ROVER CAR CLUB of SOUTH AUSTRALIA Inc

ROVER REVIEW

October 2026

From the President

Our 2026 calendar year is ending on a high with the 50th Anniversary of the Rover Car Club SA events planning underway for 2027 and a first place for Concourse d 'Elegance at the recent Bay to Birdwood awarded to Greg & Janette Watson in their 1949 P3 75 HP.

It was a huge success and a tremendous acknowledgement of Greg's persistence after entering the vehicle in 3 consecutive pre-1950 concours and coming 3rd during 2024 and 2025.

Thanks also to Brett Moon, David Bradshaw, David & Niola Curtis, Geoff & Corinne Bateman, Graham & Lindsey Hunter, Julie & Neil Paley who attended our Bay to Birdwood roadside viewing / wave station. Great weather, great camaraderie and an enjoyable sausage sizzle with coffee and tea etc.



Greg & Janette celebrating success at Birdwood



Greg & Janette's immaculate P3 traversing the Adelaide Hills with ease

WA Rove, Wildflowers West, 18th to 21st September

Commencing on the evening of the 18th with an informal meet ‘n’ greet at the Pagoda Resort & Spa the WA Rove was an enjoyable three days of Rover conversation and great company. The itinerary focused on exploiting the spring weather and WA’s renown for the beauty of their wildflowers.

Unfortunately, on the 19th winter was still with us and dampened the morning tour of King’s Park but the wildflowers and tour guides did a great job of bringing smiles to everyone’s faces. By the afternoon, spring had returned and the visit to Whiteman Park’s WA Motor Museum provided a feast of automotive wonders.

In the evening we were hosted at the WA Veteran & Vintage Car Club’s rooms with a catered dinner plus a tour of the site representing a highly organised club operation.
There were multiple sheds with floor to ceiling storage racks containing catalogued parts for a wide range of vehicles (including Rovers) along with several unique workshops such as pattern making for wooden spoked wheels and a paint spray booth.

During the following day and despite winter returning the automotive feast was to continue focused entirely on Rovers at Stirk Park in Kalamunda where the club hosted a Show ‘n’ Shine display plus judging of the three best vehicles. The judges were unable to decide on a clear winner and so the top three vehicles a 20HP P2, a 1966 P6 SC and a 1970 P5B Coupe’ came equal first.







That evening we were treated to a farewell dinner at the Pagoda Resort & Spa where awards were presented.

Thankfully, and on the final day spring sunshine prevailed as I was chauffeured to Mundaring Weir in a white 1949 P3 where we were provided with an interesting presentation on the site’s engineering history. The National Trust of WA operate the museum here, but the weir and pump station remains active supplying water to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder region via the Goldfields & Agricultural Water Supply Scheme through 500+ km of pipeline. Of concern to some Western Australians the dam hasn’t overflowed in 30 years - https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-09-06/mundaring-weir-overflows-consigned-to-history-low-rainfall/107117214

Chance open-air ‘barn’ finds
Chatting at WA Rove with members of the Rover Car Club Australia and Rover Owners’ Club NSW & ACT about their journey westward I was told of Rovers they’d seen in Iron Knob:

- A green P6B
- Two SD1s
- Two P4s







Thanks to David Stellini from the Rover Owners’ Club NSW & ACT for spotting these and supplying photos.

If anyone is interested and would like to investigate the vehicles, there are additional photos and some basic information on their location in Iron Knob. Please contact me.

Previous committees – “Thank you”

With the commencement of our new committee [David Bradshaw, Secretary; David Curtis, Events Coordinator; Greg Watson; Julie Paley, Membership & Treasurer; myself, President; and Ross Harper, Vice President] it is important to formally say “Thanks” for the effort & hard work of previous committee members who especially during the last twelve months dealt with many challenges mainly due to ill health of some members, and helped maintain a steady course.

2024-2025:
David Bradshaw, Jo McCracken, Julie & Neil Paley, Lindsey Evans-Hunter, Rob Martin, Sandra Rippon.

2025-2026:
Brian & Sandra Rippon, David Bradshaw, Jo McCracken, Julie Paley, Lindsey Evans-Hunter, Raelene Parker & Steve Williams.

"Thanks" also to Alistair Ferguson and Jason Riley for keeping the communications in our Roverdrive and website alive.

Events

October to December 2026

Date	Details
28.10.2026	OGM – Rob McLennan guest speaker discussing Community Radio & Coast FM with a tour of the Coast FM facility afterwards.
8.11.2026	Commencing with morning tea at 10.00 am, a guided tour of the City of Adelaide Clipper ship, Dock 2, Honey Street, Port Adelaide. The cost is $15.00 / person cash on the day. Following the tour there's an optional lunch at the Birkenhead Tavern at own cost.
25.11.2026	OGM – Des Leach, EV Association guest speaker.
6.12.2026	Commencing at 11.30am a family friendly Country Christmas gourmet lunch at Brian & Sandra Rippon's residence, 3 Porteous Road, Mylor. Cost $5.00.

2027 Rover Car Club of SA 50th Anniversary

Watch this space.

The new committee has been investigating a range of events and venues for the club's 50th anniversary celebrations.

Additional details will be provided in this newsletter, at OGMs and in Roverdrive.

Rover Buy & Sell

RCCSA members and non-members can use the club's website 'Buy & Sell' page to advertise Rovers or Rover parts for sale. Advertisements will also appear in Roverdrive. There is no cost to Club members to advertise on these pages, cost to non-members is $20.00. Advertisements must be submitted in the month prior to publication of Roverdrive.

Send your advertisement with photos to the secretary, David Bradshaw at:
rccsasecretary@gmail.com
or post to:
Rover Car Club of SA Inc
PO Box 1127,
BLACKWOOD, SA, 5051

Please note that if you are selling a vehicle the advertisement must be placed in accordance with the Motor Car Traders regulations 1998 – regulation 22(4). Compliance for a private sale requires 'Cash price of the motor car', 'registration number or engine number'. RCCSA regrets we are unable to publish an advertisement if these requirements are not met.

Don't forget to include good quality recent photos, and please notify us as soon as your vehicle or item is sold.

Kevin Stretton
President