



Rangers' Review

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The day after the night before! Camp Cook 2009

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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 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

Editorial

23/9/09

Hi all,

This month see's me preparing the magazine a little earlier than usual, as Linda & myself are heading up to Alice Springs for a couple of weeks. Hope you all don't forget to attend the October meeting !

Last weekend was filled with camp ovens and weddings! Both events being thoroughly enjoyable.

If you didn't make it to the camp cook, then you missed a great weekend and some great food. Check the mag out for stories, photo's, recipes and even a song about the event !

There is also a photo report of Luke & Laura Hooper's wedding day. Laura could be a dark horse for next years camp cook, as she has a cooking background which was shown off to great effect last weekend – check out the wedding cake !!

Before the next meeting is a long weekend, so there should be plenty of story telling at the October meeting on Monday the 12th. Don't be afraid to stand up and tell us all about your adventures.

There are already a couple of new trips pencilled in for the first part of 2010. Check out the trips section for long weekends in Beachport, the Riverland and diving with the sharks off the Port Lincoln coast at Easter.

Hope you all have a great October Long weekend and drive safe wherever you may travel.

Cheers

Neil Cook

PRESIDENTIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2009

Hello all club members

It has rolled over to yet again to another month & time for our club meeting. I can't believe its October where has the year gone? There has been allot happening in the club last month

A few weeks ago was the camp cook weekend at Kuipto Forest & by all accounts it was a great success with a fairly large turn out. I wish to thanks Dave Willsmore & Matt Eastmure for their organisation. Along with Dave Goodenough for organising all the fire wood as collected from the Rockleigh property the weekend prior to the event. There were allot of good meals turned out by everyone who attended.

Now on to the October long weekend it is was a good one with 3 trips on the board. They were to Lindsay Island, Wilpena Pound & Warraweena I am looking forward to reading the trip reports & seeing the photos further along in the magazine.

There is also a dappling of trips coming through to the end of the year. Just a reminder for Beachport on Australia Day weekend in January, please ring the caravan park and book as soon as possible to ensure you get a site with the club. This weekend books out very quickly. Please note the public holiday is on the Tuesday this year so you will need to take an annual leave day or make other arrangements for the Monday.

Christmas at Wall Flat is coming up for the last weekend in November.

Now on to some advance warning for the December General meeting we will be not be having a guest speaker instead we will be having a club member vehicle display. So hopefully this give you enough chance to prepare & clean up your vehicle to allow other club members to look at how you have set your vehicle up. Whether they have the same vehicle or gain some ideas on how they set their vehicle up. Being well & truly in to daylight saving time there will be a good opportunity to view these vehicles within daylight hours. So I look forward to seeing plenty of vehicles on this night.

I have included my phone number & email address at the back of this magazine so if anyone wishes to make contact with me about any matter, idea, suggestion, criticism or their general point of view about the club in general please feel free to make contact with myself & lets see what we all can do together to improve the club.

Cheers for now, *Andrew Thomas*



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Camp Cook Weekend

As I sit here listening to the rain falling, thinking thank goodness the rain wasn't at the weekend, because once again it was time to get out our cook pots and cook up a storm. Neil and myself headed up to Kuinto Forrest on the Friday night, leaving Hailey (our daughter) behind to cook up her own storm.

The sun had gone and the moon had arrived when we finally made it to camp, being greeted by all the other campers who had already got the fire going. They were all settling down with a drink in hand.

Deciding where to put the tent was a big decision!! As there were lots of little soldiers running around with guns, Jarrod had mentioned it would be ok because he had NIGHT VISION and was confident he would be able to find the rest of the soldiers, yes sounds like fun!!!! So on with putting the Oztent up - yes 30 seconds!!!

It was fantastic to see a great turn out and everyone had decided to hit the sack by midnight, all to rise the next morning. For Neil and myself we had Luke and Laura's wedding to attend, so after breakfast we headed off home to get ready.

What a beautiful day for a wedding and what a beautiful wedding it **was (see pagefor the pics Ed)** After spending the day celebrating with Luke and Laura it was back home to get changed, then back up to Kuinto.

We arrived to find more campers had arrived and it was good to see both new and long term members there.

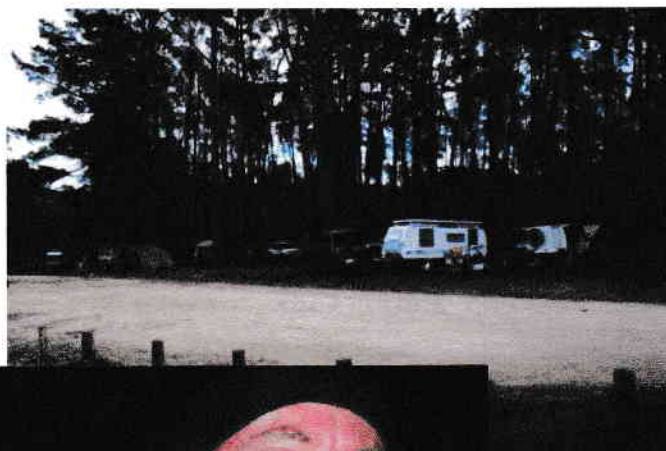
Even better tasting some of the food which was on offer - damper, curries, stews and not forgetting the dishes to cater for those with a sweet tooth. You needed to be quick though, as there certainly wasn't any left over's.

Everyone drifted to bed slowly over the course of the night, some stopped up eagerly awaiting that extra nibble, what extra NIBBLE **G!!L!!E!!N!!N!!**

It was a great weekend and I look forward to the next.

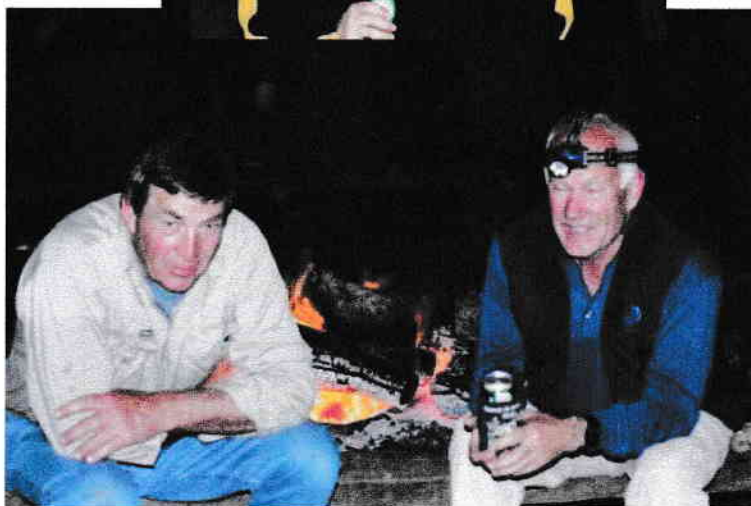
Linda Cook





Thanks to Skippy for taking the pics





Social Scene

Clare Winery Trip & Riesling Cycle Trail

When: Friday 6th to Sunday 8th November

Where: Stay at Clare Caravan Park
Need to book own accommodation

Get there Friday night or Early Saturday Morning

Saturday cycle the Riesling trail or just drive around and sample some fine wines and local produce

Clare Caravan Park Details

Caravan/Camping Sites

Note: Prices are based on 2 adults sharing

Powered site \$ 29

Includes sullage, water

Un-powered site \$ 20

Bush setting

Extra adult : \$12 per person

Extra child : \$ 6 per person (3-16 yrs)

Arrival /Departures:

Check in: 2.00 pm

Checkout: 10.00 am

Deposits (non-refundable):

One night fee required for all bookings.

Bookings:

Phone: (08) 8842 2724

E-mail: info@clarecaravanpark.com.au

Mount Lofty Rangers Christmas Show

When: Saturday 28 November 2009

Where: Walding Rd Wall Flat

Plenty of room for Camping on the property
Toilet available

Get there Friday Night if you wish or turn up Saturday Morning but don't be too late or will miss out on entering the:

1st Wall Flat Driving and Trailer Reversing Challenge

Drive around a short course BLIND FOLDED and to be navigated by your loved partner. Once completed hook up a trailer and reverse thru a short course (Not Blind folded)

Make sure you bring your tow hitch with 50mm tow ball. Challenge to kick off at 1pm

Santa will be making an appearance for the kids.

Dinner: Will be provided by the club. This year we will be having a Spit. **Could each family please bring a salad to share.**

Will need helpers to keep an eye on the spit.

Entertainment: In the evening will be provided by Graham Jones and his Band

Put you names up on the trip sheet for Catering.

See you all there

Shorty & Matt

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OCTOBER 2009

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★ David Croser ★ Lee Brocky & Outback Overdrive
★ Slim Conner ★ Helen Croser ★ Chooka Williams
★ Rodney Noll ★ Angela Easson & Second Line
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There will be one tour Friday, leaving 1pm and returning at 4pm (depends on how much fun you are having).

The second tour will be on Saturday at 9am returning at 12 noon.

A donation per vehicle of \$10 to the Blanchetown Royal Flying Doctor Support Group would be greatly appreciated.

Please register with the secretary and gather at the CMCO "pay to enter" site before departure.

For the first time this year you will need to deal with the stall holders using money, instead of the previous system when you purchased tickets from the office.

Raffle tickets with seven major prizes will be on sale all over the weekend, so make sure you purchase your tickets from the secretary or from the office. During the day there will also be a Lucky Wheel.

The Saturday Camp Oven Tea that has always been popular, will again be available this year.

Tickets for the meal will need to be purchased from the office and will go on sale starting 9am Saturday morning at \$15 per ticket.

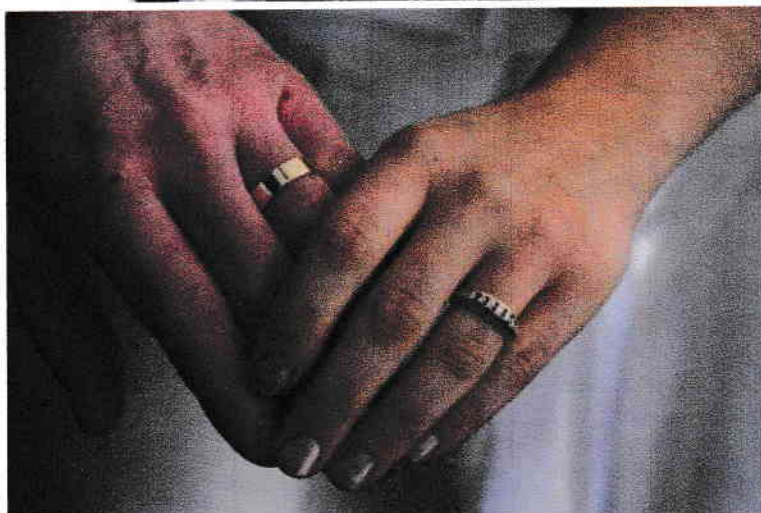
Several items have been given to the Blanchetown RFD service group to offer for Auction as a fundraiser. So listen for the announcement of when this will happen.

Luke & Laura's Wedding

19/09/09









*Congratulations Luke & Laura on tying the knot, from
all at the Mount Lofty Rangers*



Hahndorf to Milang Club Trip Sunday 13th September

Well for those that think you have to go a long way to have a good day out in the 4wd, think again. When this trip went up on the board it certainly got my interest - and that of a few others too, judging from the lineup of vehicles when Darcie and I arrived at the clubrooms on Sunday morning at 9, where about 10 vehicles were waiting. Tip is if you don't want to be the one to write the trip report - make sure you are not last there.

From the clubrooms it was a leisurely drive via the back roads to Hahndorf, mostly this was on the black top, but we managed to find a short stretch of dirt, which managed to include a creek crossing. Shorty was waiting for us at Hahndorf and after a swap of cars Merve and Shorty took up the lead. From Hahndorf we made our way through the real back bocks of the hills spending as much time on dirt as we could, the roads varied from good dirt roads, to tracks running through or between paddocks that to the casual observer were nothing more than a farm. But the trusty GPS in the Pajero assured me we were on a road, and Darcie was loving the drive through the hills spotting horses and think it made her day when we passed to girls riding their horses alongside the track.

Whilst we had fine weather (apart from the wind) for our trip so the tracks were dry you could imagine that the day may have taken on a whole different aspect had it rained a little, particularly one long descent on deeply rutted clay track. We continued to wind our way through the hills, with another small creek crossing and made our way to Maccelsfield where we stopped for lunch and a play for some on at the playground. Eating lunch found us all huddled behind our cars trying to keep out of the wind. Whilst we were having lunch we spotted the CFS heading out, and we were later to find out that a tree had blown over landing on some motor cyclists and blocking the road we wanted to take.

Being thankful we were not there earlier we made a detour and continued on our journey to Milang. The roads (if you could call them that) got flatter and changed from clay and rock to sand. Next stop was Milang, where we stopped for afternoon tea - and to see firsthand the effects of the drought. If you haven't been to Milang lately you really should make the trip to see firsthand the lack of water - really is amazing.

From Milang we made our way via the back roads to Langhorne creek, again unfortunately (or fortunately) the roads were dry, on a wet day this really would have been much more a test for the driver. For some the highlight of the trip was no doubt the water crossing we had to do just out of Langhorne Creek, where we had to make our way through about 50 metres of water. Shorty was the first to make his way through, whilst we all looked on to make sure we knew the right line to take - and just in case he didn't make it (you would want to miss that). We all made our way across, and regrouped on the other side, before continuing on to Bleasdale Winery for a sample, and to say our good buys.

Stephen Gleeson

Camp Oven Recipes from Paul McGregor

Corned Beef

Ingredients

1 litre container of liquid beef stock
A splash of white vinegar
1 peeled whole onion
Water
1.5 Kg of corned silverside (beef)

Instructions

Place the beef in a large pot, pour in the stock, add the onion and a small splash of white vinegar, add water until the meat is covered. Cover with lid, bring to the boil and let simmer for 2.5 hours - Beautiful

Roast Vegetable

Ingredients

6 Carrots cut in quarters.
12 baby potatoes
½ butternut pumpkin
1 sweet potato
Alfoil
Extra Virgin olive oil
Vegetable stock

Instructions

The potatoes we coated in a mixture of dried vegetable stock and extra virgin olive oil then wrapped in alfoil, 1 per spud per parcel. We put the trivet in the bottom of the camp oven, oiled the pot inside, put some oil and stock in the bottom and added a little being careful it didn't come higher than the trivet. Added the cut vegetable which I coated in oil before placing in. I cooked them for 1.5 hours which proved to be a little too long for some of them. Doing it again I would give them a stir at 30 minutes and have a look at 1 hour, as the heat is not always even in the pot and some got over cooked if they were sitting against the side.

What a weekend, count us in again for next year, I will get more adventurous next year - Paul

Here's a song from our all singing all dancing vice president. Make sure you practice singing it, to the tune of THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC.

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For more info on this product See Paul Tabone or phone him on
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Got some items you are looking to buy ? Advertise here and you never know ?

Paul McGregor got himself a roof rack , drawer system and cargo barrier through word of mouth advertising.

Ed.

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.

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| ♦ 31 Oct - 1 Nov | DTU Training - Peake |
| ♦ 7th - 8th Nov | Riesling Trail Cycle |
| ♦ 28th November | Xmas at Wall Flat |
| ♦ 26 Dec - 10 Jan | Victorian High Country |
| ♦ 23 - 26 Jan 2010 | Beachport |
| ♦ 6/7/8th March 2010 | Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park |
| ♦ Easter 2010 | Port Lincoln Shark Dive |
| ♦ CANCELLED | Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel |
| ♦ July August 2010 | Cape York |

Club Trainers

Trainers: Ian Manglesdorf, & Tim Byrne

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

Advisors: Brenton Bowley

MLR Club Training

Contact: Paul Tabone, Education Officer Mobile: 0417 080 663

Unless otherwise specified, ALL MLR trips use UHF channel 27

Upcoming Trips

Trip	DTU Training - Peake
Date/s – Duration	31 October - 1 November
Trip Leaders	Paul Tabone
Convoy limit	N/A
Distance – Kms	300
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	All Levels
General comments	Basic 001 sand driving

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Trip	Riesling Trail Cycle - Clair Valley
Date/s – Duration	7/8th November
Trip Leaders	Peter Reed
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	250
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	TBA
General comments	Stop at Clair caravan park Friday & Sat night. Cycle Riesling Trail on Saturday. Sunday ride into Clair. Book own accommodation on 08 8842 2724

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Xmas at Wall Flat
Date/s – Duration	28 November
Trip Leaders	TBA
Convoy limit	No Limit
Distance – Kms	200
Departure / meeting point & time	Wall Flat near Mannum
Difficulty	N/A
General comments	Come for the annual xmas BBQ, bring along salad/pasta etc for shared consumption. A spit roast will be cooking.

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Trip	Victorian High Country
Date/s – Duration	26th December 09 to 10th January 2010
Trip Leaders	Jim Usher
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	2000+
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Medium to Hard depending on tracks
General comments	

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Annual Beachport Meet
Date/s – Duration	23 to 26th January 2010
Trip Leaders	Dave 'Shorty' Wilshire
Convoy limit	No Limit
Distance – Kms	1000
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate to Hard depending on conditions
General comments	Annual Beach port meet over the January long weekend

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Trip	Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park
Date/s – Duration	6/7/8th March 2010
Trip Leaders	David Lamb
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	1000
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	TBA
General comments	Private property on the banks of the River Murray in the Riverland. Adelaide Cup Long Weekend

Upcoming Trips

Trip	Port Lincoln Shark Dive
Date/s – Duration	1-6th April 2010 (Easter)
Trip Leaders	Neil & Linda Cook
Convoy limit	TBA
Distance – Kms	1500
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Scary !!!!!
General comments	Shark dive charter and camping in the Lincoln National Park

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Upcoming Trips

Trip	Tanami/Canning/Gunbarrel
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

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Trip	Cape York
Date/s – Duration	July/August 2010
Trip Leaders	TBA (Les ?)
Convoy limit	Expressions of interest required
Distance – Kms	Lots TBA
Departure / meeting point & time	TBA
Difficulty	Moderate to very hard
General comments	

TRAINING

In an effort to build the training back up the DTU has offered weekend courses for club members with books to attend as per the dates below.

The DTU Training dates.

31st Oct - 1 Nov - Basic 001 driving Peake.

Club Training - Basic theory at Cavan, 13th - 14th March 2010; Practical 27-28 March at Cherry Gardens

Club Training - 001B Practical at Cherry Gardens, 27-28 March, **Theory course members get preference**

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates please let me know so I can put your name down to attend.

I am really pleased to see we now have three club members attending the Advisors course in November.

If you have any questions about training at all please come and talk to me at the meeting.

I will try to get some dates together for MLRs own club training early next year.

Advisors looking to become Trainers dates for this are. 12-13 Sept & 26-27 Sept.

If there is anyone looking to do the **Advisor course** on the 7th & 8th Nov at Morgan please let me know as soon as possible so I can get your names in there are two members from our club now attending.

001 needs to be completed or if not fully speak to me and we will see what allowances can be made.

Basic Theory Papers.

Can anyone who has done basic theory training in 2008 or 2009 who has not yet received and or returned their theory papers please see Paul Tabone or call on 0417 080 663 or even email me at info@adventurecampers.com.au

Because once this is all done, the training is then FUN FUN FUN !

For those waiting to do training, the DTU is holding basic theory on the 10th & 11th of October. Two club members are already attending, see Paul if you would also like to attend.

Thanks
Paul Tabone.
0417 080 663

2009 DTU CALENDAR (inc training)

APRIL

7th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

9th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th – 13th Easter

10th – 27th School holidays

16th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

18th – 19th Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

25th – 26th Anzac Weekend

MAY

2nd – 3rd Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

9th – 10th

12th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

14th DTU general meeting & AGM Cavan 7.30pm

16th – 17th Assessor Course Cavan 9:00am

21st Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

23rd – 24th Club training

Basic Course – Driving Cherry Gdns 9:00am

31st Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

JUNE

6th – 8th Queens Birthday long weekend

9th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

11th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

13th – 14th Club Training

Advanced Driving / Recovery Warren Gorge 9:00am

18th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

20th – 21st

27th – 28th

JULY

4th – 5th

3rd – 20th School holidays

7th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

9th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

11th – 12th

16th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

19th Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

18th – 19th

25th – 26th Club Training

Basic / Advanced – mud & water Kuitpo 9:00am

AUGUST

1st – 2nd

8th – 9th

11th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

13th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

15th – 16th Club Training

Basic / Advanced – mud & water Kuitpo 9:00am

20th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

22nd – 23rd

29th – 30th Club Training

Basic / Advanced Driving / Recovery Morgan 9:00am

SEPTEMBER

5th – 6th

8th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

12th – 13th Trainer Course Cavan 9:00am

17th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

19th – 20th

20th Club Training

Tyre Repairs Cavan 10:00am

25th Sep – 12th October School Holidays

26th – 27th Trainer Course Cavan 9:00am

OCTOBER

25th Sep – 12th October School Holidays

3rd – 5th Labour Day Long Weekend

6th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

8th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th – 11th Club Training

Basic Course - Theory Cavan 9:00am

?? 4wd Show

15th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

17th – 18th

24th – 25th

25th Assessor update course (Sunday) Cavan 9:00am

31st – 1st Nov Basic Course – Driving Peake 9.00am

NOVEMBER

31st Oct– 1st Nov Club Training

Basic Course – Driving Peake 9.00am

7th – 8th Advisor Course Morgan 9.00am

10th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

12th DTU general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

14th – 15th

19th Association general meeting Cavan 7.30pm

21st – 22nd

28th – 29th

DECEMBER

5th – 6th

8th Training Committee Meeting Cavan 7.30pm

10th DTU general meeting & break up Cavan 7.30pm

11th > School holidays

12th – 13th

17th No Association general meeting

Anyone wanting to attend any of the above dates, please let Paul Tabone know so he can put your name down to attend.

His goal is to get those who have paid to get books and do the weekend basic theory to now get in to the practical side of training even if just up to completion of the 001 level.

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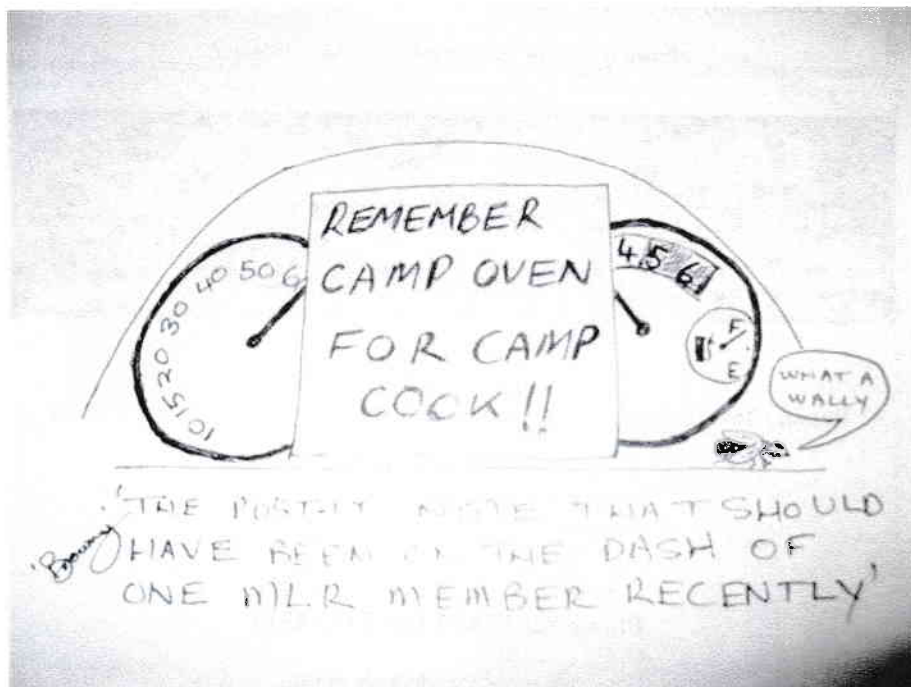
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Notes to Remember

The last day for magazine submissions for the October edition is Tuesday 3rd November.

Club membership fee's are now due. If payment is not received by the end of the August meeting, then a \$10 late payment fee will be applied. \$65 for renewal of a membership, \$75 for a new membership and \$57.50 for membership as a second club.

Next club meeting is on Monday 9th November.





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Club Banner	Tirfor Winch
Club Flag	Puncture Repair Kit *
Exhaust Jack	First Aid Kit *
Maps	4 x Lightweight Shelters with sides.

* Please replace used items

Please see Mark Curtis for any items you wish to borrow Ph 8358 4776

MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB



MERCHANDISE APPAREL RANGE

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So let's get out there and support & promote our
club to the 4wd community

see Andrew Thomas 0408 854 694

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TRIP LEADERS CHECKLIST

PRE-PLANNING

Choose a location for the club trip

Choose a date - start & finish

Choose a route - there & back

Accommodation - caravan, camper trailer or tents only

Cost of camping, track access or other costs

Determine difficulty of the trip

Determine vehicle suitability, requirements & convoy limit

Work out an estimate of the trip distance

AT A CLUB MEETING

With all your pre-planning information at hand approach the trips coordinator

Discuss & seek feedback on your trip details & amend if necessary

Ask if anyone else within the club has done the same trip for any advice or suggestions

Fill out a trip sheet & post on the trips board

Within the club meeting, stand up & introduce yourself

Explain all the details of your proposed trip as outlined in the pre-planning stage

Answer any questions if needed

During the next subsequent meetings keep up to date with progress of names listed on your trip

IN THE MEANWHILE FINALISE DETAILS FOR YOUR TRIP

A start meeting point & time for your trip, there can be multiple places to meet when on route

Finalise any personal, camping, safety & recovery equipment required for the trip as a minimum

Determine if there is any First Aiders, club trainers or assessors on your trip

Amount of fuel stops & fill up locations whilst driving

Notify & book in your trip with any relevant landowners, caravan parks, national parks etc

Assess & check any possible weather conditions you may encounter whilst on your trip

Leave details of your trip with the trips coordinator - itinerary, route & planned return time

Determine all the water & food requirements of the trip - are there any group cooked meals ?

THE LAST CLUB MEETING BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Gather together the members of your trip into a small group & finalise any details of the trip

Confirm all names & numbers of persons attending

Gather all participants trip application forms

Determine if there are any special needs or medical requirements of the participants

Collect any money or fees if it is required

THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR TRIP

Arrive first at the chosen meeting place & time

Once all intended persons have arrived, introduce yourself & anyone travelling with you & call sign

Get everyone else to introduce themselves, people travelling with them, call sign & type of vehicle driven

Make sure everyone is aware of your mobile phone number in case of an emergency

Make everyone aware of the nominated first aider

Discuss convoy procedures, marking of corners & making sure they can see the vehicle behind them

Remind everyone of UHF radio use, etiquette & rules. No swearing / bad language etc

THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT EACH DAY OF YOUR TRIP

At the start of each day or each individual section of the drive appoint a Tail End Charlie

Nominate a person to write the trip report for that day

Perform regular radio checks of all vehicles in your convoy

Make yourself available to everyone if there are any grievances or conflicts on the trip

CLUB BY-LAWS & RULES FOR TRIPS & ACTIVITIES

As extracted from the Club's Constitutional Document

CLUB ACTIVITIES

For the purposes of these by-laws & rules, only those activities that have been approved by the Directors or at a General Meeting & noted in the minutes shall be recognised as official Club activities. Any activity not so approved shall be considered as a member's private activity & shall only be discussed at General Meetings during general business, if time permits.

REGULATIONS

All members & visitors shall at all times abide by the Club Constitution, these by-laws, rules & regulations laid down by Government Authorities & owners/lessees of private property.

CLUB IDENTIFICATION

All club identification shall be removed from vehicles prior to sale or upon expiration of membership.

RADIOS

Members using CB, UHF & HF radios shall use them at all times in accordance with State &/or Federal Government rules & regulations governing the use of radios.

All members shall install 27 Meg (AM) or UHF radios for all club trips within 6 months of joining the club.

VEHICLE INSURANCE

All participants in Club activities are required to produce to Directors a written declaration stating that they have in force, and will have in force for the duration of the club's financial year, a current policy of Comprehensive or 3rd Party Insurance applicable to the vehicle they are driving, upon renewal of such participants' membership with the club.

CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES

Direction of Organisers

All members & visitors participating in a club activity at all times shall abide by the directions of the activity organizer or trip leader in respect to:

- i. Compliance with Club by-laws & rules

- ii. Safety of all other members
- iii. Fire precautions & restrictions
- jjj. Care & respect of private property
- kkk. The rights of other people

Trip Leaders

On trips, the Trip Leader has absolute authority over the whole trip & they must ensure that members & visitors are aware of all relevant Club by-laws & rules & have adequate recovery equipment.

Assistant Trip Leader

Trip Leaders at their discretion may appoint separate trip leaders to lead separate convoys.

Contravention of Club by-laws & Rules

A member contravening Club by-laws or rules may be asked by the trip leader to leave the activity or trip & the incident reported to the Committee. Disregard of club by-laws & rules should be reported to the Committee members by the club members. All members must inform the Trip Leaders of their intention to go on a club trip.

National Parks & Forest Areas

All members & visitors are responsible for knowing & observing Park, Woods and Forest regulations whilst traveling in these areas, or in other areas controlled by Government Authorities.

Conclusion of Trips

Trip Leaders must ensure that all participants have clear directions to their destination at the conclusion of the club trip.

Children

Adults must be responsible at all times for the behavior of the children in their charge.

Prospective Members

Prospective members & visitors are allowed on Club activities at the discretion of the activity organiser but not to the exclusion of club members.

Non Financial Members

Persons previously on the club committee but who are currently not financial, or other persons, who are not financial, are not allowed to take part in club activities with our prior Committee approval.

Numbers of vehicles

The number of vehicles on a Club activity shall be determined by the trip leader but also may be subject to requirements of outside authorities. As a general rule the number of vehicles in a convoy shall not exceed 15 as the sight & inconvenience to other members of the public must be considered.

Dogs

On trips where dogs are permitted, they must be kept under control at all times, preferably on a lead.

Motorcycles

Motorcycles are not permitted on Club trips except with the express permission of the trip leader.

Firearm

Guns & rifles must not be visible inside vehicles & should only be removed in cases of emergency, or with the express permission of the trip leader.

Intoxicating Liquor

Excessive consumption of intoxicating liquor on club activities is discouraged.

Off Tracks

Vehicles are to stay on existing roads & tracks except in areas where permission has been granted to move away from existing vehicle corridors.

Flora & Fauna

Live branches are not to be broken from trees or shrubs. No member shall use a tree as an anchor for winching without providing adequate protection around the tree from slings or cables. Trip members must not disturb birds, animals & their habitat.

Gates

All gates must be left as they were found.

Camping

Campsites must not be within 500m of any artificial constructed watering points. Campsite adjacent to large natural watering points must be sited so that stock & wildlife are not prevent from gaining access to water. Campsite must be at least 1km away from any station homestead, shearing shed, outstation or other improvement unless prior approval of the land manager. Previous campsites should be used wherever possible. Care must be taken to minimize damage to vegetation etc at campsites & making of unnecessary vehicle tracks is to be avoided.

Water

Minimal water only is to be taken from any watering point. Members are not to swim or bathe in tanks or dams without permission from the land manager. If water is required for washing it is to be bucketed out. Soaps & detergents etc are not to be introduced into tanks, dams, rivers or natural watering points.

Litter

No litter or rubbish is to be thrown from vehicles. At all stops, members shall ensure that no rubbish is left at the site. All non-burnable rubbish is to be carried out & disposed of in approved receptacles or areas. Burnable rubbish may be burnt at campsites provided all other members are considered, correct precautions are taken & there are no fire bans in place. Non-combustibles are to be removed from ashes.

Historical Sites

All sites of historical significance are to be left undisturbed & artifacts are not to be removed off site.

Toilets

When using bush toilets ensure an adequate, deep hole is dug & covered properly before leaving the campsite. Do not allow paper & tissue to blow around the area.

Mobile Generators

The use of generators must be kept to a minimum & not used after 8.00pm or before 7.00am without the permission from everyone within the vicinity. At all times other travelers must be considered when using generators. Members must ensure as far as possible that generators are permitted in NPWS areas prior to departures or obtain permission from rangers at the site.

Fires

Fire bans must be complied with at all times. Normally one campfire should be adequate and the trip leader is responsible for its location. The trip leader may approve other small cooking fires. At sites where adequate supply of dead wood on the ground is not available (especially National Parks etc) or during potential fire danger period's members are encouraged to use gas or other means for cooking. All fires must be extinguished before the site is vacated, ashes disposed of, and where practical, no signs of the fire should be left at the site.

Spares

Vehicles must carry enough spare to be reasonably self sufficient in the event of breakdown. Spares for similar type vehicles can be shared amongst those on the trip. The specific spares would depend on the type of trip & location and agreement between participants.

Grievances

Any grievance arising from any club activity must be made as soon as possible (preferably in writing) to the organisers of that activity or Directors so that any problems can be resolved promptly.

Convoy Procedure

Regulations – All drivers shall observe all regulations at all times.

Departure Warning – The trip leader shall give a 5-minute warning before departing.

Briefing – Prior to departure each day all drivers are to assemble a central point for the trip leader's briefing on the next stage of the trip.

Travel – All members of the convoy are to follow the trip leader & not stray from route

Track Widening – Drivers are not to widen existing tracks by driving around obstacles such as broken branches, large holes, rocks etc but should endeavor to do minor track maintenance to allow vehicles to remain on the track, i.e. remove branches, fill holes etc

Convoys – Vehicles should stay in convoy position unless a change is authorised

Distances – members should keep a safe distance from the vehicle in front, particularly in hilly country or if brakes are wet after a water crossing. On main roads leave adequate space between vehicles to enable other vehicles to overtake safely.

Driver Responsibility – Each driver is responsible for the vehicle behind. Keep the following vehicle in contact at all times. In conditions where visibility is poor switch on lights & check regularly that following vehicle is in sight. Contact by radio if possible.

Acknowledging Turns – Wait at every turn with indicators flashing until the following driver acknowledges with their indicators flashing.

Separated Convoy – If the convoy becomes separated & an intersection is reached where there is no other vehicle, stop and wait for instruction from the trip leader.

Leaving Convoy – If members wish to leave a convoy for any reason they must inform the trip leaders by radio or at stops. If on the move, drop back & advise your intentions to the last vehicle who will advise the trip leader as soon as possible.

Breakdown of Vehicles – If a vehicle breaks down or becomes immobile for any reason, all vehicles must stop with the affected vehicle until it is again mobile or the trip leader has checked that the vehicle is safe to be left for adequate assistance. Arrangements are to be made to renew contact as soon as possible.

Stopping Convoy – if members wish the vehicle in front to stop, call on radio if available, attract drivers attention by flashing lights on an off or stop. Care must be taken when flashing lights at night to avoid causing a hazard to oncoming vehicles.

Negotiating Hazards – At any creek crossing, steep hill, sand hill or other hazardous terrain all those not involved are to stand well clear of the activity. The trip leader, or delegate, will have complete control over activities. Vehicles are to be moved well clear of the hazard to allow sufficient room for following vehicles.

Recovery Operations – During recovery operations members should give what assistance possible but not get in the way. Stand well clear of vehicles, towropes & winching cables. Obey instructions of trip leader.

Vehicle Damage – Any damage caused to a members vehicle is the member's own responsibility. Members should not be afraid to stop to remove obstacles to avoid this

Stopping Areas – Campsites or rest areas should be chosen where practical so that all members of the trip can be accommodated comfortably in the one area. Care must be exercised so that damage to stopping areas is minimised.

Starting Times – Times for daily departures are agreed to prior to departure or at daily briefing

Lunch Stops – Meal breaks should be about an hour unless otherwise agreed beforehand. Time starts from the arrival of the last vehicle at the site.

Stops – Convoys should stop for a short period every 2 hrs to allow participants to rest.

End of day's Travel – Where possible the day's travel should end with sufficient daylight available to allow campsites to be established unless otherwise agreed beforehand.

Convoy Speed – The maximum traveling speed for any club trip shall be determined by the road conditions, all state regulations and not faster than the slowest vehicle in the convoy. The trip leader prior to departure particularly for bitumen road travel should advise

SAFETY ALERT

This occurred in the last couple of days at a Station Stay in the NT. Apparently the owner tried to refuel his generator while it was still hot from running.

He was severely burnt.

