.

About 2 minutes later, we came across a fallen tree blocking the track! After some deliberation, it was decided we do our civil duty and clear the track.



As it was already getting really cold, Kaylene supervised from the Disco 2 and Jane supervised from the ground, with Camera in hand, whilst the men all bonded around chainsaws (1 electric, 1 petrol), an axe (very sharp!!) and a shovel (which used for more than just to lean on, lol!) About an hour later, that track was cleared and Stuart and John drove through and about 50 m down the track turned around and drove back through! By this time we were all half frozen and wanting to get some warmth from the fire. Unfortunately we couldn't due to total fire ban, so we all cooked out meals then gathered around the table for post dinner snacks, before heading off to bed early to get warm... Koppes kindly donated a quilt to John who was the only one braving a tent on this trip.

Sunday - What a beautiful day after all the cold.



The group headed down the tracks to connect with Postman's Track and bumped our way down into Postman's Camp. A gorgeous spot to enjoy our morning

tea and of course enjoyed the water crossing again. A group went through that didn't have any concerns with safety with a number of adults, kids and dogs riding the track in the back of a 1 tonne ute. After packing up mornos we headed off bumping up out of the camp and heading on to Cathcart (we loved Cathcart so much that it is now on our list of possible places to retire). We enjoyed lunch in the park/sports ground where the community group has been putting in a lot of hard work to make a great community spot with fabulous amenities. We also attracted some attention with two of the locals (of the four-legged variety) joining us. They were very polite and very well behaved.

What a great trip. Thank you to Stuart and Jane, and to Rick who lead stage two of our Sunday trip

After a relaxing lunch in the park at Cathcart, we headed south on Coolungubra Road along the logging roads of the state forest. Fortunately,

there were no logging operations today so we did not encounter any logging trucks. The road was elevated at about 850 metres and had good views either side. To the west the snow-covered main range could be seen in the distance.

Turning left at Wog Way we headed for Myanaba Gorge. By this time we had left the state forest and re-entered the SE Forest National park, once again driving through magnificent tall gums. A Superb Lyrebird was spotted scarping off into the bush before we arrived at Myanba Gorge. Interestingly, we stepped out of our cars onto a paved path that lead to an elevated walkway overlooking the gorge. While only a small gorge, it was nonetheless a beautiful and pristine place. Paul, John and Jane checked out the gorge walking track before we headed back to the vehicles.

As we returned to Coolungbra Road, the group briefly stopped at Waratah Gully campground, which looked like a good spot to base a future trip to the area.

Travelling north from Cathcart on Creewah Road was an almost surreal experience. Given the dry drought declared country we had been travelling through, suddenly we were driving past green pastures with fattened cattle grazing on one side of the road and sheep grazing in amongst green lucerne on the other. A fast-moving police Pajero was about the only traffic we encountered on this 2WD road which lead us through Bibbenluke and back to our camp at Nunnock Swamp via New Line Road and Packers Swamp Road. The wind had dropped at the campground and the temperature was heading south quickly. A few nibbles as the sun set was followed by dinner and a quick chat at the picnic table before we had another early night in order to stay warm without the benefit of a camp fire.

Well, all good things must come to an end, so we all dragged ourselves out of our mostly warm caves and packed them up for the trip back to Canberra. Considering we all had different set ups, we all packed up in a similar timeframe. We left behind the "total fire ban" signs (that were in -2 degrees) and the camp which was now sunny but still very cool conditions.

