

# LROCC NEWSLETTER

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## November–President’s Message

By Brian Edmonds

Hello Rover Fanatics, well here it is November already, where has the year flown to.

I see in the latest LRO that we now have the waif like “Posh Spice” [aka Mrs Beckham] having a hand in the design of future Rovers, boy does this mean that we will all have to have figures like a “Hungry Racing Sardine “ to get into Rovers in the future? Cant see me being it that class with my “Pleasant Cuddly Figure”.

You have all had “The Warning Order” for our December meeting, it’s a little different than usual, but its an opportunity for you to bring along wives, partners, significant others, etc to one of our functions, gives then a chance to join in a club activity. The more the merrier. I have taken the decision to go away from our usual location purely on cost, Brothers was \$39 a head plus \$150 room hire.

Now I don’t know about you but I am a bit canny on expenditure these days with the ever increasing cost of existing!. Must be something to do with advancing years. Oh yes, I am getting training from George Bush and John Howard on how to duck flying shoes, thanks Trevor !

Talking about expenditure I have not mentioned “Fuel Barons” for the past couple of months but I would really like to know how fuel at Cardwell is 123.9/litre and Cairns is something like 127/128.9/litre????????? Yeah, I know I am flogging a Dead Horse !

Good to see all the info on our new Web Site, I am sure that you will all be getting something out of it, and I think that Jorge deserves a vote of thanks for what he is doing with it.

I look forward to seeing you on the 10<sup>th</sup>.

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## Mareeba Coffee (Skybury) & Granite Gorge

Some additional information from your trip leader Martyn Roper:-

At Skybury Coffee you really have two options while visiting:-

1. You can order a coffee of your choice, with maybe a light snack or meal from the menu, and enjoy it sitting on the high deck with views as far as the eye can see. Prices are what you would expect for a tourist attraction, with most cups of coffee costing around the \$4 - \$5, and a plate with 2 freshly made scones with jam and cream costing around \$12.
2. Or, you could go on a tour which involves:
  1. A guided tour of the plantation, with everything you wanted to know about growing coffee.
  2. Demonstration of dry processing equipment
  3. Introduction to coffee tasting in the laboratory
  4. Viewing the amazing coffee dreams movie
  5. Enjoy a complimentary coffee of your choice

So, the first option becomes your own choice of expense. But the second option that usually costs \$23.75 per adult will be reduced based on the numbers of us attending and if we book in advance.

*Next General Meeting is on  
Wednesday the 10th November @  
6.30pm @ Brother’s Leagues Club,  
Andersen Street*

## Mareeba Coffee (Skybury) & Granite Gorge – continued

As locals we can get 10% discount, but as an organised group, if we have enough of us, we could get up to 30% discount

Now, for me to get an idea of numbers, make a provisional booking and negotiate the discounted rate, I will need some commitment from those who wish to come along, I will need you to confirm your attendance and then to pull out and not attend would require a note from both your parents explaining why!

Please contact Martyn Roper urgently on 0427 649066 or email [ropermartyn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ropermartyn@yahoo.co.uk) if you want to come along

## Upcoming Trip Proposals & Leaders

Trip Co-ordinator – Trevor Lowmass

Date	Place	Grading	No. of Days	Trip Leader
14th November 2010	Mareeba & Granite Gorge	2	1 day	Martyn Roper
8th December 2010	Christmas Party at the Naked Nut	1	A Wednesday Evening	Brian Edmonds
January 2011				John Burgess
February 2011	Land Rover Workshop @ CLRS		1 day	Jeff Bromage Glen Thompson
March 2011				Ian Lomas
April 2011	Easter Camping Palmer River	4	4 days	Justin Bromage Trevor Lowmass
May 2011	Mt. Mulligan			Stuart Wilson
June 2011				Gareth Smith
July 2011				Trevor Lowmass
August 2011	LROCC 8th Birthday Trip			Glwyn Thompson Jeff Bromage

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## Gurrumba Trip Report

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October was just another grade 2 trip, the sun was shining, the birds were singing and I as usual was running very late! The morning started out well, I got up really early, washed the Defender (why do I always do that before a trip?!) and relaxed with a coffee or two. At 8.00am Trish casually asked what time we had to be at the rendezvous in Mareeba. 'Plenty of time - 10 o'clock I think' I said. I checked the Trip Proposal. S.....it's 9 o'clock! We packed the Defender and drove to Mareeba in exactly 1 hour!

There were six of us:-

Stephen & Matthew - Range Rover Classic (Trip Leader).

Robert Hogan & his son Matthew - Disco 1.

Ian Sheffield-Parker - Disco 2.

John & Allan & Barb King - Range Rover Classic.

Jorge Martins & his son Lachlan.- Defender.

Trevor & Trisha – Defender

I was immediately nominated as tail end Charlie and trip reporter! I was still running late, we had forgotten the coffee cups and still had to get fuel in Atherton.

The run through to Herberton and Irvinebank was uneventful and we all agreed that we'd probably return via the Silver Valley Road later in the day. We stopped for morning tea in the shade of the trees at Irvinebank before heading out to Gurrumba.

If you look at Gurrumba on Google Earth it appears as 2 large meteorite craters....in the middle of nowhere. The advantage of being in the middle of nowhere when you stop for lunch under the shade of a massive avocado tree is that you're in paradise.....and paradise seems to have Land Rovers in it as well.....what more could you wish for?



Tail End Charlie again!



John gives it a bit of welly!

After lunch we headed out of the craters with reassurance from Steve that our graded track would continue all the way through to Mt Garnet. Despite my late start, this day was turning out to be perfect.

The track was now beginning to get a little more washed out. John was doing his best to re-contour the terrain up ahead but unfortunately Jorge in his Defender got cross-axed. John pulled him out which wasn't too bad at all considering Jorge was giving the Range Rover a good testing by leaving his hand-brake on in the Defender!



In no time at all we were running in to Mt Garnet and the day was as good as over ..... unfortunately, just as I was pulling in to Atherton my view of traffic behind me was getting mistier by the minute. I stopped in Atherton to find diesel pouring out of the fuel filter. We quickly made the decision to try and reach a friend's place in Tolga. A \$2-00 plastic drain plug had just sheared off and despite our best efforts to find an alternative plug it was eventually Tuesday before I got Black Beauty home to Cairns!!!

Show & Tell for the next Club Meeting!

Interested in joining the Land Rover Owners Club of Cairns FNQ – LROCC

Call either: The President – Brian Edmonds – 4041 1994      The Secretary – Ian Lomas – 4054 4662