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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The club's 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 here goes first report as President of the Mt Lofty Rangers 4WD Club. What's the old saying "only in America" well I'm telling you it can happen to you to. I joined the club almost 2 years ago and with in 12 month found my self Vice

President and within 2 years, President. Wow what a ride. But seriously I would like to extent to all the out going members our most sincere thanks and gratitude for your past services to the club. It is the new committees hope to see you around (not just to help out in the transition) but to kick back and enjoy the club you have helped to build.

And to the new committee (with a good mix of new and old faces) firstly thank you for standing for your positions. It is my hope that we will be able to bring something new to the club, while continuing to build on the well established welcome feel.

Secondly I would like to thank you all for the work that lay ahead of us and your commitment to see it through.

And to all the members who have not held office or served on the committee yet, we're coming for you next year.

I love trips and getting away in a group, small or large, so as President I hope to continue to put trips up and I hope you will continue to support them. But what I would love to see is a thriving trips board with so many trips to choose from that you feel like a kid at the corner store in front of the lolly counter, but we need to get more people to nominate as trip leader.

It's easy just go where you want to and ask along a few cars, the rest really does take care of it's self. The people you meet and friendships forged on trips are amazing.

Has your experience in the club gone something like this, attended to a few meetings, found it hard to break in to the groups? Gone on my first trip and now I find it hard to catch up with every one in the 2 hours at the meeting once a month. Because that's my experience and I'm sure it's much the same for most of us.

So go on try going on a trip, lead a trip expand your horizons and stretch yourself it's a bloody top way to have fun, I always say "it's the most fun you can have with your cloths on"

Well I'd better save something to say next month

Signing off for now

Trevor Hill
President MLR

* Hi all *
* Loveday news update on whats on. *
* June long weekend we are wetting the comp track on Saturday the 7th *
* for practice and for anyone that wants to have a play. *
* Day trips are \$40 per car and camping is \$60 per car plus \$10 per *
* every extra night you stay after the first one. *
* The Loveday Tavern will be licensed over the long weekend *
* The next event will be *Loveday long weekend nav quiz*. *
* This will be in August date to be confirmed next week. *
* Be prepared to have fun. I will update the format of the event in a few *
* weeks *
* *
* 17th-18th & 19th of October is the Riverland Challenge *
* Thanks Tony Whateley *
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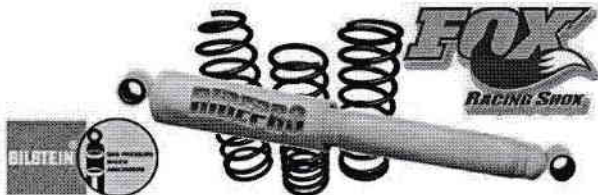
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Coorong Adelaide Cup Week End

This was a last minute trip and was taken up by Greg and Belinda Healy with their two daughters (it was Greg's first trip with the club). I caught up with Greg and his family on the Friday night camping at Gemini Downs (a good spot to fit the club on a future trip) We shared a meal and headed off first thing Saturday am to Salt Creek where we met up with Glen Bull and his mate from the Jeep Club.

The crossing was dead dry and looked like there had not been water in it for some time. We crossed to the Coorong and up the first sand hill which saw us join a line up as some one from another club was stuck. We got on the move again without incident.

Once on the beach we headed off for the mouth stopping along the way for a cuppa in one of the little sand nooks you cross every km or so. We arrived at the Murray mouth near Goolwa late in the afternoon and stopped to take some group pics and discuss where to from here. We headed back and made some good miles before finding a well sheltered nook to set up camp.

Remember this was at the beginning of the heat wave that came through in March and there was some hot nights. The mist rolled in around 10 to 11 pm and was so thick you could have got lost walking down to the beach. It was so still, reportedly something that is very unusual for down there, I expected to be blown off the beach but we hardly had a breath of wind on any night.

We returned to Salt creek for an ice cream and fuel, hey remember it was hot on the Sunday and so we headed back but this time we turned left on the beach toward 42 mile crossing.

Now this was one cut up beach, thankfully the National Parks had kept the top track open so you could travel high on the beach away from the water a bit. We set up camp early and put up every bit of shade we could and then headed for the beach. Man what a rip, you sit in the waves and you can feel it grabbing at you. Defiantly not a swimming beach but the girls found some great shells.

The Coorong is defiantly a week wend trip and you can cover it fairly easily over two days. Not a trip I would do on my own but safety in numbers rings loud on the soft sands as we drove past many a rusting chassis.

A great week end good company and some good driving. This would make an excellent choice for just a quick boys (or Girls) week end away.

There is a fantastic spot at 42 mile creek to set up base for the week end with a good long drop and semi grass camp site.

THANKS

Last ANZAC Long Weekend a couple of lonely motor bike rider came struggling out of the sand dune pushing a yellow bike Myself and a friend were riding through the Private Sand dune of western York Peninsular

When he stalled his motor in the middle of nowhere later to confirm that his suspect battery was indeed (#@%*)had it. (Electric start...ok for the old blokes) After attempting to roll start in sand. HA HA HA I set off for help on my old kick start XR Coming across a camping group of modified 4WDs and introducing my self as a Mount Lofty Ranger They kindly set about helping us

A special thanks goes out to those members of the York Peninsular 4WD Club for their friendly assistance with jump starting and allowing us to continue ,straight home!

Goes to show....Its not what you know but who you know...anywhere in Australia

Cheers SPARKY

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If you require clothing please speak to a committee member.

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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 Mark Curtis for any items you wish to loan Ph 0408297065

VISIT TO MONARTO ZOO

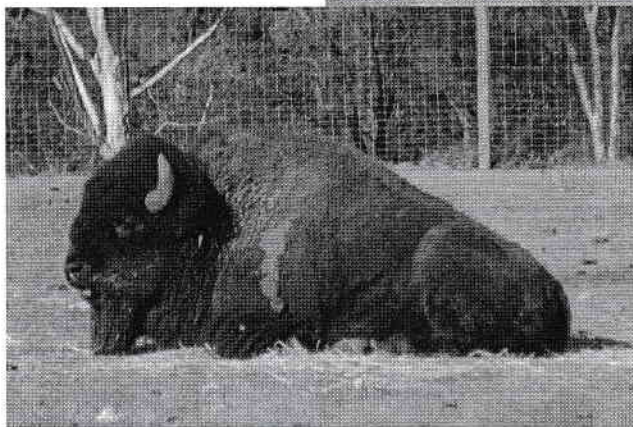
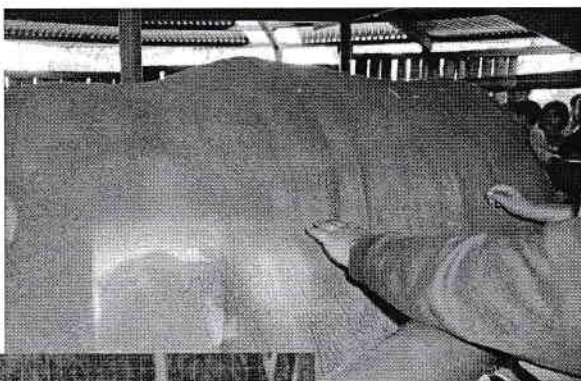
Tom Sag

A small contingent of Mount Lofty Rangers comprising Pat O'Kane and Family and Marianne and Tom Sag visited the zoo on Sunday May 18th after celebrating Shorty's 40th Birthday at Wall Flat the night before.

The zoo has been developed quite a bit since my last visit. There are now two bus tours running for visitors:

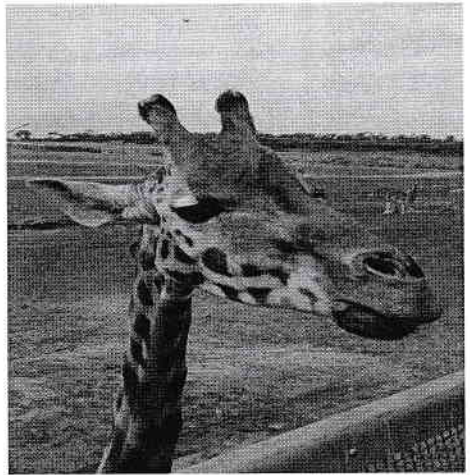
a 25 minute tour to see open grassland animals including an impressive herd of American bison (or buffalo) with each animal weighing about 1 ton and a 50 minute tour of the African animals including giraffe, lions, cheetah, white rhinoceros and more.

Currently the policy is to run the grasslands tours only in the morning so plan to get to the zoo at about 10 a.m. if you want to make the most of your day. We got there somewhat later and missed supposedly the last grasslands tour but luckily they put one on in the afternoon as a special as there were a large number of visitors around.



Another new feature is a program of talks by park rangers which enable visitors to find out more about certain animals, observe them close up and see them being fed or help feed them. A “zu- loop” shuttle bus is used to take visitors to the locations of the talks but if you are feeling energetic you can even walk through parts of the park to get there on well maintained gravel pathways. At each of the talk locations there is a viewing platform to enable you to get close to the animals. At the white rhinoceros location there is a special undercover building the “boma” where visitors can safely pat the 2 ton rhino while he is being fed.

We had a great day and managed to do most of the activities including both tours, riding the Zu Loop bus and attending all the ranger talks and walking on some of the trails. This inspired us to join the Royal Zoological Society of SA which entitled us to receive a refund on our entrance fees, and free entry to a number of zoos around Australia and annual subscriptions to two zoo magazines. We hope you enjoy the pictures.



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.

1. June 20-22 Peake. Friday night meal in the pub.
2. July 5-18 or 20. East to West Birdsville across Simpson Desert.
3. July 5-7 Gregorys Food and Wine Festival. Yorke Peninsular.
4. July 8-13 Dalhousie Springs. Pre Simpson Trip.
5. July 14-20 West To East Simpson Desert crossing
6. August 17 Tanunda – Barossa Estate Winery.
7. October L/Wend. Whyalla inter club. This is a big gathering of all 4wd clubs.

More details for all of these trips will be on the trips board at the meeting.

Trip	Gregorys Food & Wine Festival Yorke Peninsula between Pt Victoria & Maitland
Date/s – Duration	5 - 6th July
Trip Leaders	Trevor Hill 0400676954 Greig Lang 0414969417
Convoy limit	No Limit
Distance – Kms	500km
Departure / meeting point & time	To be Confirmed
Radio	UHF
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	
General comments	Camp at Pt Victoria Caravan Pk (make own booking)

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Dalhousie Springs
Date/s – Duration	July 8 -13th
Trip Leaders	Trevor Hill 0400676954
Convoy limit	Trip Limit 10 vehicles
Distance – Kms	2500km
Departure / meeting point & time	To be Confirmed
Radio	UHF
RSVP – deposit	
General comments	Bush Camping some sites have toilets & bush showers Tents & Well prepared camper trailers

Trip	Weekend in Whyalla
Date/s – Duration	October Long Weekend 4-6th
Trip Leaders	Darren Callary 0404099397
Convoy limit	No Trip limit
Distance – Kms	1000km
Departure / meeting point & time	To be Confirmed
Radio	UHF
RSVP – deposit	
Special requirements	
General comments	Arrive Friday Night Camping All Types Showers & Toilets Available

Anzac Long Weekend to Mt Ives

Heading out of Adelaide on the Thursday night to reach Mt Ives ready for the week end was John (the new Secretary) Vine Hall (with the girls in tow) and Trevor (the new Pres) Hill. We ended up getting away around 3:30pm and stopped for tea at Pt Augusta for some season card board from maccas, the kid loved it. We arrive around 10pm set up in the dust not far from the great facilities of the shearer's quarters. Showers, flushing toilets dinning room you could even check into the shearer's quarters for the night or a week. We took up residence in the un-power area (yes they have a powered area for vans and the like).

We were expecting Barrie & Rosemary (the new mag editor PS: Barrie is away so Ian has graciously volunteer to stay on for two more mags) Davis and the Bents to arrive mid morning Friday, but Barrie had a blow out and cost them some time.

Mean while John & I explored the property heading around to some look outs and other station tracks on the Saturday. In the morning we headed out to the giant wombat holes. This track took us through some bull dust holes that nearly swallowed the car. The wombat whole were huge when we found them, not well posted or warn foot tracks so we did some walking, but hey it's good for you.

Later that afternoon the group caught up and set up in time for tea, Barrie played some folk songs on the 12 string in the dark attracting half the staff from the station for a visit. Gee live music is good isn't it?

Saturday started off with a trip out to the old wall built back in the early 1800's and still holds water when it rain in these parts. From there we headed out to the salt lake for a sticky. Best way to describe standing hundreds of metres off shore surrounded by all white is eerie. This is the lake where the land speed record was set not that we were allowed on to it. It takes nearly 30years to repair the damage from driving on the lake. The crust was ½ 1 inch thick and hard.

On the way out through the gates we came across a caterpillar train about 100 caterpillars long they then group together and spin a silk cacoon and become moths that hit the windscreen in the dark.

Well these parts are dusty well that is until it rained and then it was muddy and freaking cold on the Sunday for the trip home. We packed up wet so I had to dry every thing out to dust it off when it was dry again. We stopped at Iron Knob and the wind chill factor was a brisk 9 degree above zero. Maccas again and on home, but to break the trip up I found the possum page from the Sunday mail and we played the quiz and did the cross word on the road home as a group, it sure cut the travel time by half.

Mt Ives about 500km Nth West of Adelaide with all type of facilities, camp sites were \$15 a night with showers and loo's. Take your own water to take the pressure of the home stead. \$20.00 for the week end gives you access to half a dozen tracks around the property with some great sites. The driving was good but not hard the any off roader could do it easily. To sum up a grate week end fantastic company and worth the drive.



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



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- Engine mounts
- Fuel lines
- Transmission cooler lines (where applicable)
- Power steering pump/reservoir/lines (where applicable)
- Intercooler/turbo lines (where applicable)
- Battery(s)
- Battery trays and tie downs.
- Distributor, leads, plugs, coil (where applicable)
- All other electrical connections
- Brake, power steer, clutch fluid (where applicable)

Underbody:

- Exhaust mounts
- Suspension bushes and bolts
- Tie rod ends
- Steering arms
- Brake cylinders

Other:

- Tyre tread including spares
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- Jack working & wheel brace
- Wheel nuts including spares
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- Barwork mounts
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USED FOR	CHANNEL/S	COMMENTS
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
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	40	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users Australia wide but not usually on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
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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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