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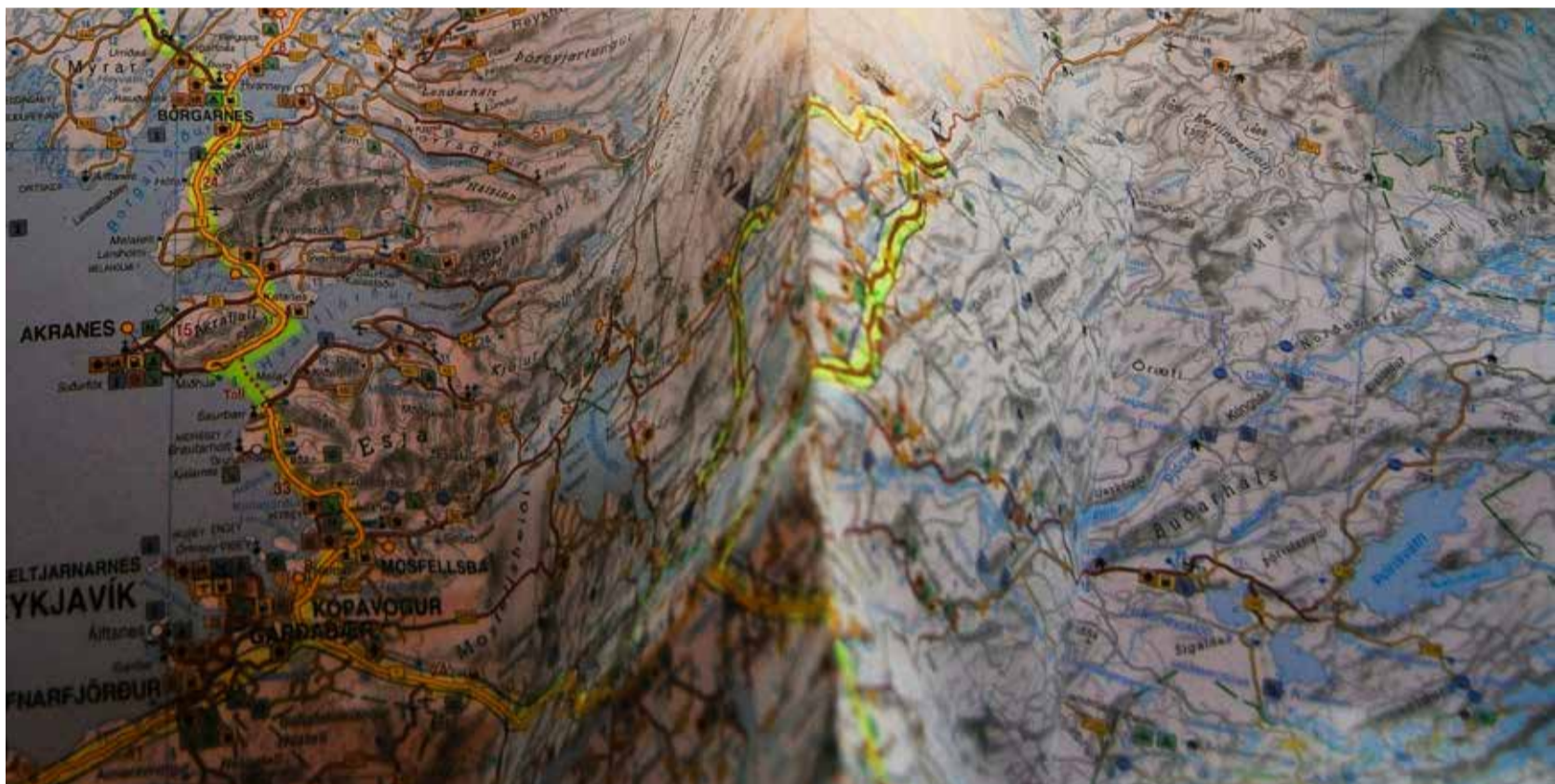
## SERVING WITH PURPOSE

As 2025 unfolds, the Executive Committee is diligently preparing for the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) on February 15th at Rietvlei Nature Reserve Lapa. This key event is not just a procedural formality—it's a crucial opportunity for members to engage and shape our future. We thrive on the active participation and volunteer support of our members. If you're interested in contributing to the Club, numerous roles are available for you to make a significant impact.

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## 65 Years of Adventure

LROC's Exciting Journey into 2025

As we usher in the year 2025, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to our community of passionate Land Rover enthusiasts. It is with great excitement that we reconvene after the festive season, eager to embark on another year filled with adventure, camaraderie, and our shared love for these iconic vehicles.

We hope that the festive season offered each of

you ample opportunities to create truly memorable experiences, brimming with joy and surrounded by your loved ones. As we reflect on these cherished moments, we are inspired to carry forward the spirit of celebration and community into the exciting events we have planned for this year.

To those who ventured into the great outdoors in their Land Rovers, we trust you enjoyed fantastic adventures, fully embracing

the thrill and freedom that only such capable vehicles can provide. Each journey, no doubt, added a set of memorable stories and experiences that further cement the spirit of adventure which defines our community.

For those who chose to stay at home, we trust you kept the festive spirit alive, enjoying a serene and fulfilling holiday season, filled with joy and relaxation. These peaceful moments

of respite rejuvenate our spirits and prepare us for the exciting adventures that lie ahead.

As the Club enters 2025, we celebrate a momentous milestone—the 65th anniversary of the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa (LROC). This significant anniversary not only attests to our longevity but also honors the strong bonds of friendship and

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loyalty forged through Land Rover ownership and club membership. It offers us a splendid opportunity to reflect on our shared history and the deep connections that have sustained us through the decades.

The year kicked off with robust enthusiasm, highlighted by the maximum number of permissible Land Rovers participating in the 2025 Rand Hunt. Our members were invited to a drag hunt, a thrilling event where hounds follow a pre-laid scent trail across the countryside, providing all the excitement of a traditional hunt without involving live quarry. Twenty LROC Land Rovers joined the ‘car followers,’ navigating a scenic route that enabled participants to witness the hounds and riders in full flight across the fields. It was exhilarating to see so many members enjoy their Land Rovers in this spirited pursuit.

February brings us to another significant milestone with the 65th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. The executive committee has been diligently finalizing necessary documents and ensuring

procedural compliance, critical for upholding the Club’s constitutional requirements. This meticulous preparation underscores our commitment to good governance and maintaining the highest standards.

The formal notice of the AGM was distributed by our seconded Club Secretary, Stephen Howard, on 21 January 2025. It detailed that the AGM is scheduled for the 15th of February 2025, set against the picturesque backdrop of the Lapa at Rietvlei Nature Reserve. This setting promises a conducive environment for conducting our annual review and strategizing for the future.

We would like to extend our gratitude to all members who responded to our call to participate in deciding whether to change the venue for the AGM to B’sorah, a beautiful farm just a stone’s throw away from Hartbeespoort Dam. The feedback revealed strong support for both changing the venue and continuing our well-established tradition of hosting the AGM at the picturesque Rietvlei Nature Reserve.

After careful

consideration of the responses received, the Executive Committee noted that a significant draw for B’sorah was the opportunity for members to camp at the venue after the AGM activities concluded. However, there was insufficient time to fully evaluate member interest in participating in such an overnight stay.

Consequently, it was decided that for 2025, the Club should maintain its long-standing tradition of hosting the AGM at Rietvlei. Throughout the year, we will dedicate more time to determining if adding a camping option after the AGM garners enough interest to justify a change in venue in the future.

In addition to our 65th Annual General Meeting, the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa is also thrilled to be hosting our Blue Sapphire Celebration in September of this year, commemorating our 65th anniversary in grand style. This milestone event promises to be a memorable celebration of our club’s rich history and enduring community spirit.

We are pleased to report that the sub-committee, established to coordinate the various activities and requirements

for the celebration, is well underway with their planning. Their dedication ensures that all aspects of the event are meticulously organized to provide an unforgettable experience for all attendees.

As the date approaches, we look forward to regularly updating our members with the progress of the sub-committee. We are excited to share these developments as we edge ever closer to September and what promises to be a truly remarkable celebration.

In addition to events that celebrate our proud journey as a Club, the 2025 events calendar was established using a data-driven approach, meticulously crafted from detailed analysis of actual member participation statistics from our 2024 events. This marks a strategic shift from the previous year, which relied heavily on feedback from our 2023 Membership Survey. By using actual participation data, we ensure that our calendar aligns more closely with the true preferences and activities of our community.

One of the standout successes in the Gauteng region during 2024 was the ‘Landys and Lattes’ event, which has shown consistent growth in participation since its inception at the start of 2023. After careful consideration of last year’s trends, we have decided to increase the number of ‘Landys and Lattes’ events for 2025, scaling back on the ‘Trail Blaze’ events, which received comparatively less support last year.

The Club has scheduled a cross-border event to the picturesque northern reaches of Botswana, which has proven to be incredibly popular with our members and remains fully subscribed. This event underscores the enduring appeal of exploring new territories and the consistent enthusiasm of our

community for unique and adventurous experiences.

Our Club’s unwavering commitment to the preservation of wilderness areas in South Africa continues to guide our planning. This year, we have scheduled the Tembe Work Week and the Tembe Fundraiser for April, followed by support for the Endangered Wildlife Trust’s trail running initiative in July. These events not only align with our dedication to conservation but also offer members engaging ways to contribute to these vital efforts.

Other signature events such as the LROC Braai & Boot event, the ever-popular Loskop Weekend Away, and the Willems Rus Weekend Away remain fixtures on our calendar. Additionally, the Executive Committee is planning to enrich our yearly schedule by incorporating other specialty events, including training sessions and mountain drives. These activities will be strategically interspersed throughout the year, offering diverse and engaging experiences for all our members.

A noticeable change this year concerns the annual LROC Christmas Function, which has seen lackluster support in recent years. As the average age of our membership increases and the number of children in the Club decreases, this demographic shift has significantly impacted our Christmas Function, which was primarily structured to entertain our youngest family members.

In response to these changes, 2025 will see the traditional two-day Christmas function evolve into a Christmas Breakfast. This new format aims to leverage the tremendous support received over the past two years for the final ‘Landys and Lattes’ event, hosted at Rietvlei’s coffee

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shop. This adjustment reflects our adaptability and commitment to providing events that resonate with the current composition and interests of our members.

While significant effort has been invested in planning an enjoyable 2025 events calendar, the Executive Committee is also diligently working to define sustainable practices and procedures. These efforts are aimed at ensuring the ongoing, competent delivery of the Club's Value Proposition to all members, irrespective of their geographical location within our operational territory. This commitment underscores our dedication to maintaining high standards of service and engagement across the entire club.

Apart from gaining significant data insights related to our members' event preferences, 2024 also equipped the executive team with definitive experiences in managing and enhancing member value. The lessons learned from these experiences are being carefully considered and are being incorporated into updated practices. This strategic update ensures that our Club continues to offer tremendous value and remains vibrant and relevant for decades to come.

One of the significant disappointments for the Executive Team in 2024 was the inability to relaunch 'LandRoving,' the club's full-format glossy magazine. Unfortunately, supply chain issues with the limited edition LROC First Aid Kit in 2024 demanded significant effort and considerable time to resolve, diverting the focus and attention of the executive team from other projects. Despite this setback, the relaunch of 'LandRoving' remains a high priority. Structures are currently being put in place to ensure dedicated attention to its successful

relaunch, reinforcing our commitment to providing high-quality member benefits.

As we continue on the adventure of 2025, we eagerly anticipate sharing tremendous experiences with our community of Land Rover enthusiasts. May 2025 herald the beginning of another 65 years filled with community spirit and adventurous exploration. We are excited to embark on this journey together, strengthening our bonds and creating lasting memories in the landscapes we love.

As we forge ahead, let us carry with us the lessons of the past and the hopes for the future, united in our passion for adventure and our commitment to each other. Here's to a year of exploration, camaraderie, and unforgettable experiences with the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa.



## Serving with Purpose

Executive Committee Leadership in 2025

**As we gear up for an exciting 2025, the Executive Committee is meticulously preparing for the upcoming Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa Annual General Meeting (AGM). Scheduled for the 15th of February 2025 at the picturesque Rietvlei Nature Reserve Lapa from 15H00, the AGM remains a cornerstone event in our club's calendar, drawing a robust turnout each year and providing a platform for vital decision-making.**

The forthcoming AGM is not only a procedural necessity as mandated by our Club Constitution but also a significant occasion for members to influence the club's future direction. A key item on the agenda is the appointment of the Executive Committee, the group tasked with representing the collective interests of our membership and overseeing the operational facets of the Club.

Our Club Constitution specifies the composition of the Executive Committee to include vital roles such as a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Trials Officer, Driver Trainer, Marketing Officer, Magazine Editor, Digital Officer, Copy Editor, Sales Officer, Club Secretary, Financial Officer, and Membership Secretary. These positions collectively

ensure the Club's strategic direction and operational efficacy.

Eligibility for election to the Executive Committee requires members to have maintained continuous club membership for at least one year preceding their nomination. This prerequisite ensures that nominees have a solid understanding of the Club's ethos and operations, essential for informed governance and leadership.

Formal procedures for nominations to the Executive Committee must be adhered to, with nominations requiring the signatures of the nominee, the proposer, and the seconder. These must be submitted to the Club Secretary either by delivery or email no later than seven days prior to the AGM. This structured approach guarantees that nominations are properly processed and recognized, facilitating organized and efficient election proceedings.

The Constitution also provides that members of the Executive Committee automatically retire after a two-year term but may seek reelection. This stipulation allows for both continuity and the infusion of fresh ideas into the leadership. Moreover, any member of the Executive Committee can resign at any time by providing written notice,

ensuring flexibility and responsiveness to personal or professional demands.

The incumbent Executive Committee has engaged in thoughtful discussions regarding the continuation of portfolio management for the Club in 2025. We are pleased to confirm their collective willingness to continue serving the Club in their respective capacities as outlined below:

**Chairperson**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.1: Clint Mason currently serves as the Chairperson, elected to the role in 2023. Clint has confirmed his availability for re-election in 2025.

**Vice-Chairperson**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.2: Paul Diessel currently serves as the Vice-Chairperson, elected to the role in 2024. Paul shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

**Trials Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.3: Vacant

**Driver Trainer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.4: Vacant

**Marketing Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.5: Rori Meanwell currently serves as the Marketing Officer, elected to the role in 2024. Rori shall be serving her second year in office in 2025.

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**Magazine Editor**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.6: Vacant

**Digital Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.7: Vacant

**Copy Editor**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.8: Vacant


**Sales Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.9: Vacant

**Club Secretary**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.10: Stephen Howard was seconded into the position of Club Secretary shortly after the 2024 AGM. Stephen has confirmed his availability to be elected to this position in 2025.

**Financial Officer**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.11: Coenie Du Toit currently serves as the Financial Officer, elected to the role in 2024. Coenie shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

**Membership Secretary**, as provided for in Clause 9.2.12: Jonathan Bydendyk currently serves as the Membership Secretary, elected to the role in 2024. Jonathan shall be serving his second year in office in 2025.

Members interested in serving the Club in an official capacity in 2025 are encouraged to contact Clint Mason to express their interest. This initial contact will facilitate noting their intent and clarifying the various processes involved, ensuring accurate engagement and effective onboarding. It is imperative that potential volunteers fully understand the responsibilities associated with their roles. This comprehensive understanding is crucial to ensure that the duties of the portfolio are not only understood but also effectively executed to meet the objectives of the position.

We eagerly anticipate another tremendously exciting year of adventure in 2025. We look forward to engaging 

with all our members as we continue to revel in the excitement and benefits that come with membership in the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. Here's to a year filled with community spirit, adventure, and the unmatched camaraderie of Land Rover enthusiasts.

## Let's talk ORRA



**Effective communication is a vital part of any off-road adventure, and for the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa (LROC), the Off-Road Radio Association (ORRA) ensures that members can stay connected reliably and legally. Since its establishment in 1977 by the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa, the 4x4 ATV Club (then the Jeep Club of Southern Africa), and the Four Wheel Drive Club of Southern Africa, ORRA has been at the forefront of facilitating two-way radio communication for off-road enthusiasts across the country.**

ORRA has grown alongside advancements in technology, beginning with 27MHz CB radios in its early years, before transitioning to 29MHz frequencies in 1979, and introducing VHF frequencies in 2006 in collaboration with the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA). This progression reflects ORRA's commitment to providing reliable and modern communication solutions to meet the needs of the off-road community.

A cornerstone of ORRA's

role is recognizing legitimate off-road clubs and granting their members access to radio licenses. This structured approach fosters responsible use of radio communication while ensuring compliance with South Africa's Telecommunications Act. By managing specific frequencies for off-road activities, ORRA promotes safe, effective communication that enhances the overall off-road experience.

ORRA also facilitates cross-border communication for adventurers exploring Botswana and Namibia. Through carefully negotiated agreements, LROC members and other enthusiasts can legally use their VHF radios in these countries, provided they obtain the required documentation in advance. This initiative is invaluable for off-roaders who want to remain connected during their journeys beyond South Africa's borders.

For LROC members who wish to join ORRA's network, the process is straightforward. By submitting an application form along with proof of club membership and the required fees, members can secure a user authorization card, granting them access to ORRA's designated radio frequencies. This

ensures compliance with national regulations while unlocking a critical tool for safety and coordination during off-road adventures.

The importance of using licensed radio equipment cannot be overstated. Operating unlicensed transmitters is not only illegal but can disrupt vital communication networks. ORRA's licensing framework ensures that off-road enthusiasts can enjoy worry-free communication while respecting broader communication systems.

Whether navigating tough trails, coordinating convoy movements, or sharing stories over the airwaves, reliable communication is essential for any off-road adventure. ORRA's work makes it easier than ever for LROC members to focus on what matters most—exploring the rugged beauty of Southern Africa. For more information or to apply for a license, visit ORRA's official website at [www.orra.co.za](http://www.orra.co.za).

# Landys and Lattes



**A favourite among Gauteng club members, Landys and Lattes is a regular fixture hosted by the Land Rover Owners' Club of Southern Africa across a variety of picturesque and urban settings in Johannesburg and Pretoria. Spearheaded by the dynamic duo, Simon and Rori Meanwell, the event has rapidly built a strong following since its inception at a local Seattle Coffee in Kyalami in early 2023. Now a standout in the club's calendar, it includes visits to vibrant cafes and scenic drives that showcase the stunning natural beauty surrounding Gauteng's urban centres.**

The allure of Landys and Lattes was unmistakably demonstrated when an impressive turnout of 38 Land Rovers gathered at GG's Café, renowned as the Home of the Jozi Waffle. Simon had made special arrangements with the venue's owner, and the turnout was spectacular. This event not only underscored the strong spirit and camaraderie among club members but also highlighted

the event's escalating popularity within the Gauteng contingent. Such a turnout is more than just a number—it's a clear indication of the profound enthusiasm and commitment that Landys and Lattes inspires among our Land Rover enthusiasts.

Landys and Lattes transcends the typical casual meetup; it regularly features a convoy drive that turns a sequence of Land Rovers into a stunning parade on the tarmac. More than just a procession, this convoy is a mobile exhibition of unity and pride, providing a magnificent display for both Land Rover aficionados and casual onlookers. The visual spectacle of these convoys not only captures the attention of other road users but also provides an excellent opportunity to generate engaging content for social media. The images and videos shared across various platforms do more than document events; they draw followers and newcomers into the very heart of the club's vibrant community spirit.

Yet, the true charm of Landys and Lattes extends well beyond the impressive visual allure of its

convoys, great coffee and amazing food. Regardless of whether the agenda includes a scenic drive, each event is thoughtfully curated to foster a relaxed yet sophisticated atmosphere where tales of adventure and a shared passion for Land Rovers are exchanged.

Whilst the settings for these events are always magical, the food is always a hit, with a variety of delicious meals that cater to all kinds of tastes. And it's not just the food that's top-notch—the coffee is something special too. Each brew complements the lively chats and laughs, making sure that every sip is as enjoyable as the conversations around the table.

In these fantastic spots, Landy lovers connect, share laughs, and enjoy the unique camaraderie that only a brand like Land Rover can forge. With great food, awesome coffee, and cool venues, there's a real sense of community and fun at every Landys and Lattes meet-up, making each one an event you won't want to miss.

Uniquely, "Landys and Lattes" opens its doors to both members and

non-members, making it an inclusive event that celebrates the Land Rover lifestyle. This openness fosters a welcoming environment where enthusiasts, regardless of their membership status, can mingle and experience the camaraderie that is a hallmark of the club. It is in these gatherings that potential members can witness firsthand the warmth and adventurous spirit of the Land Rover community—a pivotal factor in growing our club and embracing new enthusiasts.

As Landys and Lattes continues to grow and evolve, it is becoming a cornerstone event for the Land Rover Owners Club of Southern Africa. With an increased number of gatherings planned for 2025, it's not just an event; it's a vibrant celebration of what it means to be part of this extraordinary community. Here's to more coffee, more convoys, and countless more adventures together!

## Where Next

**From:**  
Sat, 1 Feb 2025 10:00  
**To:**  
Sat, 1 Feb 2025 14:00  
**Hosted By:**  
Simon Meanwell  
**Venue:**  
Hennie's Jolly Prawn


Join us for the next exciting 'Landys and Lattes' at Hennie's Jolly Prawn on Saturday, 1st February. We'll gather at Hartford Garage at 10:00 AM for a scenic drive through the beautiful Hennops Valley. After the drive, we'll enjoy a hearty braai at Hennie's Jolly Prawn. The cost is R100 per head, which includes a delicious selection of a chop, steak, and wors, accompanied by either a traditional braai broodjie or pap and gravy.

# 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.**

A little while ago I was 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, and 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

Whoops, that's a shame. There are no new members to introduce to our awesome community of Landy Owners

## LROC Digital

LROC Digital channels & resources



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### LROC WhatsApp Group Guidelines

- Be Respectful
- Stay on Topic
- Contribute Constructively
- Practice Privacy
- Avoid Forwarding Misinformation
- Use Proper Etiquette
- Be Mindful of Notifications
- Resolve Conflicts Privately
- Engage Actively
- Follow Group Guidelines

To download the LROC WhatsApp Group Participation Policy, use your mobile telephone camera to scan the QR Code.



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# Future Events

Because owning a Landy means there is always something to look forward to!

LROC Event

## Landys and Lattes



**From:**  
Sat, 1 Feb 2025 10:00  
**To:**  
Sat, 1 Feb 2025 14:00  
**Hosted By:**  
Simon Meanwell  
**Venue:**  
Hennie's Jolly Prawn

Join us for the next exciting 'Landys and Lattes' event on Saturday, 1st February at Hennie's Jolly Prawn! We'll start our day at Hartford Garage at 10:00 AM, setting off for a scenic drive through the picturesque Hennops Valley. This drive promises not only breathtaking views but also a wonderful opportunity to bond over our shared passion for Land Rovers.

After the drive, we will gather at Hennie's Jolly Prawn for a hearty braai. For just R100 per person, enjoy a delicious selection that includes a chop, steak, and wors, accompanied by your choice of a traditional braai broodjie or pap and gravy. It's the perfect setting to relax and refuel with fellow enthusiasts after a delightful morning on the road.

We look forward to seeing you there for a day of adventure, camaraderie, and culinary delights!



LROC Event

## LROC 65th AGM (2025)



**From:**  
Sat, 15 Feb 2025 15:00  
**To:**  
Sat, 15 Feb 2025 18:00  
**Hosted By:**  
Stephen Howard  
**Venue:**  
Rietvlei Nature Reserve Lapa  
**Booking Cutoff:**  
8 Feb 2025  
**Websites:**  
<https://www.lroc.org.za/events/lroc-agm-2025/>

We are delighted to invite you to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Land Rover Owners' Club of Southern Africa, set for Saturday, 15th February 2025 at 3:00 PM. This year's meeting will take place at the picturesque Rietvlei Nature Reserve Lapa, ensuring a perfect setting for our gathering. In accordance with Rule 7.8 of our Club Constitution, the AGM will be conducted as a physical general meeting, allowing for meaningful face-to-face discussions and decision-making.

Members who wish to attend and vote are required to register on the LROC website. Please note that registration is open exclusively to paid-up members and will close on Saturday, 8th February 2025. Complimentary access to the nature reserve will be provided to all registered members, adding an extra touch of enjoyment to your visit.

For comprehensive details about the AGM, please refer to the Notice of Meeting which was distributed to all members on Tuesday, 21 January



2025. This notice contains all relevant information, including links to the event website and the location of the AGM Document Repository.

We look forward to your participation at the AGM, followed by the fellowship and braai that will celebrate our collective contributions and discussions. This gathering is not only a cornerstone of our administrative year but also a celebration of our community and shared interests.

LROC Event

## Trail Blaze: March 2025



**From:**  
Sat, 1 Mar 2025 09:00  
**To:**  
Sat, 1 Mar 2025 13:00  
**Hosted By:**  
Paul Diessel  
**Venue:**  
The Lion and Safari Park

We are thrilled to announce our upcoming March Trail Blaze event at The Lion and Safari Park near Hartbeespoort Dam! This exciting off-road adventure promises to be an unforgettable experience for all Land Rover enthusiasts. Join us for a day filled with thrilling 4x4 trails, breathtaking scenery, and the chance to explore the park's diverse wildlife. Whether you're a seasoned off-roader or a beginner looking to test your skills, this event has something for everyone.

The Lion and Safari Park is a world-renowned wildlife sanctuary, home to a variety of animals, including lions,



cheetahs, leopards, and hyenas. The park offers unique opportunities for wildlife interaction, guided tours, and educational experiences. During our event, you'll have the chance to drive through the park's 4x4 track, encountering various wildlife such as giraffes, gemsbok, and eland along the way. The park's beautiful landscapes and abundant wildlife make it the perfect setting for our off-road adventure.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with fellow Land Rover enthusiasts, enjoy the great outdoors, and create lasting memories. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information and to RSVP, please visit our website or contact our event coordinator after a delightful morning on the road.

We look forward to seeing you there for a day of adventure, camaraderie, and culinary delights!

LROC Event

## Dinokeng Series Weekend Adventure 2025



**From:**  
Fri, 09 May 2025 10:00  
**To:**  
Sun, 11 May 2025 14:00  
**Hosted By:**  
Attie Smit  
**Venue:**  
Willem's Rus, Dinokeng  
**Costs:**  
Willems Rust:  
- Children age 0-6:  
R135.00 pppn;  
- Adults age 13-60:  
R220.00 pppn; and  
Adults above 60:  
R200.00 pppn.

Maximum of 6 persons



per site. Only one additional vehicle per campsite allowed at R95.00

Dinokeng Game Reserve:  
- Conservation fee:  
R120.00 per adult at the gate or R100.00 online.  
R80.00 per child at the gate or R50.00 online.  
- Vehicle entrance fee:  
R50.00  
- Self-drive fee:  
R200.00 per vehicle per day or R270.00 for 2 days.  
R125.00 per vehicle per day for pensioners

**Note: This event is open to all Landys, not just Series vehicles.**

Embark on an unforgettable weekend at the Dinokeng Game Reserve, home to both the big and small five, located just 50 km north of Pretoria. This exclusive event is set in the pristine wilderness of Willem's Rus, one of the premier camping sites within the reserve. Revel in the thrill of the real bush, navigating your Series vehicle through diverse self-drive routes crafted to enhance your game viewing experience.

Unlike typical guided tours, there will be no convoy driving. This unique approach allows you the freedom to explore at your own pace, increasing your chances of encountering wildlife in its natural habitat.

Willem's Rus offers a genuine bushveld experience, perfect for those who drive a Series Land Rover and cherish rugged adventures. The campsite provides essential amenities to ensure comfort while you immerse yourself in the tranquility of Dinokeng's spectacular scenery.

Join us for this special weekend where the wilderness of Dinokeng awaits to be explored.

# Event Reports

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

Affinity Event

## Rand Hunt - 2025



**Date:**

19 January 2025

**Hosted By:**

Dirk Uys

**Venue:**

Inanda Country Base

A Howling Good Time was had by all at the Rand Hunt!

It was a cloudless, warm day as we gathered fairly early at the picturesque Inanda Country Base to join the Rand Hunt. With the promise of adventure in the air, bookings had initially trickled in, but in true Land Rover fashion, the floodgates eventually opened. By the time we were ready to roll, there were more than 21 vehicles and close to 50 people in attendance—excluding the ever-professional Land Rover Experience team.

Our day began with a quick briefing by Bill Marshall, the chairman of the Rand Hunt, who filled us in on what to expect. This was followed by a similar pep talk for the riders, punctuated by a round of shots from Stirrup Cups—because what’s a hunt without a little liquid courage? Spirits suitably lifted, we got our first glimpse of the hounds as they were brought into the bowl. With wagging tails and eager noses, they were ready to lead the way.

### *Convoy and Canine Capering*

In true convoy style, we set off across lush green fields to our first stop. Here, we watched horse and rider trot by, dragging

a scented rag infused with fermented jackal dung (a scent only a hound could love). Moments later, the hounds burst into action, noses in the air as they began their pursuit. Their initially quiet demeanor gave way to a symphony of baying as the hunt gained momentum.

Each stop brought a chance to soak in the history and traditions of the Rand Hunt. Bill regaled us with tales of yesteryear, the storied Inanda Club, and the intricacies of the hunt. There was even talk of a quiz, prompting some members to furiously jot down notes—though we suspect a few of those notes may have been doodles of horses or hounds.

### *Riders: Graceful and Gutsy*

For those of us firmly planted on terra firma, watching the first group of riders was both awe-inspiring and heart-stopping. With remarkable grace, they thundered after the hounds, tackling obstacles with a nonchalance that belied the skill involved. Meanwhile, the back group approached things more sedately, offering a slower-paced, but equally scenic, spectacle.

### *The Grand Finale*

As the hunt drew to a close, the hounds returned to their kennels, filing in with an air of well-earned exhaustion. With the action behind us, we made our way to Fangio’s, where the recovery lagers flowed, a hearty breakfast awaited, and the quiz tested our newfound knowledge. Conversations buzzed with excitement, and the camaraderie was palpable.

### *A Day to Remember*

This unique event was a resounding success, with participants expressing hopes that it will become an annual tradition.

Thank you, Dirk Uys, for organising this awesome event. A heartfelt “thank you” goes out to the Land Rover Experience team for their invaluable participation and for providing the fantastic prizes that delighted our lucky winners.

Until next time, here’s to adventures, tradition, and the thrill of the hunt—on four wheels or four legs!

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