

NEWS

ARMY 110s ARRIVE

Land Rover earning multi-\$millions

JRA's 'Project Perentie' production line is now on the move.

Full scale production of the 2900 Land Rovers, being built for the Army under the \$130 million, four-year contract signed with JRA earlier this year, commenced in August following several months of rigorous testing of a limited number of the vehicles supplied to various Army units around Australia.

The first of the production Land Rover 110s were handed over at a special meeting between



Major General Duncan Francis O.B.E., Army Chief of Materials, and Managing Director of JRA Limited, Mr. Phil Hovell. They proved to be cargo/personnel carriers destined for delivery to the 176th Air Despatch Squadron based at Penrith.

According to Mr. Hovell,

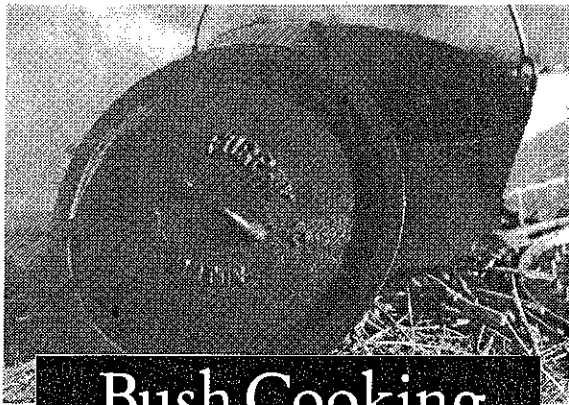
the planned investment of over \$3 million in the Land Rover production facility at Liverpool is already taking place and the increasing production capabilities are expected to provide 70 new jobs at the factory.

Accepting the vehicles, General Francis said that the Army is very pleased

with the excellent relationship with JRA that has developed during the initial stages of the contract. JRA has shown great co-operation in attending to the many points raised by the Army after testing the "IPVs" (Initial Production Vehicles) delivered several months ago.

The word Perentie, which is the name of a large lizard capable of existing in harsh desert regions, was chosen as the code-name for the three-year trials contested by several other manufacturers as well as JRA. Although the actual trials concluded last year when the contract was won by JRA, it seems that the name will live on, at least for another four years while the Liverpool plant is engaged in turning out the 2500 one-tonne and 400 two-tonne 4x4s and 6x6s ordered by the Army.

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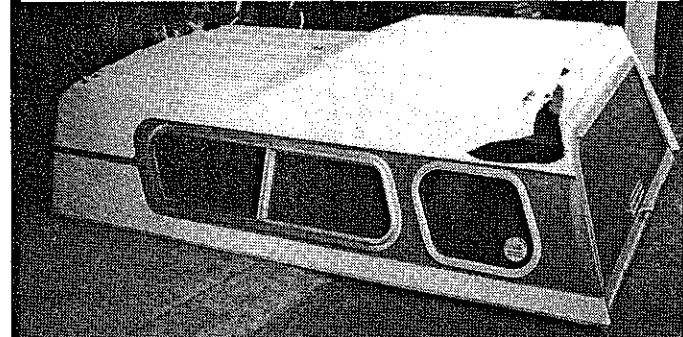
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