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President's Report

Well, another year bursts into life with the same wars and security issues in many parts of the world and the same petty argy-bargy in our political system. Despite this, I am convinced that we live in the safest, most peaceful part of this amazing planet.
I hope everyone had a relaxing holiday period and is looking forward to some interesting activities and trips in 2016.
I spent many hours over the last month trying to consolidate my hundreds of digital photos into manageable albums while deleting the repeats and duds. This made me realise the many, many areas we have covered in club trips throughout the country over the past 6 years and recalled many great experiences. Snow, dust, heat, rain, laughs, songs around the campfire, breakdowns, temporary repairs, but most of all, a great camaraderie with a caring group of friends.

Time now to look forward. Our trips committee have some interesting trips planned while the social committee have a number of new function ideas. The AGM is coming up in March so if you think that you would like to have a say in the club's direction, please nominate for a position. Any committee member would be happy to advise you of the commitment and expectations.

Sent from my iPad
Cheers Peter

Editor's Note

I forgot to thank everyone for all the trip reports and photos submitted for the magazine last year so thank you for those and remember, keep your camera and pencil handy on all trips.

The front page photo is of the last Defender to be made and is the Defender 90 Heritage. I saw the article in an online site and thought I could include it in the magazine. I clicked on the Permission tab in the article and entered 'None Profit', 'Magazine', 'less than 1000 copies' and it came up with a cost of $188 to use the article so if you want to know more about the last Defender you will have to look it up online or in a 4WD magazine.

With one page to fill I have put two Tech. Tips from earlier editions that might be useful to new members.

If anyone has any ideas for a topic or a subject for the magazine let me know. It doesn't have be a permanent column, just anything that might be of interest such as a camping recipe.

All the best for the New Year.

Garry Cooper

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The next monthly meeting will be held on
Tuesday January 19th 2016
Mitcham Reserve UBD map 142 - Q3
Old Belair Road
Commencing at 6.00 pm

Agenda
1.Welcome
2Activity; **Welcome to the New Year BBQ**

Club Calendar
The following meetings/events have been arranged by your Club's Committee for
Your benefit. Please participate and make full use of your Range Rover Club membership.

January 2016

Tuesday 19th 6:00pm	**Traditional 'Welcome to the New Year' BBQ** at the Mitcham reserve BYO everything for a BBQ tea

February 2016

✥ *Sunday 14th* *1030am – 4pm*	**All British Day – Echunga showgrounds,** (entry $8 pp, $4.50 children)
Tuesday 16th 7:30pm	**General Meeting** Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA
Saturday 27th Sunday 28th	**Range Rover Club of NSW** - 25th Anniversary of the Land Rover Discovery. Camping near Capertee NSW with scheduled activities over the weekend Contact club secretary: sec@rangeroverclubnsw.asn.au for more details. Bookings required prior to the 24th February

March 2016

Tuesday 1st to Wednesday 9th	**Meet in Mansfield Victoria** Sunday 28th Feb then leave Mon 7th March (public holiday). This will be a caravan suitable trip, stay all week at Mansfield CP then touring trips from there. One day solid 4WDing, others easy, bitumen/sealed road touring. Spots to visit include: EAST: Mount Buller, Mount Stirling, Craigs Hut, The Bluff, SOUTH: Jamison, Gafneys Creek, NORTH: Whitfield, Stringybark Creek. Etc. Also would like to include, for those hardy souls, a trip into Wonnangatta Station and return which would involve one, or possibly two nights, bush camping. That would be average/hard 4WDriving. March 2016 - Trip Leader Peter Allmand
✥ Sunday 13th	**Moonta and District Progress Associations annual Show 'N' Shine** $20 entrant fee, $5 admission fee. See Tim for entry form
Tuesday 15th	**AGM** Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA
Thursday 17th 7:30pm	**4WDSA – AGM, Cavan Headquarters –** Looking to fill the following positions: Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant secretary, all for a 2 year term. **Contact David O'Donnell for details**

✥ Saturday 19th Sunday 20th — **4WDSA – Ngarkat Working Bee** – Details to follow

✥ Friday 25th-Monday 28th — **Land Rover Register Land Rover Easter Jamboree**
Registration prior to 28th Feb= $90 or $110 after this date. Please see trip Folder for details

✥ Friday 25th-Monday 28th — **Black Cockatoo or Loveday 4X4 weekend.** Please see trip Folder for details

April 2016
Tuesday 19th 7:30pm — **General Meeting** Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA

May 2016
Tuesday 17th 7:30pm — **General Meeting** Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA
Saturday 21st to June 10th — **Kimberley Trip** – Meet at Wyndham.
Trip Leader - Andrew Davies

June 2016
Tuesday 21st 730pm — **General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club.** Guest Speaker TBA

July 2016
Tuesday 19th 730pm — **General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club.** Guest Speaker TBA

August 2016

Tuesday 16th 730pm — **General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club.** Guest Speaker TBA

Friday 19th-Monday 22nd — **Loveday Annual 4WD Gathering** – RFDS Fundraiser - TBA

September 2016
Tuesday 20th 730pm — **General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club**. Guest Speaker TBA
August/September — Tentatively planned Border track trip – Michael Bull
Details to follow

October 2016
Tuesday 16th 730pm — General Meeting Riverside Rowing Club. Guest Speaker TBA

October/November — Tentatively planned trip to the Grampians, Victoria – Tony Metcalf
Details to follow

Club members wishing to participate in any or all of the above trips are advised to contact the nominated trip leader and place their name in the appropriate trip folder.
Club members wishing to do other trips should contact the trips committee convener, Geoff Playford, and be prepared to assist in organizing the trip

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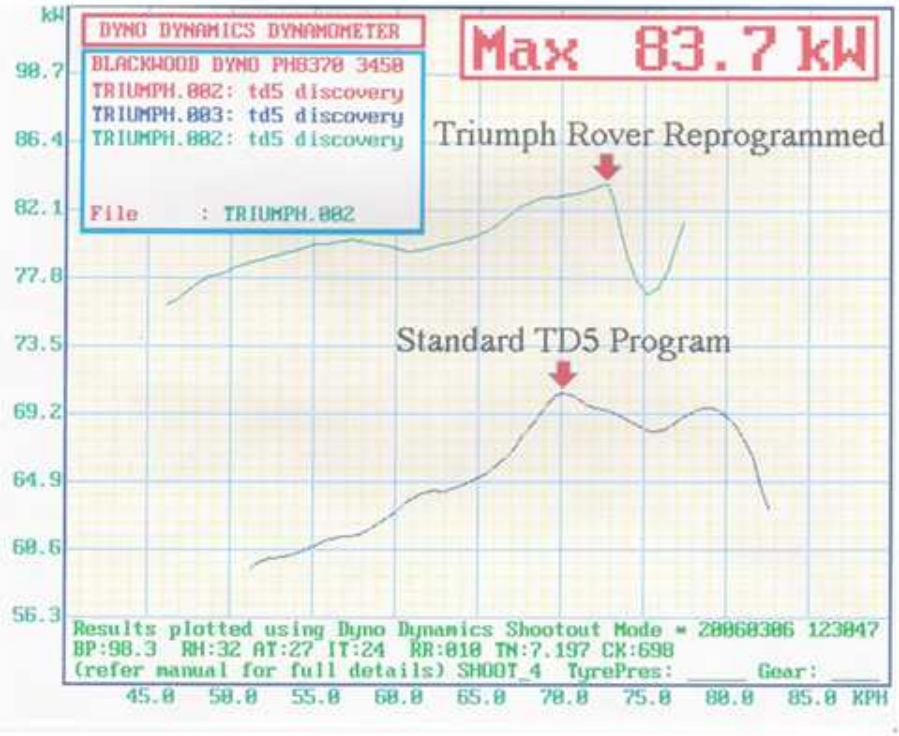

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Christmas Dinner at the Hilton. A nice venue and a good time was had by all. The meal was very nice and the service was excellent.

The President making his Christmas speech

The Kris Kringle table with the gifts for the 'Boys & Girls'. Each member brings along a gift for the table and during the evening gets to select one for themselves. Much merriment ensues as the gifts are opened. Below are some of the 'surprises'.

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Land Rover Wheel Nuts

A new wheel nut

My wheel nut with decorative cover removed

The first thing you must do when owning a Discovery 3/4 is to get an after market wheel brace. The pressed metal tube that is supplied is known to break if the wheel nuts have been over tightened. I bought an after market extendable handle wheel brace which had two double ended sockets included. One was 17&19mm the other 21&23mm. The D3 wheel nut is 22mm because it has a stainless steel decorative cover over the 21mm nut making it 22mm. In the picture of the new nut you can see where the decorative cover is crimped to hold it onto the nut.
On a recent trip I had a deflating tyre. On trying to change the wheel one of the nuts had the decorative cover damaged and would not allow me to get my 22mm socket fully on it so I used the 23mm socket over the damaged decorative cover to remove and retighten it back on the wheel. So put a 23mm socket in your D3 toolkit! I don't know what damaged the nut to stop the 22mm socket going on, most likely it was on the Billy Goat Track at Octoberfest as I had some marks on that wheel from the very rugged track.
Garry Cooper

Black, dusty front wheels.….a solution

Are you sick of the black brake dust that spoils the look of your mag wheels?
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My informant, a retired GMH brake engineer, says the issue began when we banned pads containing asbestos in 2003.
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. Noticeably less dust.
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Details here: www.bendix.com.au/content/bendix_brakes_4wd
Disclaimer: I have no connection with Bendix but do intend to try these pads when mine are due for replacement.

Peter Allmand

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