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"President Report"



Welcome to the first meeting of the MLR (or if you aren't present, the first issue of the club magazine) with me as president. It would seem to be traditional and easy to take this opportunity to firstly introduce myself and then give you a little hint as to the direction I think the club should be heading for the next twelve months. So here goes...

My full name is Peter Kenneth Langshaw but I prefer to be called Langy! I have just recently celebrated my 38th birthday and I am married to Louise and we have two daughters – Zoe (14) and Jasmine (11), a dog (Steve), two cats and from time to time the odd budgie and goldfish.

Vocationally speaking, I have been a:

- Full-time student (my official letters are B.Sc.(Ma.)(Hons) Grad.Dip.Ed.),
- Tutor in the Applied Maths Department of Adelaide University,
- Maths and IT teacher at a private school in north-western Sydney,
- Recruitment Consultant
- IT Support consultant at Optus in Sydney
- Database developer
- House-husband

- Database Integrity Officer associated with rail freight

Maths, IT and Media teacher at Concordia College

But, I am currently a Maths and IT teacher at Tatachilla Lutheran College at McLaren Vale which I seem to be enjoying as much as any other of the jobs I have held.

We have been 4WDing for the past 3 years in our 100 series petrol/gas Land Cruiser. My other hobbies include Geocaching, Cricket (playing and watching), Golf and nerdy stuff to do with computers, just to name a few. I love to drive my car but I really need to learn more about how the darn thing works as I tend to rely on the helpfulness of others to make sure the damn thing works!

So that is me. I will freely admit to being a geek and a bit of a clown, but no one can question my passion for my hobbies or my work nor can they say that I am devoid of ideas. So if I am passionate and an ideas man: What is vision for the Mount Lofty Rangers as president?

Firstly, we should continue to strengthen our 'Core Business'. That is: training, trips and social activities. These three facets of our club are what keep people coming back. Without one the other two are relatively meaningless. We need to ensure that our members are receiving the best training available. We need to ensure that our members receive the greatest opportunity to put their skills into practice and we need to ensure that we continue to build relationships with each other outside our monthly meetings through the social events calendar.

Secondly, many people became members of MLR because of its strong reputation as a family oriented club, a club that welcomed new members willingly and without strings attached and a club that was regularly active. These are areas in which we need to make significant improvements over the coming year. Some of the vision and drive in

these areas, particularly our schedule of regular activities, has waned in the last year or so. When this was discussed at the Executive Meeting we held on June 6, it was agreed these areas needed improvement and we have taken steps already to remedy this situation.

Finally, it is my goal to improve the public face of MLR with a new website in the early stages of development (<http://www.mtloftylanders.org>) with a big thanks to Mike Hayes for the work done so far), a new look to the magazine over the coming months and a subtle presentation change and fresh focus for the club at events such as the 4WD Show. The details of which will be revealed as the plans are finalised.

So that is it. That is who I am and that is a brief overview of my plan for MLR over the coming 12 months. Please let me know your thoughts, give me your suggestions and more importantly consider how you can become actively involved in helping this club become the best and brightest amongst the SA 4WDing fraternity.

All the best to you and yours,

Langy!

Clubs Fees NOW Due

Reminder Club fees are now due: \$60 Members will become Non Financial if fees not paid by end of July Meeting.

"Editor's Ramble"



As this is my first magazine as Editor, I thought I would take a moment to introduce myself. I have had the Grand Vitara for 5 years now, and moved to Adelaide late in 2002. While more into touring than extreme 4WDing, I still enjoy pushing the limits of what the car will do occasionally!

So to the magazine. I am hoping we can get some more member involvement happening. This will include brief member profiles, so get a photo of you (or your family) and your truck, write a short background about yourself and what you enjoy doing with it, and maybe any other hobbies. Hopefully this way we can all get to know each other a little better. We lead off this month with a profile of Skippy and his Patrol.

The club is also going to be emphasizing trips a bit more with Peter Ellery at the helm. So hopefully we will have a lot of trip reports in upcoming issues as well.

Email anything through to the address on the back page, or to jary@ozemail.com.au

I am also planning on looking at some of the other club magazines at the next meeting and seeing if we can come up with some new ideas. Any suggestions are welcomed!

Any other thoughts on the magazine are also welcomed at the above address or by phone.

Cheers, Richard



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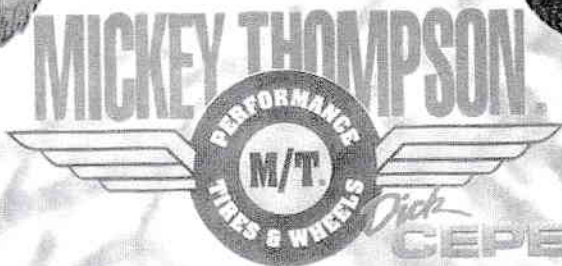
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SOCIAL SCENE

SUNDAY QUIZ AFTERNOON AT SHENANNIGANS

A group of 11 attended the Sunday Quiz Afternoon at Shenannigans on Sunday 5th June. We all had an enjoyable lunch before the quiz. The quiz was fun, we split into two teams. There were some discussions between the two teams to improve the overall score on our sheets. There were about 10 – 15 different groups which were involved in the afternoon of fun and knowledge. Both teams scored above average and finished in the middle.

MID YEAR DINNER 30th JULY 2005 – Flagstaff Hotel

This year we are going to have our Mid Year Dinner at The Flagstaff Hotel on 30th July at 7.00pm. There will be an A la carte menu with self serve Soup, Salad & Vegetable Bar. We have booked a table for 30 but should be able to increase the numbers if there is more people interested. If you are interested in attending the Mid Year Dinner and have not paid your \$5.00 deposit please pay it by the end of June to a Committee member.

LUCKY NUMBER

Don't forget to buy your Lucky Number on the Lucky Number sheet tonight. They are two sheets, \$1.00 or \$2.00.

As always please come and speak with Jo, Julie or Lyn tonight if you have any suggestion or question regarding our events for the year. Have a great night!

Social Committee

Safety Equipment Sale—Discount Prices

Jeff Morgan has negotiated with “Nobles” on supply of various equipment for bulk purchase for the club as outlined below, prices are inclusive of GST.

Purchase will only be made on an order of 10 or more of one group item, not mixed items.

Order will be placed once all monies received from members, no money, no order.

Item	Normal Price	Discount Price
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Bendleby Ranges

We started our trip at the Target Car Park Edwardstown on the 14th on May 2005 where we met up with the rest of the crew. There were 7 cars in the trip, the trip leader was Lyn and Jeff, also present were Merv and Anne, Mark, Isabelle, Michael and Andrew, Maryanne and Tom, Paul and Bev, Joan and Murray "US".

We left the carpark around 7:30am and traveled towards Two Wells, thru Mallala to pick up some last minute supplies (Beer or Beef, Priorities of course and one gas bottle fitting otherwise there would be raw Beef, Yum!). We then progressed to Orroroo for lunch and then on to the camp site.

Unpacked, put up tents (In the rain) and then went for a drive out to Hidden Valley (Not the one with the V8 Supercars, although some think that they could be the next Michael Schumacher). We had a good afternoon then returned to cook tea and sit around campfire or in the shed when raining.

On the 15th before we could leave Paul had to change a tire that went flat over night. We then went out to look at the Ekes Lookout, in the Hungry Ranges. We went along the Billy Goat ridge where the views were magnificent especially after all of the recent rain. There were lots of steep inclines and rocky ground to give a little challenge. We returned to the camp site so a member of the trip could repair his teeth with superglue (amateur dentist wannabe, will provide personal consults, just ask Merv).

On the 16th we went over the ridge and did a tour of the boundary fence. Then we returned to camp, packed up and went to Orroroo and stopped at a Café for a Cappuccino or two and proceeded back to Adelaide.

We had a lovely weekend full of fun and laughs, we would like to thank Lyn and Jeff for organizing the trip.

Joan and Murray, Photos supplied by Mark



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Member Profile

Skippy (aka Reno)

Skippy lives with Leonie, and 2 children Andrew and Olivia 12 and 13 yrs. He bought his Patrol 5 years ago and enjoys 4wd, Geocaching, camping, FOOD and a good chat, and is proficient with Oziexplorer.

His truck is a 1989 Nissann GQ petrol/gas with a rear diff lock, uhf, and HF radio, together with a 2 inch lift and spotlights.

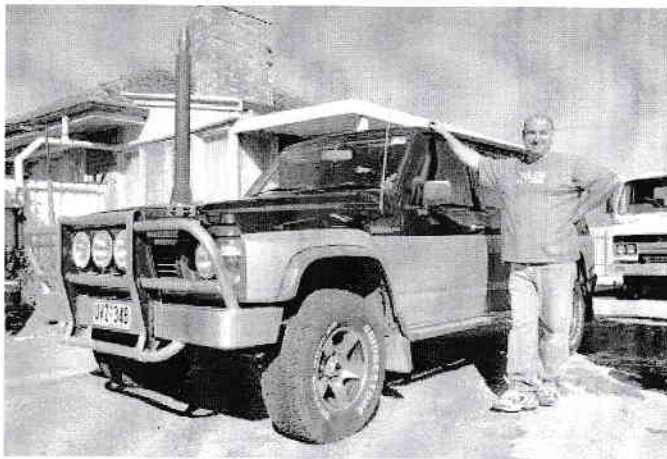
The favourite trip was the High Country last xmas where we visited various spots around Craig's Hut, Dargo and up to Tom Groggin.

The major downfall was Googs track last Easter where the alternator stuffed up just past Googs Lake ½ way

He also enjoys general touring and fishing having visited places like Coffin Bay, Chowilla Grampians, Beachport Robe

Hw works as a tow truck owner operator called Deluxe towing working the NE side of town

So remember if you need a tow, and you got no dough, don't call Reno cos e wont show!



June 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 PH	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 CM	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

CM Club Meeting—Guest presenter—SA Ambulance

PH Public Holiday

July 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17 SH	18 SH	19 SH	20 SH	21 IV, SH	22 SH	23
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CM Club Meeting

I) DTU Training Committee Meeting & AGM – Cavan 07:30 pm

II) DTU General Meeting – Cavan 07:30pm

III) 002 & 003 / Skills Update DTU–Kuitpo

IV) Association General Meeting–Cavan 07:30 pm

SH School Holidays

August: Club Meeting 8/8, DTU Training Committee & AGM 9/8, DTU General Meeting 11/8, Association General meeting 18/8.

Upcoming Trips

June 2005 : Peake :25th to 26th

Basic Training, Bush Camping—Yet to be confirmed

July 2005: Anne Beadell Highway: 9th to 24th July

Head west from Coober Pedy along Anne Beadell Highway, returning via Nullarbor. Remote Bush travelling, few refuelling places (1350km's without fuel or water), so vehicles must be prepared to suit conditions. Closing date fast approaching. Mark Curtis: 8358 4776 Trip limit 8-10 vehicles

October 2005: Whyalla 4WD Get together: Long weekend

Yes, the annual event is back on at Whyalla showgrounds. More details later.



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MLR Club Training

Contact: Jeff Morgan
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Basic Training
Peake or Geranium
June 25th–26th
(to be confirmed)

Skills Update 002 & 003
30th & 31st July 2005
Kuipto

Under Development:

- 1. GPS—Overview of use of GPS's - Date TBA**
- 2. Oziexplorer—Overview of use of Oziexplorer — Date TBA**
- 3. Sand Driving Training for the next Peake trip if required**

CLUB TRAINING

Training Books: \$55

Costs associated with Basic theory, and or any training event, will be based on the number attending, venue costs and travel costs of Trainer's and Assessor's. The number of trainer's / Assessors will be determined by the club's training officer.

Club Trainer's

Advisor's : Shaun Lawson, Paul Tabone, Merv Tucker,

Advisor / Trainer's: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West

Advisor / Trainer / Assessor's: Max Almond, Ken Bradey, Tim Byrne, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond



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NEW ITEM	
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If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

ITEMS FOR LOAN

Books (hopefully in the future)	Recovery Kit
Club Banner	Tirfor Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
GPS Promotional Videos	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

Please see Merv Tucker for any items you wish to loan Ph 8278 1414.

Your Committee

I thought it would be a good idea to introduce us all to some of the committee members as there are some new ones. So here are some profiles.

In no particular order are:

Tim Byrne, acting Treasurer.

Tim joined a while ago and I am sure you all know him from the previous committee positions. Married to Lynette and has 2 sons and a dog. Club callsign is Sparky, and as a self employed auto electrician has I am sure helped many members. Outside the 4WD Tim also likes water skiing, bushwalking, gardening, indoor soccer and camping. He has gained lots of new friends through the club and the confidence to lead trips.



Anthony Tavelli, Secretary & Public Officer

Anthony is married with 2 children and lives at Mt Barker. He is an Operations Manager for Buttercup bakeries. Outside 4WD he loves Gardening, outdoors, walking, spending time with the kids, and Apex .

He owns a Series 2 Disco and loves learning new driving techniques.



Rick Luff, Vice President

Rick is also married with kids and has a 94 Cruiser. He has been 4WDing since the early 80s and hates inconsiderate campers.



Jeff Morgan, Education Officer

Jeff has been a member for 6 years and joined to get 4WD knowledge for some trips including the High Country as well as improve camping and driving skills with other members. Outside the 4WD he enjoys Fly Fishing, Marathon Kayaking, Snow Skiing, Water Skiing and just getting away to explore places that I haven't been to.

Lyn Morgan. Social Committee

Lyn has also been a member for 6 years, and joined to learn how to drive and handle a 4WD as well as more camping trips. Like Jeff, loves to go now Skiing, Water Skiing going away camping with other people enjoy good company and having memorable times.





Peter Ellery, Trips Coordinator

Peter's first Off road was a VW buggy in 1982. He then bought a new Toyota 2L 4Runner in 1985 which he ended up modding extensively, 5.0L Holden 35inch tyres body and spring lift, lockers etc...

He used to provide Tag along tours via the old TJM store on Magill Road in the early 80s before Tag alongs became so common. He has been just about everywhere in the State, and loves the Vic High Country and NSW hilly areas but is not keen on deserts.

New Camper is a Kimberley and the current vehicle is a new Prado.

Interests include....Geocaching, radio and communications, Gadgets, computers, metal detecting, kayaking, bike riding, 4wding and off course Camping!

Julie Holbertson, Social Committee

I am Julie Holberton, Layne is my husband and Troy is my son. I have been a member of the Club for about 5 Years. I have been on various day trips during that time and some of the trips we have been on are, Simpson Desert—Batton Hill - Alice Springs and back to Adelaide, Inaminka and surrounding area, Sunset National Park, Coffin Bay, Grampians and Beachport various times.



The WINTER EDITION of the South Australian 4WD magazine "4wheelingSA" is now available for download. Thanks to Terry from www.4wdlinks.com.au for supporting us and once again hosting the files.

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Andrew Hiscock

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Geocaching

A lot of you will have heard about geocaching by now, and hopefully we will run an intro soon or a day trip to try it out.

So what is this esoteric hobby? The basic idea is that people will hide something and give you the GPS coordinates which often get you within 10 metres of the object.

The containers are often lunchboxes, but can range from a 35mm film canister or smaller, to a wine barrel!

It can be a strangely addictive hobby, with some bizarre puzzle caches out there as well as multis that lead you from point to point before you find the final prize.

There are a lot around Adelaide, but also some on great 4WD destinations (I have to admit I have placed a few of those so they don't get found too often). But I did a Flinders trip around 18 months ago and finding caches brought me to so many beautiful gorges or lookouts otherwise I would have driven straight past. That's part of the idea, people put them somewhere they want others to visit.

The prize? Well mostly they contain Macdonalds toys or similar cheap items but these are attractive to kids. Sometimes there are more expensive items in them, and the idea is to swap something of similar or better value if you want to. Write in the logbook in the cache then log it online.

If anyone wants more information, have a chat to me, Mike Hayes, Peter Ellis, Skippy, Langy and probably a few other lurkers in the group!

Main geocaching site where you can search by location:

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Cheers, Richard

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