



# Queensland Rover News

The monthly newsletter of the Rover Car Club of Queensland

September 2018

## Brunch By The Bay

Our October Rove

Sunday 28th October

### Cooper's Cafe

409 The Esplanade  
Manly

*Anytime from 11 am to 2 pm*

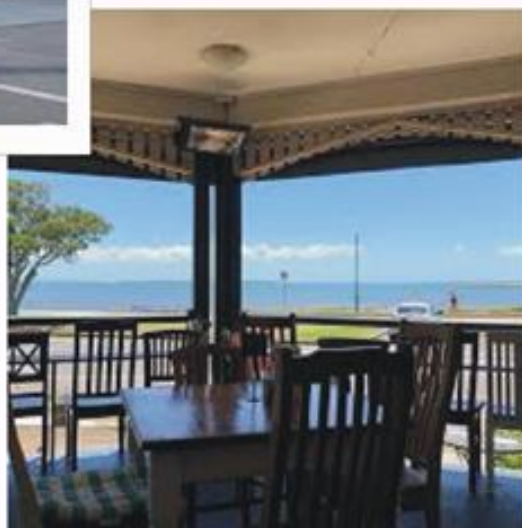


#### RSVP

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or

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by 21st October



see the menu at [www.coopersmanly.com/menu](http://www.coopersmanly.com/menu)

# New Member - Ray Armitage of Narangba

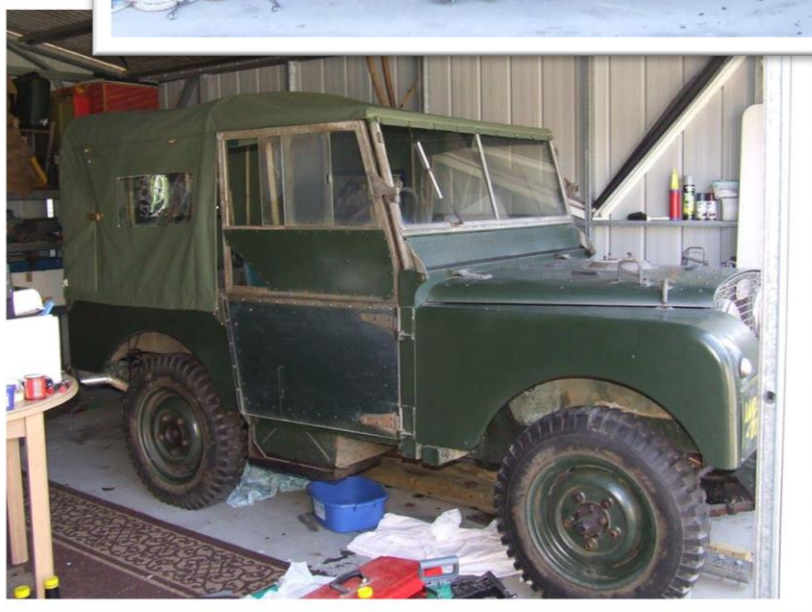
## History of my 1951 Land Rover Series 1 80 inch

My Land Rover was manufactured in Birmingham England in 1951 L-R C.K.D R.H.D chassis number 16662096. Shipped to Australia to be built by Annand and Thompson at Newstead Brisbane, who were the sole distributors for Queensland and Northern Rivers of NSW.

My uncle purchased the Land Rover mid 1951 after the farm horse they had died. This was the only vehicle the family ever owned up until 1951. This vehicle was only used for farm work and taking their produce to the markets at Rocklea. They were inspired to purchase the Land Rover by their neighbour who at that stage owned a 1949 Land Rover. This vehicle is still at the neighbour's farm but has not worked since 1980's.

I have been fortunate to be handed the Land Rover to restore it and keep this part of the family history alive.

*Ray Armitage*



# Rover 75 Air Bags

Ian Blackwood has done some research on the airbags fitted to the 75 -

## "Is my Rover 75 airbag affected by the Takata airbag recall ?"

For those wondering if the airbags in their Rovers are subject to a recall but will never be contacted by the manufacturer, you can sleep well at night.

Rover 75 and MG ZT were fitted with Airbags International branded (early year) or Autoliv branded (later year) airbags so are not affected by the recall of Takata airbags.

Airbags International is a division of Autoliv. The only recall listed on Autoliv's website was for production between June and November 2016 causing failure to deploy.

This was despite the then owners BMW being greatly affected by Takata airbags including the highly dangerous "alpha" design ones. It is worth noting that Honda and Takata already knew of the dangers in 2000, so maybe Rover still had friends at Honda and steered clear of Takata (or they just needed euro content levels) !

## "What about the airbag light on the dash ?"

Well I can't do an accurate long distance diagnosis, but it a quite common cause of this is the sensor that detects if the seat is occupied is faulty. This is a pad built into the seat that detects if you have a passenger (a driver is sort of assumed !) so the passenger airbag is **only** deployed if the seat is occupied. This reduces repair costs cause by unneeded deployments.

Now you are probably thinking - "why didn't they just use the seat belt sensor ?". Unfortunately in some countries you cannot assume people will wear a seat belt, vote, think before tweeting or drive on the correct side of the road, so they must be protected solely by airbags.

Fortunately, if the occupancy sensor is detected as faulty and that is the cause of the light - then normal design is "fail safe" so the airbag will **always** go off in a crash that is big enough to trigger deployment. In older cars, a crash big enough to trigger the airbags will always be a write-off in any case so one extra airbag won't make any difference.

In my own car, I have modified the junction box the occupancy pad plugs into so the seat always appears occupied. Using correct software you can set the same thing in the car computer. Both these allow the light to be reset, keep you safe, but still have the light come on for other faults.

As I said at the beginning - ***this is only one possible cause of the airbag light being illuminated. You are responsible for getting it checked and ensure your vehicle is safe.***

*Thanks to Ian for this contribution.*





# All British Day 2018







**General Meeting Dates 2018**  
**(4th Tuesdays)**

27th February

27th March

24th April

22nd May

26th June

24th July

28th August

25th September

23rd October

27th November - ***this is also the AGM***

**No General Meeting is held in December**





The Rover Car Club of Auckland welcomes

Rover and Land Rover Enthusiasts to

## **ROVER RALLY 2019 in JAFALAND aka AUCKLAND**

**Sunday 3 March to Friday 8 March 2019**

To be based in East Auckland: Flat Bush/Botany/East Tamaki/Pakuranga, with a programme to avoid traffic jams. Pre and post rally events also will be organised

Draft Programme

### **Sunday 3 March 2019**

- Rally begins with **keynote event: British and European Car Show @ Lloyd Elsmore Park, Pakuranga**
  - one of Australasia's biggest Classic Car Shows with nearly 900 cars on display. Admission Free. Family and partner friendly. Next to Pakuranga Indoor Public Swimming Pools, Howick Pioneer Village and new fangled Auckland Transport double decker bus services into the Auckland CBD or beaches.

### **Monday 4 March 2019**

- East Auckland Event to Musick Point & Ardmore Airport's two new Warbirds Visitors Centre hangars

### **Tuesday 5 March 2019**

- South Auckland /Waikato event to Zealong tea plantation at Gordonton, Rangiriri & Tuakau pub.

### **Wednesday 6 March 2019**

- North Auckland event, to Puhoi, Warkworth and dinner with a movie at a private cinema. Via 3 Harbour Bridges & twin road tunnels.

### **Thursday 7 March 2019**

- South West Auckland event to Auckland Botanic Gardens, Waiuku and Awhitu Peninsula. Rally dinner at Pakuranga Golf Club.

### **Friday 8 March 2018**

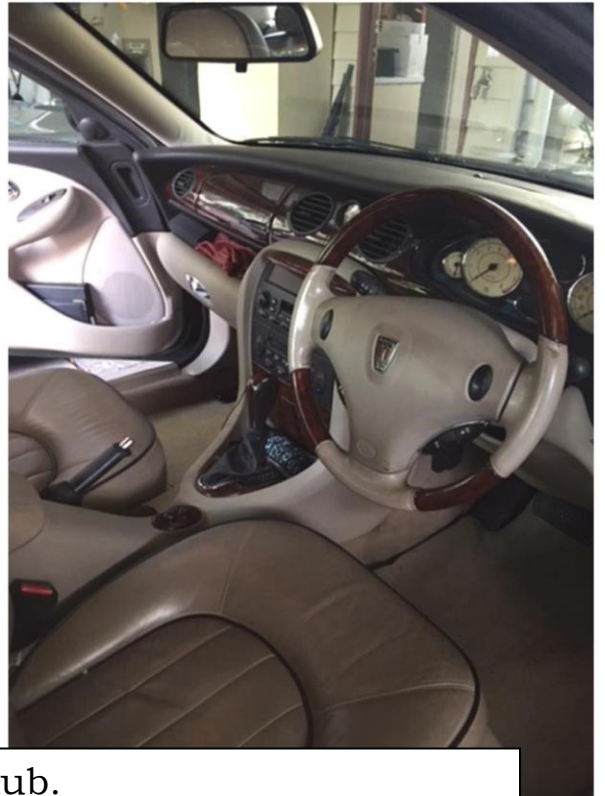
- Breakfast and farewell

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View updates on our website [www.Aucklandrover.org.nz](http://www.Aucklandrover.org.nz) or email: [rovercarclub@gmail.com](mailto:rovercarclub@gmail.com)

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Something Rover to sell? Speak to Frank Thorndike on 5545 2247 or Neale Webb if you have photos.

## What's on?

**30th September - Noosa Beach Classic Car Show - Lions  
Park Noosa Heads**

**28th October - RCCQ Brunch at Cooper's Cafe, Manly**

**2nd December - RCCQ  
Christmas Party -  
Walkabout Creek - more  
details to come**

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discount.  
(evidence of membership  
required)





## Expression of Interest - Rove 2020

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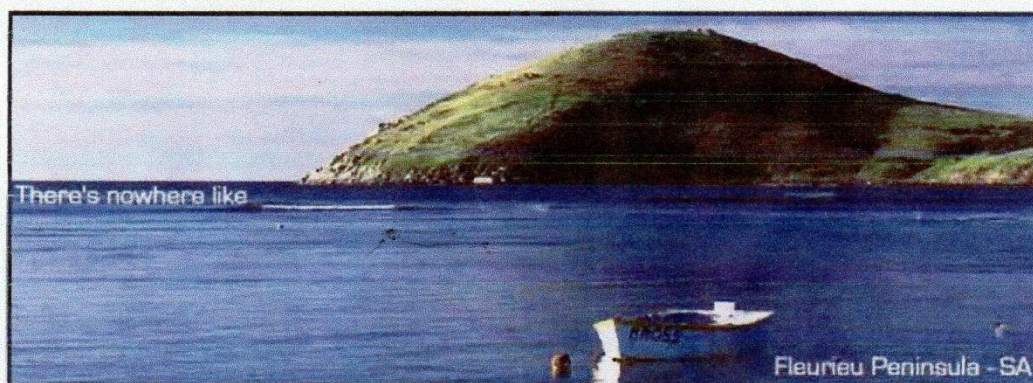


You are warmly invited to join your friends of the Rover Car Club of SA to Rove 2020 which will be held on our beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula centred in historic Victor Harbor, over the weekend of October 23 to 26, 2020.

Situated on one of the world's most stunning coastlines, the former whaling town of Victor Harbor is a relaxed seaside retreat with a historic main street and a coastline dominated by a huge rock outcrop called the Bluff. Offshore is Granite Island, connected to Victor Harbor by a causeway, strewn with giant granite boulders and home to a colony of penguins.

Things to do and activities abound when you stay in Victor Harbor. Ride the iconic Horse Drawn Tram across to Granite Island; catch one of the heritage Steamranger trains that travel along the scenic coastline; investigate the South Australian Whale Centre and the Encounter Coast Discovery Centre.

Explore the natural surrounds with miles of sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, cliff top trails, coastal bikeways, flora and fauna parks. Alternatively, explore the antique and fashionable shops in Victor Harbor, or the gourmet cafes and restaurants or award winning wineries. Spot seals, penguins, pods of dolphins, pelicans and a wide variety of other native wildlife. The choices are many.....



Come along and join us in 2020, we'd love to see you, just fill out the form below and tear/cut it off and hand to Paul Tol at Shepparton, or if you wish "snail mail" to the above address or scan and email to: [paul.tol@optusnet.com.au](mailto:paul.tol@optusnet.com.au) or you can telephone Paul on: 0428 107 121

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Yes, I/we are interested in coming to ROVE 2020 on SA's Fleurieu Peninsula.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

Post code .....

Email .....

Telephone ..... Mobile .....

Club .....

Car .....

Number of attendees .....



If you are interested in joining a Post Rove, please indicate by ticking ☒ the box.

*We look forward to welcoming you in Victor Harbor in 2020*