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We love to hear tales of owning, enjoying and tinkering with Series Land Rovers and Classic Range Rovers. Email yours to mark@lro.com – you might see it featured here

Beautifully rebuilt to
bespoke 1957 spec



Chance discovery:
as found in 2002



Profile

NAME:
Allen Hosking
**LAND ROVERS
OWNED:** Loads!
**DREAM LAND
ROVER:** Series I
HOBBIES: Loads!

1957 SERIES I 109in

Back in the Family

Allen couldn't believe it when he chanced across his dad's old Series I – 45 years after it first arrived



Specially made dog
boxes under the tub

Land Rovers have a special place in my heart – which they've held for a long time. I was brought up on a farm on New Zealand's North Island, where I used to watch my dad drive back and forth to his second, larger sheep and cattle farm at Huiroa.

For a time, he used an old Vauxhall and trailer for the 21-mile round trip. And then, in 1957 when I was eight, he bought a

Land Rover to replace both this and the converted wartime Jeep he used on the farm.

The Land Rover was one of the last Series I 109s, brought into New Zealand as a chassis-cab and numbered 1227-03764. Moller Motors in New Plymouth supplied it, and dad had the body constructed to his specifications by a specialist in nearby Stratford.

The basic style was what the New Zealanders call a flat deck body, a multi-purpose wooden