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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

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Our Clean up Australia Crew (Pretty good turn out after our Quiz Night)

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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 3^{rd} 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

"Shorty's Presidential Report"



Hi all,

Welcome to March this is the month that the weather is supposed to cool down, Well not so far it's to been too damn hot for my liking and it's not much fun for camping so let hope it cools down soon. Knowing my luck it will pour with rain for the Easter trip to the Otways which I am looking forward to.

Two major events happened in early March our 1st quiz night and Clean up Australia Day both of which were very successful. The Quiz Night we had 100 people and raised \$1500 for the club. A great night was had by all. Some people got some great prizes or bargains that they purchased at the silent auctions that were held thru the night. There already is talk with holding another night next year with the footy club and they said that we can camp on the oval.

Moving right along the next day some of us attended (about 20 members) Clean Up Australia Day which was held in Cherry Gardens area in around Scott Creek Conservation Park. The amount of rubbish that we collected was amazing we filled a 6 cubic metre skip bin and had a huge pile along the side of tyres and steel. Even a car was hauled up the bank. To top the day off we had a BBQ lunch under the shade of the gums. Many Thanks to Tim Byrne for organizing the day it was well worth it.

There will be AGM Nomination forms available to be filled out. The AGM will be in May. Nominations will be open to members as of tonight and will close at end of April meeting. We need a lot of nominations as mostly all positions will be vacant. Have a think about becoming a committee member. It's not a huge task and without a committee we don't have a club.

I hope everybody enjoys their Easter Break and stay safe on the roads as its one of the worst times of the year.

Happy Easter

Dave Willsmore (Shorty)



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Member Profile

Full Name: Ian Richardson

Nick Name: Richo Call sign: Richo

Occupation: Sales
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Family: Wife: Sharon

Son: Leigh

Vehicle: 80 Series Landcruiser

Modifications: Steel TJM B/Bar, 10,000lb Winch, Safari Snorkel, Kaymar Dual Wheel Carrier, 70mm Lift, Side Awning, Lightforce XGT's

First Vehicle Owned: Morris Major (oops showing my age now)

Ultimate 4WD: Mine but Turbo Diesel

Favourite Holiday Spot: Anywhere away from work

Other Interests: Basketball

Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite Drink: Southern Comfort, & Scotch

Ultimate Goal: Travel around Aust. & see what's out there

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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.

- 1. March Easter Otways State Forest.
- 2. March Easter Eyre Peninsular.
- 3. June L/Wend 7-9 March Murray Sunset NP
- 4. July 5-7 Gregorys Food and Wine Festival. Yorke Peninsular.
- 5. July 8-13 Dalhousie Springs. Pre Simpson Trip.
- 6. July 14-20 Simpson Desert crossing.
- 7. Anzac L/Wend 25-27 Broken Hill and surrounds.
- 8. 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.

I would like to see some new trip leaders coming forward it is not hard to do and I will help you if required.

Day trips, weekenders or longer trip suggestions are:

Goolwa beach run and on to Deep Creek NP.

Hog wash bend, Mungo NP, Border Track, Salt Creek fishing trip Any of the 4wd tracks in the Flinders Skytrek, Arkaba station to name a couple

SOCIAL SCENE

MONARTO ZOO - Date to be advised late April-early May

SOUTHERN FOOD TRAIL - Date to be advised late May

OTHER SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

If you have any other suggestions for a fun day or afternoon please let Lyn, Jo or Sheralyn know. We will advise you of more details soon.

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

Social Committee

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

FWDSA -INTERCLUB WORKING BEE

The autumn 2008 working bee at Ngarkat will take place over the Anzac Day long weekend April 25th, 26th & 27th 2008

Please include this date in your Club's calendar of events as soon as possible

Full details of the working bee will be emailed to the clubs in early January

Ngarkat Tracks Maintenance Committee



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TRAINING DATES

Training

DTU has not finalised the audit, books are still not available.

Training will be provide at Beachport for those who want to have sand elements signed off.

Alternative basic training can also be available if there are sufficient numbers interested.

Trip Leaders Advisory Course - Date TBA based on numbers

Ozi Explorer - Intermediate Users - Date TBA subject to numbers

Assessors Course__TBA

Trip Leaders

For those Trip Leaders planning trips this web site is good value http://www.toiletmap.gov.au

For those with Garmin GPS's check for your latest updates http://www.garmin.com/support/blosp.jsp

Club Trainers

Trainer's: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne, Paul Tabone Assessor's: Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Layne Holberton, Jeff Morgan, Christian Whamond, Ricky Esser, George Haniotis.

UHF CB RADIO CHANNEL ALLOCATION

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
Highway Communications	29	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
	40	Mainly used by Truck Drivers and other Highway users Australia wide but not usually on the Pacific Highway in N.S.W.
Caravanners, Campers	18	Holiday Maker's communication channel, e.g., when in convoy
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.
Data Transmissions Established by law	22, 23	No voice transmissions allowed on these two channels

Patron, Anne Beasleil

Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council

GPO Box 79 Canberra ACT 2601

Code of Conduct - Off road driving

- 1. Obey the laws and regulations for Recreational Vehicles that apply to public lands.
- 2. Respect the cultural, heritage and environmental values of public/private land, by obeying restrictions that may apply.
- 3. Respect our flora and fauna. Stop and look, but never disturb.
- 4. Keep to formed vehicle tracks.
- 5. Keep the environment clean. Carry your own, and any other, rubbish out.
- 6 Keep your vehicle mechanically sound and clean to reduce the environmental impact.
- 7. Adopt minimal impact camping and driving practices.
- 8 Seek permission before driving on private land. Do not disturb livestock or watering points, leave gates as found.
- 9. Take adequate water, food, fuel, basic spares and a first aid kit on trips. In remote areas travel with another vehicle and have Royal Flying Doctor Service, or equivalent, radio contact.
- 10. Enjoy your recreation and respect the rights of others.
- 11. Plan ahead and lodge trip details with a responsible person.
- 12. Support four-wheel drive touring as a responsible and legitimate family recreational activity. Consider joining an affiliated four-wheel drive Club.

THIS CODE SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL RECREATIONAL FOUR WHEEL DRIVE VEHICLE POLICY. Produced by the ANFWDC in the interest of promoting responsible recreational vehicle use.

For advice and assistance in meeting the requirements of this Code of Conduct contact Public Relations Officer, ANFWDC PO Box 79, CANBERRA ACT 2601

Australian National Four Wheel Drive Council, June 2005



MT LOFTY RANGERS

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\$45.00

Cloth Badges	\$7.00
Car Stickers	\$2.50
Name Badges	
Initial 2 on joining	FREE
Additional	\$6.00
Replacement	\$6.00
Sand Flags	\$2.50
Tyre Plugs	\$7.50

Please see a committee member for the above purchases.

Windcheaters (fleecy lined)

(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)

Arctic Fleece Tops \$45.00

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Polo Shirts (short sleeve with Pocket) \$37.00 (no Pocket \$35.00)

(includes name and logo embroidered on & GST)

Beenies (including logo embroidered on) \$13.00

NEW ITEM

Baseball Caps (including logo embroidered on & GST) \$17.00

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 *

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