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# LROC NEWS

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## A REFLECTION ON THE YEAR THAT WAS 2023.

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## 2024 MEMBERSHIP FEES.

As we approach 2024, the Executive Committee has earnestly deliberated the 2024 membership fees, considering the economic challenges posed by COVID-19. Despite efforts to maintain fees in recent years, rising operational costs compel us to adjust fees for 2024. As a team we are committed to delivering enhanced value and convenience to our valued members.

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## Festive Cheers and Adventures

Celebrating the December Festive Season...

As the calendar pages turn and the end of 2023 comes into view, we find ourselves on the cusp of the December festive season, a time of joy and togetherness. It's the time when we embark on journeys to explore new horizons or simply revel in the comfort of our own homes.

Regardless of your plans, the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa extends its heartfelt gratitude and warmest

wishes to you all for a safe and joyful December.

We want to take a moment to express our profound gratitude to each and every one of you. Your unwavering support and enthusiasm throughout the year have been the driving force behind the Club's success. It's your passion for Land Rovers, your spirit of adventure, and your camaraderie that make our Club truly exceptional.

Speaking of camaraderie, let us

not forget the incredible sense of community that the Land Rover Owners Club fosters. We're not just a group of vehicle enthusiasts; we're a family that shares experiences, stories, and adventures. Together, we've conquered challenging terrains, faced unexpected obstacles, and celebrated countless moments of triumph. The bond we share is as rugged and enduring as our beloved Land Rovers, and it's what makes our club more than just a gathering of vehicles -

it's a true community.

For many of us, the excitement has been building as we've meticulously planned our December escapades, setting our GPS devices to guide us to our dream destinations. Whether you're venturing into the wilderness, chasing the sun on a sandy beach, seeking the magic of snow (and if you find any, don't forget to share pictures and a pin location so that we

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can all escape the insane heat!), or simply gathering with loved ones, we hope your journey is filled with wonder and adventure.

As we approach the new year, it's a perfect time to start thinking about your Land Rover-related New Year's resolutions or goals for 2024. Whether it's embarking on a new off-road expedition, attending more Club events, or contributing to local charity drives, we encourage you to set intentions for the coming year. Let's make 2024 a year filled with even more thrilling adventures, exciting challenges, and unforgettable memories behind the wheel of your Land Rover.

We also invite you, our valued members, to share pictures of your Land Rovers along with a brief explanation to provide a little context to the photo. These submissions could be compiled into a special edition website article at the start of 2024, showcasing the diverse experiences and stories within our community. Whether you have a stunning photo of your Land Rover in a scenic setting, a heartwarming story or a rough and rugged image of pure adrenaline, please consider sharing it with us. Your contributions will help

us celebrate the unique spirit of Land Rover ownership and further strengthen our sense of community.

As we bid farewell to 2023 and welcome the promise of a new year, let us cherish this festive season with open hearts and open roads. May the spirit of Land Rover adventure guide you, and may safety, joy, and happiness accompany you wherever your journey takes you.

And, as we gather around the fires of celebration and the warmth of shared moments, let us remember that our Land Rovers are more than vehicles; they're our trusted companions on the road of life. Together, we'll navigate the twists and turns, conquer new challenges, and continue to build lasting memories. May the spirit of the season and the spirit of Land Rover always drive us forward.

Wishing you all safe travels and the very best of the December festive period!

Warm Regards,  
**Executive Committee**  
Land Rover Owners Club  
of Southern Africa



## A Reflection on the year that was 2023

By Clint Mason

**As we enter the final stretch before we bid adieu to 2023, it is important that we take stock of the remarkable experiences, opportunities, and adventures that the year has offered.**

It is with the benefit of hindsight and time that the true extent of one's efforts becomes clear. For an institution as old as our Club, a year is but a drop in the ocean and yet each year adds to the dynamic rich pedigree of our Club. 2023 has indeed been a remarkable year, brimming with adventures, camaraderie, and new

horizons.

As is customary for our Club, February saw the election and secondment of committed and enthusiastic members who volunteered to fill the positions of the Executive Committee. I've had the privilege of embarking on an incredible journey alongside a team of individuals, who have made their time, skills, and resources available to preserve the proud history of service and delivery that embodies our Club, delivering another unforgettable chapter in the annals of our Club's history.

who was seconded into the position of Vice-Chairperson, his wife Melanie, and sons Jonathan and Jason; Rori Meanwell (Van Niekerk) who was seconded into the position of Marketing Officer, her husband Simon, daughter Tegan and son Aiden; Coenie Du Toit who is serving as the incumbent Financial Officer, his wife Debbie and son Coenraad and daughter Miane; Madeleine Zwaneveld who is appointed as the Club Administrator and her husband Rob; Mike De Bruin and his wife Cindy; Michael Gundelfinger and his wife Bernadette, I am sure that I speak on behalf of all Club Members when I offer my sincerest thanks to you for your time, dedication and support, adding another year of awesomeness to our Clubs proud history.

There can be no doubt that COVID-19 cast a shadow over the start of the decade, impacting both the Club and its membership. While we fared better than many, we were not impervious to the sufferings that the pandemic caused. Between 2020 and 2023 we suffered a 48% decline in membership. We further noted a decline of approximately 80% in our member engagement over the same period.

I would be amiss not to take a moment to pause and offer my sincerest thanks to those who have over the 2023 period served with me on the Executive Committee. Equally, it is important to recognize the tremendous support offered to each of the committee members by their respective families and in instances, friends.

By virtue of the nature of our organisation and the need for volunteered effort, the family and friends of the committee members are all too often called upon to offer that supporting hand for which I shall remain grateful.

To Paul Diessel

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# Welcome to our Newest Members...

As the Chairperson of our Club, it gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to our newest members. We are thrilled to have you join our community of passionate Land Rover enthusiasts who share a common love for adventure, exploration, and camaraderie.

I was recently reminded of the profound impact that our Club can have on our lives by Paul Foster, the Chairperson of the LROC PE Chapter, who stated, "I am never leaving the Club, you never know who is joining next and you never know... they might very well be your next best friend." These words truly resonated with me as they highlight the power of connection and friendship that lies at the heart of our Club.

Although our Club has been in existence for over 63 years and has matured as an organization, we recognize that we are never too old to make new friends and embrace new experiences. We are excited to have you as part of our community, and we look forward to creating new memories and sharing many adventures together.

I invite you to take advantage of the numerous events and activities that we offer and to fully immerse yourselves in the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. It is through your participation and enthusiasm that we will continue to thrive and grow as a community.

Once again, welcome to our Club. I hope you enjoy being a part of it as much as I do, and I look forward to seeing you soon and sharing the joy of Land Rover ownership with you.

Clint Mason  
Chairperson

**Chris le Roux** from Linden, driving a Defender TD5.

**Audrey and Peter Arnott** from Sunward Park driving a Defender 90 TD5.

**Willie Jacobsz** from Musina driving a Defender 110 TD5.

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# Obituary

It is with heavy hearts that we pause to remember and honor the cherished members of our Land Rover Owners Club who have passed away in 2023.

It is with regret that we advise the passing of two Club Members,

- Mike Charters who passed away in August of this year.

- Renilde Walton, who together with Owen Walton was the longest standing member of the Club, passed away in November of this year.

Each of these individuals contributed to the fabric of our Club in their own unique way, leaving behind a legacy of camaraderie and a love for adventure that will forever be remembered.

In times like these, we are reminded of the strength of our community and the bonds that tie us together. Our thoughts and deepest sympathies go out to the families and loved ones of our departed members. May they find comfort in the memories shared and the knowledge that their loved ones will always have a special place in our Land Rover family.

As we reflect on the year gone by, let us also cherish the moments we've had with those who are no longer with us. Their passion for Land Rovers and the spirit of adventure will continue to inspire us as we move forward.

In their honor, let us continue to explore new horizons, celebrate each other's company, and uphold the values that make our Club so special. We will forever carry their memory with us on our Land Rover journeys.

Rest in peace, dear friends. You will be deeply missed, but your spirit lives on in the heart of our Club.

With heartfelt sympathy,


**Executive Committee**  
Land Rover Owners Club  
of Southern Africa

Through the diligent efforts of the proceeding Executive Committee, specific strategies to secure the Club over these trying times were implemented, intended to ensure the financial security of our Club in order that we could overcome the obstacles of COVID and be ready to embrace the revival of the world economy in time to come. Whilst tough, these measures achieved their desired goals which saw the Club enter 2023 on a relatively sound footing.

From an economic perspective, general sentiment indicates that 2023 has been the start of the awaited economic recovery, although it is believed by some that the South African economy has only recovered to approximately 60% of its pre-COVID levels. Regardless, this turnaround will hopefully shape a positive future for the Southern African region, South Africa, and the Club.

Fortuitously, as a committee, we took a view in February that 2023 would likely become the start of the COVID economic recovery and as such we recognizing the need for a robust foundation on which a solid Customer Value Proposition (CVP) could be built.

The first step was reinforcing relationships with our Chapters, although we acknowledge that more work remains to be done in this regard and we look forward to improved engagement over the 2024 period as we continue to develop and promote a territory wide value proposition.

The simplification of information dissemination without the degradation of accurate record keeping remains a priority, leading to updates in our communication strategies and tools. Noticeably, our newsletter underwent a transformation, 

adopting a newspaper-style format that continued to evolve throughout the year.

Included in this communication overhaul, was a revamp of our approach to WhatsApp, with the commencement of various Club Groups which promote the engagement of members in specific topics of interest to ensure relevance to the subscribing audience. We also incorporated a modern twist on the Club's historical Calling-Tree principle, intended to foster inter-community connections and improved member engagement via the platform.

Beyond information, we reconnected with the broader Land Rover community, actively participating in, and supporting Landy events. While this strategy is in its infancy, the positive feedback indicates it's a step in the right direction.

The success of the "Landys and Lattes" event led to a re-evaluation of our event calendar. We've been rethinking event types, frequency, regularity, and locations to better cater to our diverse membership. This strategy has been further enhanced with frequent conversations held between committee members and members, mostly around the campfire, with these inputs continuing to shape implementation in this regard.

Mid-year saw the launch of our Legacy project, aimed at furthering the preservation efforts of past enthusiasts to secure the Club's history and heritage.

At around the same time we introduced QR codes across all communication channels to reduce the friction associated with the engagement of content. Additionally, and more recently, we experimented with active content in our monthly PDF newsletter, the latter 

receiving mixed feedback, which is now being considered in an effort to evaluate the relevance of the technology stack in the achievement of the intended strategy.

Our member survey, meticulously designed to gather detailed insights, provided invaluable feedback that will shape our actions in 2024. The positive response to the survey has provided significant insights into the preferences of our membership. As an organisation which exists to serve the interest of our Members, these insights are vital in order that we can continue to steer our actions and course in a way that better serves these expressed views.

But 2023 has not just seen internally focused actions. In April, Land Rover unveiled a revised brand strategy in the international press, prompting a strong word-wide reaction. This resulted in the formation of our only Sub-Committee in 2023. Comprising of Andy Stuart, Kevin Eborall and Mike Iisley, who through their commitment and expertise ensured that our Club remained true to its history and Land Rover's ethos.

Lastly, the year was peppered with fantastic events, ranging from challenging trails to cozy coffee gatherings. Our efforts to diversify and expand our event portfolio has, in most instances, shown dividends and has been leveraged in the planning activities for the 2024 Events Calendar, setting the stage for even more quality experiences in 2024.

As we close the book on 2023, let's carry the lessons and memories of this year into the next. Together, we'll continue to explore, connect, and thrive as the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa.




## LROC Prepares for AGM 2024

**As we stand on the threshold of 2024, the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa gears up for one of its most significant events of the year—the Annual General Meeting (AGM). This pivotal occasion marks a time when members come together to shape the future of the Club, reflect on the past year's achievements, and elect the Executive Committee for the upcoming term.**

AGM has been a highlight in the LROC calendar, and 2024 will be no exception. Scheduled for February, it promises to be a day filled with camaraderie and discussions that will steer the course of our club in the year ahead.

While we typically hold our AGM on the third weekend of February, 2024 brings a slight change. To ensure the event aligns seamlessly with the schedules of those essential to its orchestration, we've

Traditionally, our 

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moved the date to the second weekend. Mark your calendars for the 10th of February 2024—a day that promises to be another milestone in our Club’s history.

Throughout 2023, our dedicated Committee has been hard at work, learning and evolving. At the AGM, we will present proposals for consideration and voting. These proposals encompass various aspects of our Club, from a review of Executive Committee positions to the potential introduction of volunteer roles in addition to Sub-Committees, and perhaps even a review of Club Chapters structures for consideration.

We encourage all members who wish to raise specific topics for discussion at the AGM to start preparing their submissions. Submitting your proposals is a straightforward process. While our Club Secretary position remained vacant in 2023, we are still here to assist you. Send your written submissions to any of the following email addresses:

1. chairperson@lroc.org.za
2. vicechair@lroc.org.za
3. secretary@lroc.org.za
4. admin@lroc.org.za

Please ensure you receive a confirmation of receipt for your peace of mind.

One of the principal objectives of the AGM is to elect the members of our Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is comprised of various portfolios. Here’s the current status of Executive Committee positions:

**Chairperson:**

Clint Mason is the incumbent, serving his second year of the term in 2024.

**Vice-Chairperson:**

Paul Diessel is the incumbent and has made himself available for election in 2024.

**Trials Officer:**

The position remained

vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Driver Trainer:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Marketing Officer:**

Rori Meanwell (van Niekerk) is the incumbent and has made herself available for election in 2024.

**Magazine Editor:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Digital Officer:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Copy Editor:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Sales Officer:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

**Club Secretary:**

The position remained vacant in 2023, and Stephen Howard has made himself available for secondment into the position in 2024. Stephen will have been a member for exactly 1 year on 10 February 2024, which per our Constitution unfortunately makes him ineligible for vote at the AGM, but eligible for secondment at the end of February.

**Financial Officer:**

Coenie Du Toit is the incumbent, serving until 2024 and is

available for re-election.

**Membership Secretary:**

The position became vacant in 2023, and a proposal will be presented by the Committee for member consideration at the 2024 AGM.

To nominate individuals for Executive Committee positions, please follow the procedures outlined in our Club’s Constitution. We will provide official notifications about nominations and other AGM details as the date approaches. If you are eager to serve the Club and contribute to its activities, reach out to us, and we will guide you through the process.

In terms of the Clubs Constitution, specific notice and procedure is required for the correct Notification of the AGM. In this regard, please expect further communication about the 2024 AGM via email. We are excited to have you engage in this vital event.

As we embark on this journey toward the AGM, let’s look forward to a year filled with opportunities, challenges, and memorable moments as part of the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa.



# 2024 Membership Fees

**Over the past while, the Executive Committee has agonized over the proposed 2024 membership fees. As active economic participants, we understand that the economic landscape, not only in South Africa but worldwide, remains uncertain, and many have been impacted by the lingering effects of COVID-19. Our Executive Committee has been thoughtful and thorough in considering the financial well-being of our members while also seeking to ensure that the Club delivers on its Value Proposition.**

For the past three years, the standing Executive Committee worked tirelessly to manage our costs and maintain membership fees at the same level, recognizing the financial challenges faced by our community. It is unfortunate, however, that during this time, we’ve also witnessed a consistent rise in operating expenses.

It’s a reality that increasing costs cannot be ignored. To ensure the continued financial stability of the Club and the sustainability of the services and benefits we provide to our members, we find it necessary to adjust membership fees for 2024. Failing to do so would create a growing gap between

membership fees and the actual costs of delivering the services and benefits available.

Rest assured, our Committee is diligently finalizing a plan that will align fees more closely with the expected cost of service delivery. We’ll be sharing detailed communications about this plan and the updated fees for 2024 in the coming days. Additionally, we are actively exploring strategies and options to make membership fee payments more convenient for you, and we hope to have these improvements in place soon.

We want to emphasize that increasing fees comes with a commitment to delivering our Customer Value Proposition effectively and on time. Your satisfaction and the value you receive from your Club membership are our top priorities.

We deeply appreciate the continued support of our loyal and dedicated membership base. Together, we will ensure the bright future of our beloved Club while delivering exceptional value to all our members.

Thank you for being a part of the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. Your membership makes our community stronger and more vibrant.

# What's on the horizon

Because owning a land rover means that there is always adventure just in front of us!

LROC Event

## Christmas Party and Kiddies trial



**Notice:**  
Bookings for this event are now closed.

**From:**

Sat, 02 Dec 2023 09:00

**To:**

Sun, 03 Dec 2023 16:00

**Hosted By:**

Paul Diessel

**Venue:**

Wagons Drift, Dinokeng Game Reserve

**Costs:**

- Chalet 1-5:

R1,070 per night

- Zebra/Giraffe Cottage:

R2,130 per night

- Guinea Fowl Cottage:

R3,410 per night

- Wildebeest Cottage:

R3,080 per night

- Rhino Cottage:

R3,550 per night

- Luxury Tent:

R800 per night

- Caravan Site:

R655 per night

- Rust De Winter:

R50 per vehicle

**Website:**

<https://www.lroc.org.za/events/christmas-party-and-kiddies-trial-2023/>

It's that wonderful time of year again when we gather to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. This year, the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa (LROC) is thrilled to present an unforgettable experience at a brand new venue. As 2023 draws to a close, join us for a festive celebration filled with fun, family, and Land Rover adventures.

Our Christmas party this year will be held at the charming Wagon Drift Lodge. We carefully selected this venue to cater to all our members, including those who prefer alternatives 

to camping. Wagon Drift Lodge offers a variety of accommodation options, whether you fancy chalets, cottages, luxury tents, or traditional camping. There's something to suit everyone's preferences.

Kick off your weekend with Saturday morning adventures at the venue. Whether you're an outdoor enthusiast or simply want to soak in the natural beauty of the surroundings, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Saturday afternoon promises a special visit from the one and only Father Christmas himself. It's a magical moment that both the young and young at heart won't want to miss. Later in the evening, we'll come together for our traditional community braai, and the Club is delighted to sponsor the meat packs. It's the perfect opportunity to relax, connect with fellow Land Rover enthusiasts, and savour the delicious flavours of a South African braai.

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Sunday brings an exciting opportunity for the kids to showcase their skills at the Kiddie Trial, located just down the road at the Rust De Winter 4x4 ATV club. It's a chance for our young Land Rover fans to experience the thrill of off-roading in a safe and controlled environment. And for the adults who can't resist 


some 4x4 action, we offer access to the Gymkana area. Depending on the number of participants, we could even arrange some additional driving activities if desired.

**Gifts from Santa**

No Christmas celebration would be complete without gifts, and we've prepared something special. Our budget allows for R250 per gift per child, with LROC sponsoring R100 per gift for children under 12. Parents are invited to contribute R150 per gift per child, and for youngsters aged 13 and older, parents can include them by contributing R250. Please ensure your contributions are made before the event, so we can arrange presents for all the children. Send your proof of payment with your surname and 'Christmas' as the payment reference to admin@lroc.org.za.

**Accommodation Options**

1. Chalet 1-5:  
R1,070.00 per night (Accommodates 2)
2. Zebra/Giraffe Cottage:  
R2,130.00 per night (Accommodates 4)
3. Guinea Fowl Cottage:  
R3,410.00 per night (Accommodates 6-8)
4. Wildebeest Cottage:  
R3,080.00 per night (Accommodates 6-8)
5. Rhino Cottage:  
R3,550.00 per night (Accommodates 8-10)
6. Luxury Tent:  
R800.00 per night (Accommodates 2)
7. Caravan Site:  
R655.00 per night (Accommodates 4 people with 2 caravans)

Remember, bookings are essential, so secure your spot early to ensure you don't miss out on this festive Land Rover celebration. 

LROC Event

## Landys and Lattes Dec 2023



**From:**

Sat, 09 Dec 2023 10:00

**To:**

Sat, 09 Dec 2023 13:00

**Hosted By:**

Clint Mason

**Venue:**

Reitvlei Coffee Shop, Rietvlei Nature Reserve


**Fees:**

Entry to the reserve requires payment which is charged

**Website:**

<https://www.lroc.org.za/events/landys-and-lattes-december-2023/>

The beginning of December heralds the grand finale of Landys and Lattes in 2023. Set amidst a pristine natural backdrop, Landy owners and their beloved vehicles are cordially invited to revel in the delightful scent of freshly brewed coffee, all within the embrace of the untouched wilderness. That's right; we extend our warm invitation to join us at the Rietvlei Coffee Shop, nestled deep within the breathtaking Rietvlei Nature Reserve, on December 9th, 2023. This promises to be a day brimming with adventure and camaraderie.

Our chosen venue, the Rietvlei Coffee Shop, is a well-kept secret, tucked away 9 kilometers within the heart of Rietvlei Nature Reserve, in the tranquil Irene neighborhood. This charming coffee shop is celebrated for its exquisite bush cuisine and a menu filled with locally-sourced, fresh produce. Since its inception in 2010, it has enthralled guests with unforgettable safaris through the lush landscapes of the 

reserve.

Rietvlei Nature Reserve is not just another expanse of wilderness; it's a crucial cog in the ecological wheel. Initially established as a water scheme to supply drinking water to Tshwane, it has evolved into a substantial urban nature reserve, spanning approximately 4,000 hectares. Remarkably, it has retained its status as a conservation area since as early as 1929.

The reserve's ecosystem is classified as critically endangered, underscoring its importance in preserving water systems, endangered vegetation, and rare flora and fauna. The majority of the reserve comprises grasslands and wetlands, creating a haven for diverse wildlife.

Speaking of wildlife, Rietvlei Nature Reserve showcases an impressive array of large animals, including eland, buffalo, white rhino, red hartebeest, Burchell's zebra, black wildebeest, blesbok, waterbuck, hippo, ostrich, and jackal. As the sun sets, the reserve comes alive with nocturnal residents, such as hedgehogs, aardvarks, servals, bushpigs, aardwolves, and brown hyenas. During your explorations, keep an eye out for various reptile species that inhabit this sprawling metropolis oasis.

Having had a glimpse of the marvels awaiting you at Rietvlei Nature Reserve, be sure to mark December 9th, 2023, on your calendars. This event transcends mere gatherings of Land Rover aficionados; it offers an opportunity to forge connections with fellow enthusiasts, immerse yourself in the captivating Rietvlei Nature Reserve, and savor a cup of coffee that makes the journey truly worthwhile.

So, prepare to load up

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your Land Rover, embrace your sense of adventure, and anticipate a day that guarantees thrills and enrichment. Whether you're a seasoned Land Rover owner or simply someone who revels in the beauty of nature, Landys and Lattes at Rietvlei Nature Reserve promises an experience you'll regret missing. We look forward to seeing you there!

LROC Event

## Kosi Bay Turtle Experience



**Notice:** *This event has proven to be very popular and is already fully booked. Plans are already underway for 2025 to make sure that more of our members get to participate in this unforgettable experience.*

**From:** Wed, 10 Jan 2024 15:00  
**To:** Sun, 14 Jan 2024 12:00  
**Hosted By:** Paul Diessel

**Costs:** - R6900 per person, 4 nights of fully catered accommodation, Fish kraals Eco trail + Boat trip, Snorkeling + 4x4 excursion, Raffia palm forest Eco trail, Turtle evening Eco trail (includes all permits and guide fees)

**Venue:** Kosi - Private lakeside camp / Bhanga nek

**Website:** <https://www.lroc.org.za/events/kosi-bay-turtle-experience/>

We extend a special invitation to embark on an unforgettable adventure at one of South Africa's most pristine destinations - Kosi Bay. Tucked away within the 'iSimangaliso World

Heritage Marine Reserve' in Northern KwaZulu-Natal, Kosi Bay is a place of pristine beaches, crystal-clear warm waters, and lush tropical forests.

Kosi Bay is a haven of rustic luxury and natural wonders. Our lakeside private camp, situated within the 'iSimangaliso World Heritage Marine Reserve,' offers 2 sleeper reeded rondavels and Sahara tents tucked away in the coastal forest, providing an exclusive retreat experience. Here, you'll relish fully catered meals prepared over open fires while taking in panoramic views of the lake and the Indian Ocean. Pristine Turtle sanctuary beaches beckon for exploration, and unique Eco trails offer immersion in the ancient African paradise of Kosi Bay.

During your stay, immerse yourself in an array of activities. Hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, and boating await your adventurous spirit. Explore hidden pathways to the lake, venture to Bhanga nek beach, and reconnect with nature while crafting indelible memories that will rejuvenate your mind, body, and soul.

At Kosi Bay, we encourage you to embrace both adventure and relaxation. So, slip off your shoes and savor the liberating feeling of going barefoot in this extraordinary destination.

The 4-Night All-Inclusive Package includes all accommodation, fully catered meals, Eco trails, guide fees, permits, tea, coffee, fruit juices, and water. Alcoholic beverages, soft drinks, gratuities, transport to and from the destination, and anything not specified in the itinerary are excluded.

Itinerary:

Day 1: Check-In, Late Afternoon Sundowners, Dinner & Fireside Gathering  
Day 2: Snorkelling Eco

Trail, Coastal Dune Hike, Sunset Dinner

Day 3: Raffia Palm Forest Eco Trail, Kayaking, Turtle Eco Trail at Night

Day 4: Tsonga Fishkraals Eco Trail, Boat Trip across the Lake, Cultural Experience, Sundowners, and a Final Dinner by the Fireside

Day 5: Check-Out, Depart with Unforgettable Memories

Our base camp, nestled on the shores of Bhanga nek beach, features 4 reeded 2 sleeper rondavels and 3 Sahara 2 sleeper tents set amidst the coastal forest, offering an exclusive retreat surrounded by abundant birdlife and the wonders of nature.

To fully enjoy your adventure, remember to pack sunblock and swimwear, a light rucksack (daypack), 2 or 3 refillable water bottles, light-weight all-weather clothing, a rain jacket or parka, hiking boots or good walking shoes, and sandals, optional hiking sticks, camera, torch, charger, and adapter, medication and toiletries, including mosquito repellent, warm clothing for chilly evenings, alcoholic beverages of your choice, and snacks for your hikes.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the paradise of Kosi Bay like never before. Book now, as availability is on a first-come-first-serve basis, and secure your spot with a 50% deposit. We eagerly anticipate sharing this incredible journey with you.

LROC Event

## AGM 2024



**From:** Sat, 10 Feb 2024 15:00  
**To:** Sat, 10 Feb 2024 19:30  
**Hosted By:** Clint Mason  
**Venue:** Rietvlei Nature Reserve

Nestled within the captivating Rietvlei Nature Reserve, where the Lapa casts a welcoming shadow, a momentous occasion beckons—the Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024 of the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. Mark your calendars for February 10, 2024, as this event signifies more than mere discussions; it's a day of forging bonds and shaping the future path of our cherished club in the year that unfolds.

The AGM isn't just an event; it's a cornerstone of our community. This is where ideas are discussed, decisions are made, and the path forward is charted. Much like in 2023, the AGM will kick off at 15:00. We encourage you to arrive a bit earlier to ensure you've collected your member packs and signed in, as your active participation is key to the success of our discussions.

By 17:00, the formal proceedings will likely conclude, and the atmosphere will shift to one of warmth and reunion as we light the fires and reconnect with friends. And rest assured, delicious braai packs will be on hand, courtesy of the club.

To keep everyone informed and prepared, a final meeting agenda will be distributed on February 5, 2024—five days before the event. This

agenda will encapsulate all Items for Discussion, ensuring members are well-versed in the topics at hand. Additionally, vital documents such as the Club's Financials will be readily available via the events website page on our official website.

The AGM operates under the governance of the Club's Constitution, necessitating strict adherence to notification practices for all members. Expect to receive a detailed email notification well in advance, including the link to the events website page on the Club's official website.

We understand that December often keeps you busy with vacation adventures, making it challenging to stay connected. This early notification is our way of ensuring you have ample time to plan and join us for this crucial event. Reserve the date, circle it on your calendar, and brace yourself to shape the future of the Land Rover Owners Club at the AGM 2024. We eagerly anticipate your participation and valuable insights as we set sail into another year of Land Rover adventures and camaraderie. See you there!

LROC Event

## ZF Technical Day



**From:** Sat, 17 Feb 2024 09:00  
**To:** Sat, 17 Feb 2024 15:00  
**Hosted By:** Gavin Fletcher  
**Venue:** 170 Herman St,

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Regrettably, an unfortunate scheduling conflict led to the cancellation of the ZF Technical Day initially planned for October 7, 2023. The unexpected maintenance demands necessitated a workshop shutdown during the proposed weekend, and ZF Health and Safety advised that rescheduling this maintenance requirement was unfortunately not possible. However, I'm pleased to share that we have successfully secured a new date for the event. The ZF Technical Day will now take place on February 17, 2024.

As a steadfast beacon of innovation in the motoring industry, we are thrilled to present an opportunity that embodies the essence of progress. We extend our warmest gratitude to ZF (ZF Friedrichshafen AG), a global technology powerhouse renowned for its expertise in driveline and chassis technology, as well as active and passive safety technology for the automotive and industrial domains.

In 2023, ZF stood by our side as we embarked on the remarkable Tembi project, offering unwavering support and substantial sponsorship. Today, we stand on the threshold of another exciting chapter, as ZF extends an exclusive invitation to all Club Members.

Prepare to be enlightened as ZF opens its doors to reveal the intricate world of transmission workshops, repair areas, and cutting-edge test equipment. Immerse yourself in a technical day that promises to demystify the inner workings of their clutch, shock, transmission, and brake products. This is a unique opportunity to engage with the minds behind these innovations, to witness their evolution firsthand.

As you absorb the 

insights and discoveries, take a moment to savor the camaraderie over steaming cups of coffee, tea, and delectable snacks. This is more than an event; it's a convergence of shared passion and progress. The stage is set for a day that promises to shape the course of our automotive journey.

Mark your calendars and prepare to be captivated. Your presence is not just requested; it's pivotal to our collective journey into the future.

Stay tuned for further details, and get ready to embark on a journey of discovery that only ZF can offer.

# Event Reports

Because owning a Landy means we are doing something worth writing about!

As the year draws to a close, a peculiar phenomenon unfolds. While the days maintain their usual 24-hour length and the weeks adhere to their standard 7-day cycle, there's an unmistakable surge in everyone's daily activities.

People are diligently striving to complete their tasks and responsibilities before the eagerly awaited break.

However, this endeavor sometimes necessitates prioritization, which was the case with the event feedback. In November

2023, both the Loskop Weekend Away and the Landys and Lattes November 2023 events unfolded in spectacular style.

Unfortunately, as a likely result of the need to prioritize certain requirements over others, as of the time when this newsletter needed to be distributed to our valued members, we hadn't yet received the detailed event feedback reports.

Therefore, we'll be bringing you the comprehensive reports on these events

in the February 2024 newsletter.

## Members Business Advertisements

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Landyicon Motors are based in Boksburg, so for all your service and major/small repair requirements, spares for all makes of Land Rovers, and Club members obtain a 20% discount over the counter on all retail parts, and 5% discount on all parts obtained from the agents. Please contact Eric or Rene' on 011-918-7094, email eric@landyicon.co.za, or visit the website www.landyicon.co.za. They offer various 80" parts, mainly small items and some Series 2 Parts.

### NOTICE OF RETRACTION:

We would like to extend our sincere apologies for any confusion caused by the recent advertisement in our November online newsletter that read "Rob Leimer is back...". We understand that this message inaccurately represented the ownership and operations of Leimer's Land Rover, based in Fourways, Johannesburg.

We wish to clarify that Leimer's Land Rover was purchased in 2018 from Rob Leimer, and it is currently operated by the new ownership. Rob Leimer is not involved in any business selling Series spares and is retired.

To rectify this error, we are posting this retraction and correction. Leimer's Land Rover, based in Fourways, JHB, specializes in Land Rover parts, and for any parts or vehicle inquiries, you may contact Andre Mouton at 074123714 or via email at info@leimers.co.za.

We deeply regret any confusion or inconvenience this may have caused and appreciate your understanding.