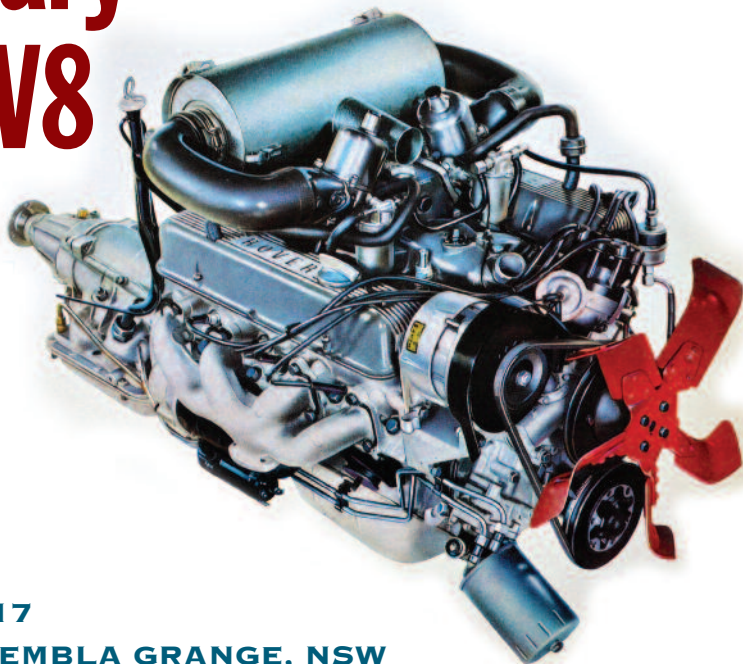


50th Anniversary of the Rover V8 1967-2017



SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2017

MOTORLIFE MUSEUM, KEMBLA GRANGE, NSW

THE ROVER OWNERS' CLUB (NSW & ACT) is proud to announce pre-event information about the 50th Anniversary of the Rover V8. The event will be based at the **MOTORLIFE MUSEUM ANNUAL MOTOR EXPO** on Sunday 1 October. The museum has cordially invited the ROC to be the featured club.

The museum is south-west of Wollongong, about an hour and a half drive from Sydney on Darkes Rd, Kembla Grange. If you've not visited before, it is a fascinating display of motoring in Australia going back to the earliest years; a befitting place to honour 50 years of our beloved V8.

This event is not limited to the Rover mark. We wish to invite all car clubs in NSW and ACT whose cars were powered by the Rover V8. The engine that came to Rover was an iteration of the early 1960s General Motors, Oldsmobile/Buick 215 design, staying on for some four decades. It is linked intrinsically with what is arguably Rover's greatest period of vehicle manufacture from the 1960s to the 1990s. This engine powered three generations of Rover sedans: P5B, P6B, SD1, the Land Rover and Range Rover, the MGB GTV8, MG RV8, Morgan Plus 8, Triumph TR8, TVR S Series, Griffith, Chimaera and Leyland Australia's P76 amongst others. Just imagine if Rover had been given the green light for the P8 saloon and the P9 (mid-mounted V8 three-seater), the latter arguably one of British Leyland's greatest mistakes.

This anniversary over the weekend of 30 September and 1 October at the Motorlife Museum celebrates the life of this engine through the various classic vehicles in which it was used.

We anticipate the schedule being:

Saturday 30 September (optional)

1. On Saturday 30 September an optional run will be held from the southern outskirts of Sydney to the Wollongong/Port Kembla area. The details are to be confirmed.
2. In the evening we will arrange a dinner for these participants. The venue and overnight accommodation details are still to be confirmed.

Sunday 1 October

1. On Sunday morning, participants staying overnight from the optional Saturday run will travel in convoy to the Motorlife Museum to arrive by 9.30am.
2. Those who will be coming from home will make their way directly to the museum, arriving by 9:30am.
3. All cars will be parked in the museum surrounds.
4. We will disperse whenever convenient. The nominal closing time is 2:30 pm.

There will be a BBQ, sandwiches and drinks available. There will also be double-decker bus rides and a band.

The ROC is hoping this anniversary will be well supported not only by our fellow club members but members from other clubs whose cars used the Rover V8. In this early planning stage the club is seeking expressions of interest from members of other car clubs who would like to attend.

Please contact ROC Club Capt. Andrew Holland for further information on:
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Motorlife Museum <https://motorlifemuseum.com/>



PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR ROVER V8 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Saturday 30 September.

9:15 meet at Loftus Oval car park.

9:30 depart in convoys of 4 cars heading south on Farnell Avenue/Audley Road

9:45 Stop at Audley Weir Tearooms for morning tea.

10:15 Depart Audley Tea Rooms on Bertram Stevens Drive/ Lady Wakehurst Drive heading south

Pause at Stanwell Tops to watch hang gliders and then travel south over the SeaCliff Bridge

12:30 Arrive at Wollongong and proceed to Master Builders Club carpark on Smith Street.

We have arranged a table for 20 in Juiliana's Restaurant at the club.

2:00 Depart for accommodation at Figtree 6 couples at Sovereign Inn.

Albion Park 1 couple at Park meadows B&B.

At Airbnb Kiama 1 Couple

At Stuart and Beatrice's home at Kiama 2 Couples and 1 single

Afternoon free to enjoy/ relax

5:30 Meet a Kiama for diner at Olive and Vine Restaurant table for 20 booked.

Sunday 1 October

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Travel to Motorlife Museum in Darkes Road Access from Old Princes Highway at Brownsville.

9:30 Arrive at Motor Museum

12:15 Lunch at Motorlife Café: Barbeque (steaks and sangers on rolls and bread respectively, with onions and sauce) and inside from the Motorlife cafe sandwiches, cake. tea and coffee, plus ice creams, cool drinks, water. Of course participants are welcome to bring a picnic if they would prefer

2:00 Depart for home.

Costs

30 September

Morning Tea Your choice

Lunch \$14.40 each for seniors Otherwise \$16 each

Accommodation Figtree \$135 for couple

Albion Park \$130 for couple

Airbnb \$ 120 for couple

Rigbys Nil

Dinner \$25 to \$40 Each

1 October

Motorlife Museum Admission \$10 per car