

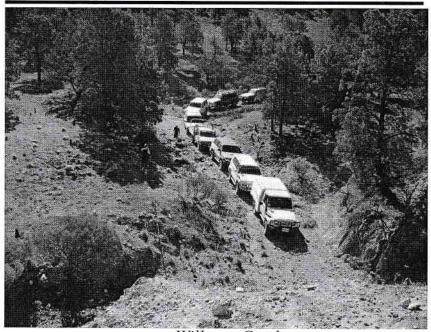
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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The clubs aim is to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WD's while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooks and a great social scene on and off track.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD regardless of its make or model and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the SA Association of 4WD Clubs.

Club Outings

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee who also organises regular events that compliment the club trips.

Experience and Training

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

Meetings

Club meetings are the second Monday of each month* and are held at the Blackwood Football Club
Trevor Terrace
Blackwood
Time 7:15 pm

*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the 3rd Monday of the month

Information

For more information on the Club please check out our website at: www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27

"Trevor's Presidential Report"



Well as many of you know the sliver Prado does not steer so well on the roof, but out of the ashes the phoenix rises. That I now have a newer Prado, a white one and I am now poorer for the experience.

I urge you all to look your insurance policy and check in with your insurer to see what mods you have made and if they are fully covered or not. It's a rude shock when you have to start again and in a rush for the next trip.

When you are reading this I will be enjoying a nice red wine with some good club company under the stars in the Simpson Desert. A trip that has been 6 months in the planning which has seen many put their name down and pull out and change back again and so on. But talking to many of you there appears that there will be about 20 or more of us spread out from Innamincka to Dalhousie and further up north.

As a club we are well represented out there on the tracks, something which will be under threat as fuel prices increase.

As a club we need to look at how many trips we have and how long they go for and get some feed back from you, as to what preferences you have so we can continue to meet the needs of our members. So please put some thoughts down on paper or email them to me at thi63559@bigpond.net.au and the committee can put them on the agenda to discuss.

On my last trip (and the last trip for the silver Prado) the ladies on the trip all asked for a "girls drive day" which received good support from the floor last meeting. So I have put it on the agenda and will have a trip sheet on the board next meeting. So get in quick when it goes up as it will fill fast.

A big thank you to all at last meeting for helping me over the lump of my first meeting as President. As I will be away for this meeting I ask that you give Graham Jones (your new Vice President) all the support you have shown me. Although it will be a small meeting with many of us away on trips and holidays I am only slightly saddened that I won't be there. O' well I suppose I will just have to console myself with another red.

Any way cheers and I look forward to sharing the Simpson experience with all of you at the next meeting.

Your Prezz

Trevor

HI

Its only 6 weeks till the Loveday long weekend nav quiz.

Please email me with any questions you might have about it. I have attached the Loveday long weekend poster and an entry form.

This is gona be one event you dont wana miss out on.

The Mickey Thompson Riverland challenge is on October 17th - 19th Tony Whateley

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See pages 9 & 10



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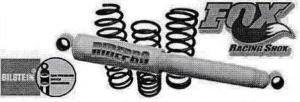
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Trip Report - Mungo National Park

Meeting at McDonalds at Murray Bridge on the Friday night of the Queens Birthday long week end was Paul & Bev in the Patrol, Greg, Belinda, Stella and Kaylia in the Hilux and Trevor & Sharron in the Prado.

First camp was in the Murray Sunset just out of Loxton at the Shearers Hut and the first sign of the troubles we were to have was Greg's Hilux pulling up lame just a 100 or so meters from the camp. The next morning we set about a walk down the track to try and locate what it was that went through a near new Cooper's type. After a walk that lasted nearly 30min were left none the wiser as to what caused the puncher.

We continued along the boarder track north crossing the Sturt Hwy and continuing to the board cliffs and the olds customs house. Stopping at the old customs house for lunch and an ice cream (for the young ones of course). It was about an hour back around the Victorian side of the river not far after the first entrance to Lindsay Island that fate dealt me a poor hand.

It was a muddy dry weather road only so we were making slow steady pace along its way and enjoying the slippery conditions when it happened. On a straight road at slow pace (about 40km per hour) the back got way from me, the front wheel hit the embankment on our left and spun me sideways on to the driver's side hitting the embankment and we rolled. We hit the embankment and jumped up spinning in the air landing on the drivers side roof first and then on to the passenger side roof and slowly rolling and resting on the passengers side. We could have made a cuppa in the time it took to roll; I could look around completely helpless as the vehicle did what it was doing.

We have been sideways earlier on the track a number of times all at slow speed but this one got away, and it surprised me just how slow it all happened. Once we stopped about 1 mtr the other side of the 2 ft embankment that we rolled over I could hear the panic in the voices on the radio. So I tried to calm everyone that we were all ok, but the radio mic was not where I left it, it was dangling toward the, well, the floor which I could see through the passenger window. But we were both fine and boy do those seat belts hold you in well, I was held up in my seat looking down at Sharron and working out what I would have to stand on to get out when my door opened and Greg reached in and turned off the ignition and the motor.

After climbing out of the car and sussing out a plan Paul brought the patrol around and we hooked up the side ways prado and righted it on to the wheels. Then I tried to start the car but the oil had run down or up (what ever) in to the head hydrol icing the motor and so it would not turn more than ½ a turn. Paul then pulled me backwards (I had lost both mirrors) to firmer ground and we hooked up and he towed me out through some fairly ordinary stuff for one vehicle, but with another in tow with no power for braking or steering it was a real test of Paul's ability as a driver.

After about two hours we came to Neds Corner (we thought we were much farther down the track than what we were) so we turned for the highway and set up camp at Lake Cullulleraine. So that was still Saturday, sad and sorry we climbed in to bed and slept like a log.

The next day Paul & Greg dropped us off in Mildura (My brother lives there so we used his place as a base office) on their way to Mungo (so yes I am yet to get there) But both families enjoyed it. Spending time at the China Wall and over hearing a tour guide saying that they have found some significant archaeological discoveries in the area some more than 60,000 years old. Mungo it self had good facilities with a visitors centre and amenities, but the camping would have been stark had they stayed.

Sharron & I hired a ute and returned to start unloading out gear ready to return on the Monday leaving the car to be picked up by the insurance company. We had a nice fire for when the others returned to camp where we sat under cover from the rain and enjoyed the banter until retiring for the last night away. It rained all night stopping just before I rose to start loading the ute for the trip home. There was mud every where and I just finished unloading the all the gear in to the ute when the tow truck arrived to take the Prado away.

The lesson learnt (a very expensive one) was that for my next 4WD I will be taking out agreed value not market value. But the most important lesson was just how valuable it is to travel in a group, and particularly how important it is to travel with someone who has experience.

I would like to thank Paul and Bev, Greg & Belinda (and the girls) for all their help and apologise for buggering up their week end but most of all thank them for all their help and understanding.



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If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

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Club Banner

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Puncture Repair Kit *

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First Aid Kit *

Maps

4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

Please see Mark Curtis for any items you wish to loan Ph 0408297065

Loveday Long Weekend

New Quiz

Friday night Aussie 4wd quiz championship Saturday nav quiz and photo challenge Sat night secret challenge Sunday Loveday games Bhq available Favern will be open

Each <u>team must</u> have • 4wd, plotable gps,

Digital camera & cord, pen & paper & spending money

\$90 per team to enter

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Nav Quiz August 22nd - 24th

Entry form

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Upcoming Trips

Summary of up coming trips:

When putting your name down for a trip you **MUST include your contact number** If you cannot attend and your name is on the trip sheet you MUST contact the trip leader or Trips coordinator..

Trip	Tanunda Barossa T Junction Motel Museum & Barossa Valley Estate Winery
Date/s – Duration	17 August 2008
Trip Leader	Malcolm & Elizabeth Curtis
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point &	See Trip Leader
time	
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	
General comments	Trip difficulty -Easy

Trip	Robertstown - Burra	
Date/s – Duration	27 September 2008	
Trīp Leader	Mark Moss/Peter Jones	
Convoy limit	15 Vehicles	
Distance – Kms	150k's (Each Way?)	
Departure / meeting point & time	See Trip Leader	
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel	
RSVP – deposit		
Special requirements		
General comments	Trip difficulty -Moderate	

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Skytrek
Date/s – Duration	October Long Weekend (4-6th) 2008
Trip Leader	Pat O'Kane
Convoy limit	6 Vehicles
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	See Trip Leader
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	\$10 Per Vehicle/Person
Special requirements	
General comments	Trip difficulty -Hard

Trip	Lower Glenelg River
Date/s – Duration	October Long Weekend (4-6th) 2008
Trip Leader	Skippy
Convoy limit	5 Vehicles
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	See Trip Leader
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	
General comments	Trip difficulty -Easy

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Whyalla
Date/s – Duration	October Long Weekend (4-6th) 2008
Trip Leader	Darren Callary
Convoy limit	Unlimited
Distance – Kms	
Departure / meeting point & time	See Trip Leader
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel
RSVP – deposit	TBA
Special requirements	
General comments	Trip difficulty -Easy/Moderate

Trip	Annual Beachport Trip	
Date/s – Duration	24 – 26 January or longer if you wish	
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone (More Required)	
Convoy limit	More the merrier.	
Distance – Kms	Approx 350 kms	
Departure / meeting	Southern Ocean Tourist Park. YOU will need to	
point & time	book your own camp site. Ph 8735 8153.	
Radio	UHF 27 – Club channel	
RSVP – deposit	Payable to caravan park direct.	
Special requirements	Sand flag, compressor & fire extinguisher in vehicle.	
General comments	Some training & assessment may be available. If you have never done this trip you should.	

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SOCIAL SCENE

SOUTHERN FOOD TRAIL - Date to be advised

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

If you have any ideas or past experiences for a fun day or afternoon please let Coralynne know. We will advise you of more details soon.

As always please come and speak with Coralynne tonight if you have any suggestions or questions regarding our events for the year. Have a great night!

Social Committee

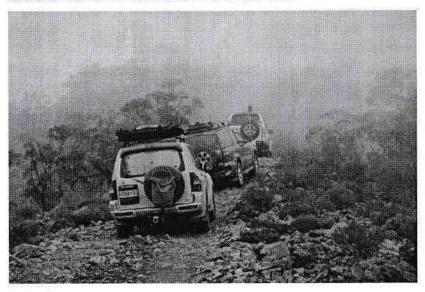


Unless otherwise signed, 40km/h is the default speed limit in reserves and parks and on the beaches – but only if safe to do so – slow down and give way to wildlife and other users.

BENDLEBY RANGES

The Queen's Birthday holiday weekend provided an ideal chance to head slightly further afield than the normal two day break allows and with most electing to take Friday off as well five cars made their way to the Bendleby Ranges in the southern Flinders Ranges. The group was spread over two camp sites, which was a little odd as either site would have comfortably accommodated the full group, it meant we had plenty of space and lots of thoughtfully provided fire wood, despite the place being fully booked for the weekend.

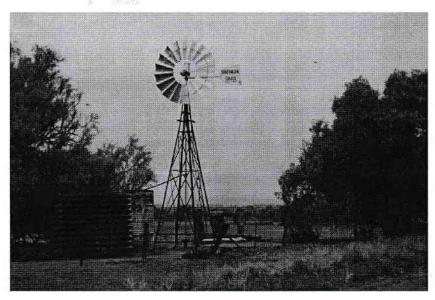
The whole group got together just after breakfast on Saturday morning, and after introducing ourselves to the newer members we headed for the test track to try out our vehicles in readiness for the tracks which awaited us. The test track was great fun, with small but steep inclines, declines, side slopes and creek crossing to attempt. This really put us in the mood for the day's planned drive around the Hungry Ranges and we eagerly followed trip leader Donald to the Ridge Top track. The trip notes promised spectacular views but low mist kept most of them hidden from view as we climbed steadily to vantage points in excess of 800m. The drive was great fun and the glimpses we saw across the vast plains as the mist cleared were indeed spectacular.



THE CONVOY HEADS THROUGH THE MIST

From the Ridge Top we then followed the East Fence track where we stopped for lunch before tackling the Billy Goat Track, which is probably the pick of all the tracks on the property. It's a steep climb over loose rocks and daunting rock steps along narrow ridges. You needed to keep your wits about you as the steep climb often meant losing site of the track which had passengers nervously

eyeing the drop offs to either side. The larger rock steps towards the top of the track were coated with black rubber from the many vehicles who had spun their tyres trying to get whatever traction was available. The vehicles with a bit more clearance and diff locks were probably glad of them as it made the task so much easier. We all conquered Billy Goat, and have the bumper stickers to prove it, and took the impressive Quartz Gorge track back to camp, white layers of shiny quartz rippled the hill side of the tree, lined gorge.



WINDMILL AT JOHNBURGH

We were glad of the fire wood as the night air chilled noticeably and with it came the first spots of rain which were to persist all through Saturday night. 25mm fell which was great for the farmers but it meant the tracks were closed on Sunday and plans had to be altered to suit. We headed off to look at the ruins of Johnburgh along the wet gravel roads which covered all the cars in mud. As we photographed the old school house and other building we were warned that lots more rain was forecast and there was a possibility of road closures. Some of the group decided that an early pack up was in order and left late on Sunday afternoon as a precaution. It continued to rain for a few hours that evening but the predicted downpour never arrived and those that stayed on enjoyed a movie in the shearers shed or a few drinks around the camp fire in between showers.

The showers eased enough in the morning as we packed up the camping gear to allow for a leisurely breakfast before heading home again. It was great to see the Flinders just after rain, the creeks weren't quite flowing but were starting to fill and the landscape looked good after the soaking it received. Jane and Warren, the property owners, were certainly smiling at the prospect of having full rainwater tanks again.

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Skills update r all DTU Advisors, Trainer & Assessors

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Calling Established by law	11	To call or locate another station. Parties then switch to a conversation channel
Conversations	9, 12 to 17, 19 to 21, 24 to 30, 39	Used for conversations between stations
Highway Communications	29	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
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4WDrivers	10	Used by 4WD enthusiasts, clubs, convoys and in national parks.
Emergency Calling Established by law	5	Can be used by anyone in an emergency situation ONLY
Repeaters Established by law	1 to 8 31 to 38	In duplex mode, repeaters need two channels to work. Receives on 1 to 8. Transmits on 31 to 38 (automatically). When within range of a repeater, it will increase the communications distance. Operation in simplex mode on these channels is not permitted when within range of a repeater.
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