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*Your editor getting just a tad enthusiastic on a steep Mount Cole track*

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# **Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.**

## **About Us**

The Club's aim is to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs 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 complement 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<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month

## **Information**

For more information on the Club please check out our website at:

[www.mountloftyrangers.com.au](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

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# Editorial



G'day Folks

Well, this is my last issue of the MLR magazine, at least for the foreseeable future. Ros and I take off west on 2nd May, if we ever get everything done! After the stresses of selling the house with all the attendant joys of dealing with banks, removalists, utility suppliers and the like, it will be a great relief. By the way, can anyone explain to me why the ANZ Bank's mortgage documents are prepared in India?

I have enjoyed my time as your editor. There has been a lot of satisfaction in producing this magazine and I hope I have brought my own flavour to it, as I am sure the next editor will do. My own somewhat twisted sense of humour has certainly made it into print, and with luck it has brought at least some of you a little amusement.

My thanks to Trevor and the committee for all the support they have given me. My heartfelt thanks also to all the people who have sent me material to publish. Their contributions have made the job very much easier and I have appreciated each and every one of them, even if sometimes I didn't use contributed material for one reason or another.

Also a big thank you to the people who have led the trips I have been on, and to the other members and visitors who have gone on those trips. Ros and I have enjoyed every trip we've participated in, and we've learnt a lot along the way. Many thousands of dollars later, the troopie is not the vehicle it was when I first attended a trip in it!

All the best to all of you, enjoy the trips and the club, and with luck we'll send you some material from our travels to fill future editions of the magazine.

Cheers

*Barrie Davis*

# *"Trevor's Presidential Report"*



Hi all

This month sees the Annual General Meeting which signals the end of another Club year. Unfortunately, because of business and personal commitments I will not be able to continue as your president in the next year.

My thanks go to all the members of the outgoing committee who have done a terrific job of running the Club for the last year.

As I write this, there are no nominations for the positions of President and Vice President. I would urge you to consider nominating for one of these roles. The time involved is not great but there is enormous satisfaction to be had from these positions.

I'm sure I've said this before, but the Club can only function if members are prepared to help with the running. Many members have given unselfishly of their time for a number of years and it really is time now for new people to step into those roles.

All of the existing committee will be around to help new committee members so don't worry that you may not know how to do a job. All the committee positions are straightforward and there is lots of knowledge available to help new people.

So, sorry to rave on, but the message is important.

Hope to see you at the AGM.

*Trev*



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# In Your Dreams!!

Mick was attending his 4wd club's monthly meeting and had just told them he couldn't make the upcoming Innamincka trip because his missus wouldn't let him go.

After copping the under the thumb remarks and other derisive remarks Mick left to go back home to the missus.

When Mick's mates started arriving to set up camp at Innamincka common the following week who should be there but Mick sitting up in front of the Cooper , swag rolled out, fishing rod in hand, camp oven roast stewing away in a hot bed of Coolabah coals.

“How did you talk your missus into letting you go Mick?”

“I didn't have to” was Mick's reply.

“When I left the meeting I went home and slumped down in my chair with a beer to drown my sorrows. Then the missus snuck up behind me and covered my eyes and said “Surprise” ”.

When I peeled her hands back she was standing there in a beautiful see-through negligee and she said , “Carry me into the bedroom and tie me to the bed and you can do what ever you want”.

**SO HERE I AM!**



# Rode Trip Report

## Adelaide Cup Long Weekend.2009

It was decided over a couple of cold beers (at the last minute) we needed to do some impromptu four wheel driving over the Adelaide Cup Long Weekend and use our caravan (new to us). After ringing around several caravan parks and not finding many vacancies we settled on a trip to Longbeach Caravan Park at Robe.

With limited spaces of 6 available at Longbeach some invitations were sent out looking for interested participants. Les Toomer, Jim, Jess and Corey Usher, Andrew, Kerryann and Kayley Thomas and ourselves proceeded to Robe on Friday, with John Cooper a potential future member to arrive early Saturday afternoon,



Being that we only booked the week before our sites were spread around the caravan park. For anyone not knowing the park it is one of South Australia's better parks with lots of shade and quality facilities including indoor pool and games room for the kids, especially us big kids.

An average cool morning greeted us on Saturday morning after a night of drizzling rain; we proceeded to depart from the caravan park around 9.30 am to the Little Dip Conservation Park.



With Kerryann and baby Kayley hit down with a tummy bug Andrew and I decided to team up whilst Jenny and James house sat the sick people. We had 3 cars for the morning adventure through little dip which started out with usual airing down at the rubbish dump entry point.

We proceeded along the inland track not venturing onto the first beach and then came across a new Prado with tyres fully inflated trying to make it along a simple track and proceeding to dig big holes. The usual story, he wouldn't listen to our advice to air down, so we pushed him out of his predicament and then proceeded on.

We noticed he had ventured onto the second beach which looked clogged with cars so we ventured further along the inland track to Errington Beach where we discovered the Warnambool 4wd club recovering the local parks ranger whom had stuck his Mazda BT50 on the headland. We proceeded along the beach to watch the club winch him back to safety and then have to snatch the recovery vehicle back to firm sand.



Jim thought what the hell, lets give it a go, the ranger can't make it, but it will be a challenge to try it, so we proceeded to watch him round the headland. Unfortunately with the ranger's deep tracks leading down off the top of the beach down into the treacherous lower parts, he could do nothing but follow the tracks into the ranger's hole.

Les followed along and proceeded to winch him back, then we retraced our steps to the closest exit track.



We pushed further south and then entered at the southern most point of Little Dip and had lunch over looking the beach. As the day wore on the weather and amount of sunshine improved into a lovely sunny day.

After lunch we proceeded along to Nora Carina and then down past Stinky beach and further south. At 3 pm we decided to do an about face for the return trip to Robe in time for some well earned cold ones before a meal at the Robe Hotel.

Sunday morning we had planned to retrace our steps but this time in reverse, we drove along the bitumen to Robe with 4 cars in the convoy today, Jim's GQ, Les 100 series, John in a Troopie, Andrew and I in my Pathfinder. We used a lot of the inland tracks, ventured over the large dune and then went in search of the Millicent buggy club.



We had lunch in a sheltered camp site near to the club, then after lunch we proceed to traverse some Dunes. A good time was had by all, especially with lots of right foot involved. We pushed out to the club rooms for a look where Andrew mentioned that he had contracted the dreaded tummy bug.

I agreed to take Andrew back to the park whilst the other proceeded along the beach to Nora Carina and Errington Beach in Little Dip which proved impassable the day before was traversed by all with convoy arriving back at Robe around 5pm.

We had planned a red wine, cheese, dip's and nibbles evening for which we had all over compensated for. We discovered at the end of gorging all the food no one needed to cook tea. The night rolled onto about 10 pm before everyone pushed up a few Z'ssssssssss.

Monday was a warmer day, we had packed up 10 am, Jim and Les decided to explore the beach and tracks some more, whilst John went off on a exploration of Robe and surrounds and the rest of us pushed off for home.

Another nice trip had by all with good company, good four wheel driving and great scenery. One advantage we found compared to Australia Day the tracks were not quite as busy as we only encountered 2 other clubs on the tracks and so had very few hold ups.



*Paul, Jenny and James McGregor*



By now, most of our female members should be aware that Pam and Sheralyn have been attempting to raise interest in afternoon activities for “Just Us Girls”.

In order for this to be successful, we propose that organizing activities should not be any one person’s responsibility;

### **If YOU**

Have a particular craft which you wish to share with the group.

Enjoy the markets (ie Showgrounds, Goolwa, Adelaide Hills – there are lots)

Are hosting a “party plan” (ie Tupperware, jewellery, makeup, clothing)

Love a good movie/show

Enjoy food (ie Lunching, High Tea)

Love shopping/browsing (ie Glenelg, Hahndorf, Harbortown)

### **THEN**

Choose a time and date, and take it upon yourself to put it “out there”.

Your contribution will keep the events happening.

Sheralyn has kindly offered to be the “emailer”, so please forward your email contact and details to her if you wish to stay informed about JUGS, and have event information forwarded.

This will be a separate email list, so don’t assume I have your details because your husband/partner is on the mailing list.

(Sheralyns email [swi52870@bigpond.net.au](mailto:swi52870@bigpond.net.au))

Remember that YOUR CONTACT DETAILS must be attached to the event which you organize, so that queries, RSVP’s etc. can be directed to you, not Sheralyn.

## IT'S THIS EASY:

**Step 1:** Put up a trip sheet/flyer on the trips board, with details of the event, time, date and your **CONTACT** details.

**Step 2:** Send a flyer/information to [swi52870@bigpond.net.au](mailto:swi52870@bigpond.net.au). This will be emailed to all who have provided their email contact, and an update will be included in each months Magazine.

# It's a Bling Party

**JEWELLERY, HANDBAGS, SCARFS**

**WHEN:** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1.30pm

**WHERE:** 92 Burnbank Way, MT BARKER

**HOST:** Sheralyn Willsmore

**RSVP** by Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
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# High Tea at BOHO

**WHEN:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August

**WHERE:** Boho, Unley Road

**COST:** \$28 per person

**HOST:** Pam Wooton

**RSVP** by 9<sup>th</sup> August  
EMAIL: [private@mounttbarker4x4centre.com.au](mailto:private@mounttbarker4x4centre.com.au)

*Following is a selection of various people's photos from the trip to Mount Cole at Easter. Unfortunately the trip report didn't make it in time for this issue of the magazine.....Ed*







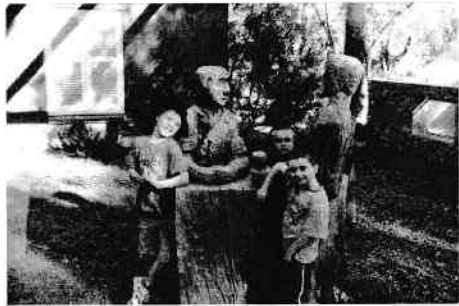












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# Upcoming Trips

## 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.

- |                  |                          |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| ♦ 2 May          | Basic Training           |
| ♦ 16 - 17 May    | Border Tack              |
| ♦ 22 May         | Quiz Night               |
| ♦ 6 - 8 June     | Bendleby Ranges          |
| ♦ 6 - 8 June     | Peake                    |
| ♦ 4 - 13 July    | Painted Desert           |
| ♦ 18 - 19 July   | Basic Training Practical |
| ♦ 31 Aug—13 Sept | Birdsville Races         |
| ♦ May/June 2010  | Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel |

Unless otherwise specified, **ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27**

Trip	Basic Training Theory
Date/s – Duration	2 - 3 May
Trip Leaders	Tim Byrne 
Departure / meeting point & time	Byards Community Centre, Byards Road Happy Valley
General comments	Saturday and Sunday Theory training


# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Border Track</b>
Date/s – Duration	16 - 17 May
Trip Leaders	Pat O’Kane 
Convoy limit	9
Distance – Kms	700 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	Border track on Saturday, camp at Red Bluff, return via Big Desert on Sunday

**Unless otherwise specified, ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27**

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Quiz Night</b>
Date/s – Duration	22 May 7.00 pm
Trip Leaders	
Convoy limit	All welcome
Cost	\$10 per person
Departure / meeting point & time	Blackwood Football Club Trevor Terrace
Difficulty	Who knows?
General comments	To book email <a href="mailto:thi63559@bigpond.net.au">thi63559@bigpond.net.au</a> with your table name and numbers


# Upcoming Trips


<b>Trip</b>	<b>Bendleby Ranges - via Orroroo</b>
Date/s – Duration	6 - 8 June
Trip Leaders	Richard Williams 
Convoy limit	8
Distance – Kms	600 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	No low clearance vehicles

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<b>Trip</b>	<b>Peake</b>
Date/s – Duration	6 - 8 June
Trip Leaders	Ken Bradey
Convoy limit	10
Distance – Kms	400 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	Shared trip with private party, some quad and motor bikes. Training if trainers present


# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Simpson Desert—Painted Desert</b>
Date/s – Duration	4 - 13 July
Trip Leaders	Paul McGregor 
Convoy limit	5
Distance – Kms	600 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	No camper trailers or caravans

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Basic Training Practical - Cherry Gardens</b>
Date/s – Duration	18 - 19 July
Trip Leaders	Tim Byrne 
Convoy limit	10
Distance – Kms	N/A
Departure / meeting point & time	Cherry Gardens
General comments	

# Upcoming Trips

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Birdsville Races</b>
Date/s – Duration	31 Aug - 13 September
Trip Leaders	Chris & Steve Wrobel
Convoy limit	6
Distance – Kms	TBA
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate
General comments	Birdsville track, Birdsville, Durrie, Innamincka, Cameron Corner, Broken Hill

<b>Trip</b>	<b>Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel</b>
Date/s – Duration	May/June 2010
Trip Leaders	Barrie Davis 
Convoy limit	7
Distance – Kms	10,000 kms
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate to very hard
General comments	Mostly bush camping, tents only, duration 5 to 6 weeks depending on conditions

## **Club Trainers**

Trainers: Ian Manglesdorf, Paul West, Tim Byrne, Paul Tabone

Assessors: Ken Bradey, Mark Curtis, Jeff Morgan, Ricky Esser,

## **MLR Club Training**

Contact: Tim Byrne, Education Officer Mobile: 0412 527 176

# PONDERISMS

*In preparation for the quiz night, see if you can find answers or explanations for this bunch of dumb comments and questions.....Ed*

I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.

Gardening Rule: When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.

There are two kinds of pedestrians: the quick and the dead.

Life is sexually transmitted.

Health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in hospitals dying of nothing.

Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?

Whenever I feel blue, I start breathing again

All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.

In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there? I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes out of its butt."

Why is there a light in the fridge and not in the freezer?

If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Do illiterate people get the full effect of Alphabet Soup?

Did you ever notice that when you blow in a dog's face, he gets mad at you, but when you take him on a car ride, he sticks his head out the window?

Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Do you ever wonder why you were silly enough to give me your email address?



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*As I contemplate advancing age, things that used to be funny don't seem quite so amusing.....like these stories...Ed*

## FAMILY

Three sisters ages 92, 94 and 96 live in a house together. One night the 96 year old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, "Was I getting in or out of the bath?"

The 94 year old yells back, "I don't know. I'll come up and see." She starts up the stairs and pauses. "Was I going up the stairs or down?" The 92 year old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," as she knocked on her wooden table for good measure. " She then yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

**"I CAN HEAR JUST FINE!"**

Three retirees, each with a hearing loss, were playing golf one fine March day. One remarked to the other, "Windy, isn't it?" "No," the second man replied, "it's Thursday." And the third man chimed in, "So am I. Let's have a beer."

## WHAT A CHOICE

A little old lady was running up and down the halls in a nursing home. As she walked, she would flip up the hem of her nightgown and say, "Supersex." She walked up to an elderly man in a wheelchair. Flipping her gown at him, she said, "Supersex." He sat silently for a moment or two and finally answered, "I'll take the soup."

## OLD FRIENDS

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me . I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is." Her friend glared at her. For at least three minutes she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

## SENIOR DRIVING

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!" "Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"

## DRIVING

Two elderly women were out driving in a large car, both could barely see over the dashboard. As they were cruising along, they came to an intersection. The stoplight was red, but they just went on through. The woman in the passenger seat thought to herself "I must be losing it. I could have sworn we just went through a red light."

After a few more minutes, they came to another intersection and the light was red again. Again, they went right through. The woman in the passenger seat was almost sure that the light had been red but was really concerned that she was losing it.!

She was getting nervous. At the next intersection, sure enough, the light was red and they went on through. So, she turned to the other woman and said, "Mildred, do you know that we just ran through three red lights in a row? You could have killed us both!"

Mildred turned to her and said, "Crap, am I driving?"



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## APRIL 2009 ANSWERS

*My apologies that time did not permit me to generate a new crossword this month. Here are the answers to last month's puzzle.....Ed*

### Across

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- 2. **WOMBAT**—Australian version of the mole
- 4. **KANGAROO**—One of Australia's emblems
- 6. **CHIMPANZEE**—Most popular of the monkey family
- 8. **WHITEPOINTER**—Most ferocious of the sea dwellers 5,7)
- 9. **JAGUAR**—South American cat and car
- 11. **KOALA**—Not really a bear
- 12. **RACCOON**—North American omniverous mammal, or hat
- 19. **COONAWARRA**—Black swan
- 20. **GALAH**—Regarded as a stupid parrot
- 21. **PIG**—Source of bacon
- 24. **ORANGUTAN**—Orange primate
- 25. **CASSOWARY**—Another flightless bird
- 26. **WALLABY**—How do you tell these from Kangaroos?
- 28. **TIGER**—Found in India and Siberia
- 29. **GRIZZLY**—Most dangerous of the North American bears
- 30. **HIPPOPOTAMUS**—River dwelling large animal
- 33. **POSSUM**—Ring tailed, brush tailed et al
- 36. **ELEPHANT**—Large animal with trunk
- 38. **GIANTPANDA**—Black and white bear (5,5)
- 40. **TASMANIANDEVIL**—Ferocious island dweller (8,5)
- 42. **HORSE**—Used for transport and recreation
- 43. **CARIBOU**—Reindeer
- 44. **DINGO**—Wild Australian dog
- 45. **BILBY**—Small endangered marsupial
- 46. **RHINOCEROS**—Big and horny
- 47. **ECHIDNA**—Ant eater

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- 1. **MOUNTAINGORILLA**—Largest of the primates (8,7)

- 3. **BROLGA**—Dancing bird
- 5. **SPERMWHALE**—Largest of the sea dwellers (5,5)
- 7. **ZOO**—Place to see animals
- 10. **BOGONGMOTH**—Flying insect comes out in very large numbers (6,4)
- 13. **TARANTULA**—Fearsome looking spider
- 14. **ORCA**—Killer whale
- 15. **SPRINGBOK**—South African animal, emblem of the rugby team
- 16. **LORIKEET**—Brightly coloured parrot
- 17. **WALRUS**—Sea dwelling mammal with large tusks
- 18. **CROCODILE**—Saltwater or freshwater?
- 20. **GROUNDHOG**—North American predictive rodent, also called a woodchuck
- 21. **PENGUIN**—We have the fairy variety
- 22. **MANDRILL**—Largest of the old world monkeys
- 23. **PLATYPUS**—Duck billed river dweller
- 27. **EMU**—Flightless bird
- 28. **THYLACINE**—Extinct Australian tiger
- 29. **GIRAFFE**—Tall necked African
- 31. **PIPINGSHRIKE**—SA emblem (6,6)
- 32. **BUFFALO**—Large shaggy animal shot almost to extinction in America
- 34. **KOOKABURRA**—Laughing bird
- 35. **LION**—King of the jungle
- 37. **MOSQUITO**—Biting insect
- 39. **LEOPARD**—Spotty cat
- 41. **MAGPIE**—Black and white bird

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