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April
2015

Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th May, 2015

COMMITTEE POSITIONS

VACANT

**Are you able to help to grow
your club?**

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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The Club's aim is for its members 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 cooking 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 South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (FWDSA).

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 which 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 for 7.30pm start

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

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

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE
MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS INC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD ON**

11TH MAY 2015 AT 7.30PM

AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB, BLACKWOOD.

Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted by the closure of the April General Meeting to be held on Monday 13th April 2015.

Nomination Forms will be available at meetings prior to the April meeting.

Please note that:

All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.

No nominations will be accepted at the AGM.

Please send contributions for the magazine to: magazine@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au

Deadline COB Monday 30 APRIL 2015 for the next issue. Please send photos separately (jpg or png files, small file size) and include names please. Note that any articles submitted after the deadline will be considered for inclusion in the next issue.

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Prez Sez

Hello to all for this month!

Don't know about you but when holidays are approaching I start counting down—it makes the working week go just that little bit faster—only 48 sleeps to go as I write this..... then 2 weeks of camping under the stars, travelling with friends and getting a large motorsport fix at The Finke Desert Race (600 bikes & quads as well as 140 cars, buggies, trucks and 4wd's), of course there will be the new areas that The doody's haven't as yet been to—Dalhousie, Chambers Pillar, Alice springs and the Simpson Desert! Ah tomorrow there's only 47!

As you will see, there has been no-one put their hand up to take over the newsletter for now, so there is not much content in this edition as I haven't received anything from anyone and I haven't had a chance to find anything on the interwebs.

While talking newsletter, our AGM is next month and we will have all positions available for election, there have been a number of current committee persons who have indicated that they are unable to go on next year—there are a number that are also willing to go on, however you are still able to nominate for these positions if you are interested? We obviously need a newsletter editor, Greg our 4WDSA Delegate, Eric our property officer have said they are unable to carry on, Dave our Webmaster has said if no-one else wants it he will go on, these are definitely positions we need to fill. If you are interested please chat to me or any of the committee at the club meeting.

This month's meeting's guest Speaker is Chubb Fire—it's my understanding that Fire extinguishers may be able to be purchased, so bring your money if you are in the market....

See you at the meeting

Clancy of the Overflow

Below is an update on Clancy of the Overflow, which has been doing the rounds. I've no idea who wrote it but it is very clever.

I had written him a text which I'd sent, hoping the next
Time he came in mobile coverage he'd have time to say hello.
But I'd heard he'd lost his iPhone, so I emailed him from my phone,
Just addressed, on spec, as follows: `clancy@theoverflow`

And the answer redirected wasn't quite what I'd expected
(And it wasn't from the shearing mate who'd answered once before).

His ISP provider wrote it and verbatim I will quote it:
'This account has been suspended: you won't hear from him no more.'

In my wild erratic fancy visions come to me of Clancy:
Out of reach of mobile coverage where the Western rivers flow.
Instead of tapping on the small screen, he'd be camping by the tall green
River gums a pleasure that the town folk never know.

Well, the bush has friends to meet him but the rest of us can't greet him:
Out there, even Telstra's network doesn't give you any bars.
He can't blog the vision splendid of the sunlit plains extended
Or tweet the wondrous glory of the everlasting stars.

I am sitting at the keyboard and I'm too stressed out to be bored
As I answer all the emails by the deadlines they contain
While my screen fills with promotions for 'Viagra' and strange potions
And announcements of the million-dollar prizes I can claim.

But the looming deadlines haunt me and their harrying senders taunt me
That they need response this evening for tomorrow is too late!
But their texts, too quickly ended, often can't be comprehended
For their writers have no time to think they have no time to wait.

And I sometimes rather fancy that I'd like to trade with Clancy:
Just set up an email bouncer saying 'Sorry, had to go.'
While he faced in an inbox jamming up with deadlines and with spamming
As he signed off every message: `clancy@theoverflow`

WITCHELINA NEWS 2015

To all those interested in continuing the good work that MLR have done for the SA Nature Foundation @ Witchelina Station, I have arranged 3 restoration projects events for the 2015 calendar year:

- Project 1 - Bend Hut wall and foundation restoration - Stabilised wall with bracing while up at Witchelina
- Project 2 - Pug Hill foundation restoration, finish off long drop, install water feed to kitchen and solar panel, re-arrange bedroom 3
- Project 3 - Move water tank from Mirra Well to North shed, install guttering and plumbing.

The dates are:

- Event 1: Saturday 18/4/2015 to Thursday 23/4/2015 (Over April School Holiday period)
- Event 2: Saturday 13/6/15 to Thursday 18/6/2015
- Event 3: Thursday 9/7/2015 to Friday 17/7/2015 (Over July School Holiday period)

More details will be provided at a club presentation over the next couple of months.

Pug Hut Restoration Update: There is still some minor restoration work to be done at Pug Hut but it appears that after our southern boundary fence run earlier this year, the Hut may be put to use as a base for the fencing contractors repairing 26kms of damaged fencing.

I know that the SA Nature Foundation are extremely happy with the work we have done down there but I would like to see if the Club could go that little bit further and furnish the hut. Member Scott Watkin donated 2 bunk beds and a friend from work donated a double bed base which have been placed into the hut. If club members have any sort of kitchenware that they would like to donate then just drop me an email or see me at club meetings.

Kitchenware examples: tables, any type of kitchen buffet cabinets or old kitchens that could be reused, pots and pans, cutlery, dinner sets, etc

Mark Curtis

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- Tyre repair kit (small)
- *Tirfor* hand winch and cable
- Car Bra
- Drag chains (x 2)
- Gazebo 3m x 3m (x 2)
- Recovery Bag (incl snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8 m (x 2)
- Hot water urn and kettle
- Bead breaker

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The inmate on death row is scheduled to be put to death by firing squad. He doesn't request a last meal or anything special for his last day.

As he stands before the firing squad he says, "Actually, music is my life. One thing I would really like would be to sing my favorite song, one whole time through, with no interruptions."

The guard nods solemnly and tells him to go ahead.

The inmate starts, "One billion bottles of beer on the wall... "

A dying man gives each of his best friends -- a lawyer, doctor and clergyman -- an envelope containing \$25,000 in cash to be placed in his coffin.

A week later the man dies and the friends each place an envelope in the coffin. Several months later, the clergyman confesses that he only put \$10,000 in the envelope and sent the rest to a mission in South America.

The doctor confesses that his envelope had only \$8,000 because he donated to a medical charity.

The lawyer is outraged, "I am the only one who kept my promise to our dying friend. I want you both to know that the envelope I placed in the coffin contained my own personal cheque for the entire \$25,000."

MLR CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

How it works?

Criteria:

Automatic eligibility for minimum of 1 Trip Leader role

Must be a financial member

Runs May to April (as per MLR club year)

Must attend minimum of 6 MLR events in the 12 months (meetings or trips)

Nominated by Club Committee for—trip leader / trip attendance / club meeting attendance / over and above activities for betterment of MLR

Upholding of MLR values & club spirit

Can be nominated by general membership

Winner by blind vote from club members—one membership = one vote

In case of tie, winner by discretion of Committee



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TRIP LEADERS

One of the Mount Lofty Rangers most important objectives is to provide enjoyable trips for our members so that they keep coming back. We believe that the quality of our trip leaders distinguishes us from other 4x4 clubs. We have a core of dedicated, experienced trip leaders to provide our members with wellrun trips.

The most important benefit of leading a trip is the satisfaction you get when the trip goes well and everyone has a great time. When you consider the effort required to plan and run a trip, the main reason most trip leaders lead trips is the enjoyment they get from providing a service to our members.

Trip Leaders Are Needed

We are always looking for people with leadership and people skills to run trips for the club. It's important that trip leaders like helping people to have fun, are well organized, and take satisfaction in a job well done.

No experience – Don't worry; we have a mentoring program for training prospective trip leaders.

Budding trip leaders work directly with an experienced trip leader on running a trip for at least one trip. Trainees are expected to be hands-on in accomplishing all necessary activities assigned by the trip leader to support the trip. The trainees are also expected to attend other trip leader training activities and membership meetings.

Getting Started

Club members interested in being a trip leader should contact Phil Simes or Tom Doody.

Phil Simes

(Trips Coordinator)

trips@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Tom Doody

(President)

president@mountloftyrangers.com.au

October
2-5
2015



Octoberfest



Willangi Bush Escapes

near Peterborough SA

Spend the long weekend camping in bush surrounds, enjoying great day trips with other 4wd enthusiasts from SA clubs.

Activities will include:

camp cook-off, kids' movie night, night Nav Drive, prize draws and door prizes, socialising and evening entertainment.

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This event is open to all financial members of FWDSA or an affiliated club. For insurance purposes all participants must register for this event with their club as a club trip.

2015 CALENDAR



Date	Event	Contact	Details
3-17 April	Extended Trip	Wayne Ritchie	Binns Track section
<i>Monday 13 April</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
18-23 April	Extended Trip	Mark Curtis	Witchelina (see inside or Trips Board)
22-24 May	Weekend Trip	Craig Watkin	Murray Sunset NP
30 May-14 June	Extended Trip	Tom Doody	Finke Desert Race- spectating & camping
<i>Monday 11 May</i>	<i>AGM & MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
6-8 June	Long Weekend Trip	Glenn Bull	Black Cockatoo @ Naracoorte
13-18 June	Extended Trip	Mark Curtis	Witchelina see inside or Trips Board
19—21 June	Weekend Trip	Paul McGregor	Octoberfest Firewood collection
<i>Monday 15 June</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
1 July —1 August	Extended Trip	Les Toomer	Register of Interest
3-5 July	Weekend Trip	Lainine Ray	Border Track Again!
4-17 July	Extended Trip	Gary Light	Simpson Desert- West to East
4-17 July	Extended Trip	Kevin Jesshope	Simpson Desert- East to West
10-12 July	Weekend Trip	Glenn Bull	Jak Em Park— Callington

2015 CALENDAR



Date	Event	Contact	Details
<i>Monday 13 July</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
26 July—19 September	Extended Trip	Steve & Chris Wrobel	Cape York
<i>Monday 10 August</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
28-30 August	Weekend Trip	Eric Kalderovski	Salt Creek “Fishing Comp”
12-13 September	Weekend Trip	Tom Doody	Camp Cook
<i>Monday 14 September</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
18-19 September	Weekend Trip	Paul McGregor	Octoberfest recce
2-5 October	Long Weekend Trip	Graham Jones	Octoberfest
<i>Monday 12 October</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
<i>Monday 9 November</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
<i>Monday 14 December</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
TBC	Girls Trip	Jo Chaplin & Trish Dagri	Driving / tyre changing/ trip essentials Expressions of interest

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There is a new process now for obtaining your training manuals and at completion of your training, your certificates, from the DTU 4WD SA as of 01 January 2015.

You personally must apply for a Unique Student Identifier number (USI number), before you apply for your manuals and/or certificates.

Any issues please contact me and I will endeavour to head you in the right direction.

Steve Townsend, Education Officer

Mount Lofty Rangers Inc

Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th May 2015

7.30 pm

Blackwood Football Clubrooms,

Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

AGENDA

Welcome and apologies

Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting

Thanks to outgoing Committee Members

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Election of Returning Officer

Call for Nominations for incoming Committee

Committee elections

Any other business

Training

Training provided by FWDSA Driver Training Unit (DTU)

16-17 May 9-00am 23—24 May	Basic Theory @ Cavan (\$20-00) DTU @ Morgan Quarry. Training \$40
18-19 July	Trip Planning Course MLR
1-2 August 9-00am	MLR Training @ Morgan Quarry
22-23 August , 9-00am	Mud & water training @ Jakem Farm (\$35)
12– 13 September, 9-00am	WHS, Risk & Emergency response course @ Cavan (\$20-00)
10-11 October	Sand Driving @ Peake sharing with Jeep Club
18 October, 9-00am	Trip planning course @ Cavan (\$20-00)
31 Oct -1 Nov, 9-00am	Sand Training @ Peake \$40-00

Club Trainers

Education Officer: Steve Townsend

Assessors: Steve Townsend, Mark Curtis, Jeff Morgan & Dave Willsmore

Trainers: Tim Byrne, Tom Doody, Glenn Lawson

Advisor: Brenton Bowley

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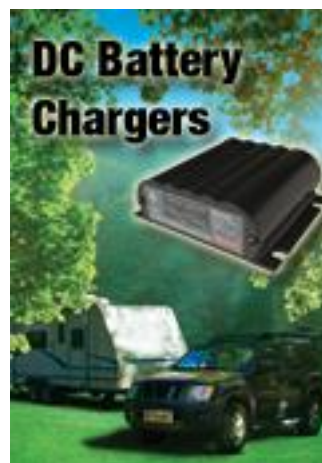
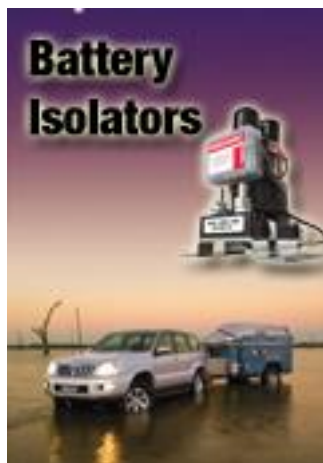
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