

Rover Car Club of Qld Weekend to Stanthorpe/Toowoomba

3-6 October 2025

(report by Eve McCormack)

We left Brisbane around 11.30am Friday and after a reasonable trip to Cunningham's Gap and some slow traffic through the Gap, we arrived at Sutton's Juice Factory, Thulimbah for afternoon tea and a slice of their famous apple pie. Here we met up with other Club members - some of whom had taken a more scenic route to the Granite Belt.

After settling into our Motel, we met for dinner at the restaurant on site, the Aussie Beef Steak House and enjoyed good food and a lovely evening.

Come Saturday morning, there were many attractions to visit - most of us headed to Jamworks Gourmet Food and Cafe and from there on to the Christmas Tree Farm. This place was all things Christmas and even though Christmas is only 3 months away, some of us made purchases - just to get ready! It was also here that Club members from Rockhampton, Tim and Jodie McLeod and their friend, Pete met up. Tim was driving his Rover P2 - which he houses at Oakey.

Lunch was at Jersey Girls Cafe (Stanthorpe Cheese Co). From there we drove to the home of Michael and Daniella Heeremans. Michael is also known as 'The Alfa Romeo Man' and he generously showed us his Workshop and collection of Alfa Romeos and motorbikes. The ladies were also very interested in and impressed by Daniella's Craft Room and anecdotes on her love of collecting and crafting.

Dinner Saturday evening was again at the Aussie Beef Steak House.

On Sunday morning, bright and early we wandered across the road to the Stanthorpe Showground and their 'Markets in the Mountains'. We were also able to meet up with the very friendly members of the Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle and Machinery Club.

From there the male members of the group found the 'Holden Graveyard' while the ladies found Washpool Supply Co (handmade soap, hair and body products and secret potions).

Lunch was suggested at the Blue Pot Cafe, near the grounds of the Holden Graveyard. Afterwards most of us drove to Toowoomba and met up for our evening meal at the Royal Hotel, along with Toowoomba Club members, Brian and Meryl Mills.

Monday morning breakfast was at Park House Cafe and then we all went our separate ways, viewing the beautiful gardens and floral displays in Toowoomba.

It was a great weekend, wonderful company and lots of interesting activities to take part in.

Those attending were:

Craig and Jenny Barraud (SD1); Gary and Deidre Bickford (Rover 75); John and Patti Coutts (SD1); Josh and Nicole Dyer, Jack and Drew Dyer (P5B); Ross and Eve McCormack (P5B); Tim and Jodie McLeod (P2); Geoff Victor and Jan Carter (P5B Coupe); Martin and Jill Younger (Mazda MX5).



Michael Heereman's Alfa Romeos



Michael's collection of bikes (mostly restored during Covid Lockdown)



Lineup of Rovers at Stanthorpe Cheese Co.



Rover and a Citroen at Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle & Machinery Group



Dinner at Aussie Beef Steak House, Stanthorpe



Interested Spectators, 'Holden Graveyard' Stanthorpe



Dinner at Royal Hotel, Toowoomba



Flowers, Laurel Bank Gardens, Toowoomba

