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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:

www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

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Prez Sez

Hi all – did you know that its less than six months to Christmas? I've said it numerous times before.... Where has this year gone? Well we made it back from our Finke trip, the report can be found in this magazine as well as a few photos to make you feel even more jealous.

Before I bore you to tears with my ramblings – go and grab your social calendar and book in weekend of 21st November for our Christmas Show, we have booked the Woodfired Pizza man again and if you were one of the unlucky ones that didn't join us last year, be sure to get there this year.... These pizza's are to die for!

The other date you need to add to your social calendar – October Long Weekend – the 3rd bi-annual MLR Octoberfest, if you've been asleep under a rock and are yet to see any information on this great event – check out the website and get your entry in to ensure you don't miss out on the limited spots available. Why not offer your services to either Trip Lead, Tail End Charlie, Set up or set down assistance or even to help cook the Big Brekky? As you may have heard on the grapevine or seen on our Facebook page – the Doody's will be confined to non 4WD trips for the short term as our Patrol has a small engine issue – it won't run properly, sounding like a very sick chaff cutter and at this stage is parked in the shed at home waiting for a conclusive diagnosis but unfortunately I'm pretty sure that it has turned into a Nissan Grenade. At the time it all went astray, we were doing no more than 25km/h – it definitely wasn't under load or strain, there is still heaps of oil in it and the coolant is as green as the day it went in. It's now time to save some money before getting it out of the shed and get it back on the road.

At the last committee meeting we talked at length about our upcoming 20 year anniversary and the style of shirt we want to commemorate it with, a couple of quick ideas are in this newsletter, please feel free to let us know your thoughts or your ideas?

Those of you that ordered and are yet to pick up the extinguishers, they will be available to collect at the meeting – please organise your payment to Paul McGregor.

See you at the meeting



YOUR COMMITTEE 2015-16

COMMITTEE DIRECTORS

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1 x Small (named Trevor)

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1 x XLarge (named Dave)

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1 x Large

Artic Polo Fleece Jumper (Green, half zip) = \$50~~\$25~~

1 x Large

1 x Medium

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1 x Large

1 x Medium

MLR

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20 year anniversary shirt ideas!

It's our 20th anniversary and we discussed at last month's committee meeting ideas for designing a 'loud shirt'. Gary Light has drafted some amazing concepts so far. We are looking to prompt some ideas and gather interest.

Concept 1 (Photo)



Concept 2 (Stylised)



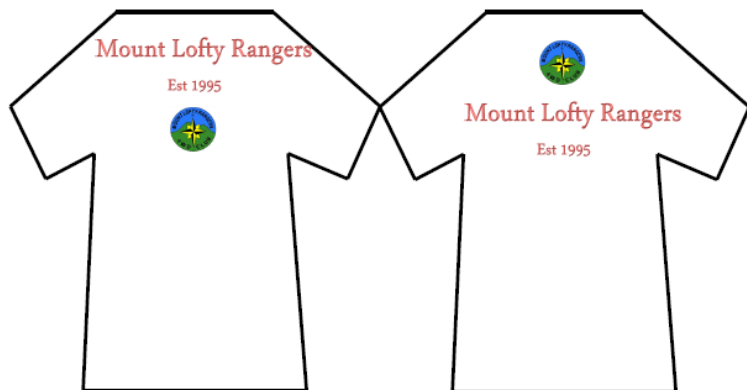
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MLR CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

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



Club equipment for loan!

- Grate mates
- *Uniden* UHF handheld radios
- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
- *Tifor* hand winch and cable
- Car Bra
- Gazebo 3m x 3m (x2)
- Hot water urn and kettle
- Bead breaker
- Drag chains (x 2)
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)

*All club equipment is securely stored within the club trailer @ Lonsdale

**For further information on any loan equipment,
please email Peter Reed, Property Officer:**

property@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au

MEMBERSHIPS DUE NOW!

Your memberships are now due and payable. They remain unchanged for the 2015 / 2016 Financial year and if paid before the September meeting the renewal cost is \$70, after the September meeting the price reverts to a new member price of \$80.

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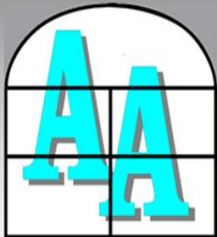
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FINKE TRIP

Written by Tom Doody

After Jordan's trip for one to the Finke Desert Race last year, there is no way I was going to miss it this year! The plan was for two weeks and to head up through Oodnadatta to Dalhousie Springs, Chambers Pillar and into Alice Springs for scrutineering and pre-race festivities, then back down the Old South Road to watch 2 days of racing (to Finke and return on separate days) then home via The Simpson Desert. As with most trips of this duration you have people pull out for various reasons, but what started as a boys trip in the initial planning ended up with 4 cars – Ron & Michelle Versteeg, Graham Jones, Mike Paul and Tanya and me, it may have been down on car numbers but as the trip was to progress there was no shortage of stories, laughs and even the odd deep and meaningful! The week leading up to when we were supposed to leave was spent packing, ensuring the car was ready and keeping an eye on the weather.... Come Thursday and there were SMS's going back and forth and plans were changing just as quick – there was a predicted \$h*t load of rain for Oodnadatta area and we didn't need to be stuck in that area with closed roads!

DAY 1

We arranged to meet at Pt Pirie at 10ish, for the first bakery stop and to finalise our plans for the first week. We met Kimmy J, Graham's daughter who is part of the local constabulary at Pt Pirie and finalised Plan C – we were now staying on the bitumen up past Erldunda then out through the Finke River Gorge and Mereenie Loop into Alice Springs. Our first night out bush was spent about 100kms north of Glendambo, a couple of hundred metres off the road but it didn't stop a couple of the truckies giving us a toot! The girls disappeared to bed at 9pm and this is when the joke telling and laughter started.... This was to be a regular event with the girls going to bed around 9 and the boys trying to stick it out to 10, we even had a debit and credit system where if you went to bed before 10 you would be in debit and likewise if you went to bed after you could gain some credit time, this is where being trip leader was an advantage - I could call bed time anytime I liked!

DAY 2

We awoke early, to very cold conditions, breakfast then pack up to come across our first little issue – our ipad (which we were running HEMA maps) wouldn't start up even being fully charged, good thing we had a backup gps as well as paper maps and our patrol would start but wouldn't continue to run... a few pumps of the primer and all was sweet, but this would need to be done a couple of times over the next couple of weeks. We continued to head north – Coober Pedy, where our cars got dirtier in the main street from mud puddles than we did for the whole trip. WE bush camped again on the side of the road about 10Km south of Erldunda where we got a visit from the local mobile art gallery – a group of the local artists pulled up in the Commodore, opened the doors and the overflowing empty beer cans hit the road. After a bit of negotiation Michelle relented and bought a piece of the art.



FINKE TRIP

DAY 3

Topped the diesel tanks up at Erldunda and northward once again but only for 50 odd kms before heading left down the Ernest Giles Road and into the unknown, we stopped off at the Hensbury Meteorite Sites for a chilly walk, where according to one of the group this would be one of the safest places to build a house as meteors apparently don't land in the same place twice? Illamurta Springs for another walk into the springs but no water, great walk, great scenery but I asked why would they put a police station all the way out here years ago? We continued our way north up into The Finke River Gorge, for those that haven't been here – you need to add it to your bucket list! Although the gorge is not what I imagined, being narrow with lots of rock walls, it is amazingly beautiful. We weren't even in our tents at bedtime before the local dingo came snooping around the campfire.



Mike

Ron



DAY 4

Continuing north about 30km south of Hermansburg we came across a mobile phone hotspot, where we spent a little time reconnecting with the real world, downloading messages and emails, all of us except Graham that is – Vodafone didn't seem to work much at all for our entire trip! We did the obligatory drive through Hermansburg to have a look around before heading out to Palm Valley. We turned toward to Palm Valley to see a sign "Extreme 4WD track – 4wd vehicles only" Aahh this is what we're after! Sadly it was no more than a dirt road with corrugations and a couple of small rock steps we had to traverse the following day. We arrived at the camps site to be amazed with the amenities, hot showers, with a great BBQ area that also had a couple of gas burners on each BBQ. Northern Territory appear to have the travellers best interests at heart as we were to find over the next couple of days when camping in the National Parks. Off to do a 5Km walk from the campground – somehow the 5km turned into a 9.2km stroll up over a saddle although the scenery was again spectacular.

DAY 5

Drove the last 5 kms into Palm Valley for another walk, there was some indecision within the group after yesterday's marathon 9k's – do we take the 2km loop or the 5km? We all finally settled on the 5k, there are no words to describe this never ending beauty, Tanya and I haven't been to this part of our great land and we'll definitely be back. Lunch was at Gosse Bluff and camping was at Red Bank Gorge after another specy walk of 3.5km. These campgrounds all had individual bbq's with gas burners, separate picnic tables and a firepit/bbq. The walk into Red Bank Gorge was punctuated by a couple of families carrying inflatable rafts in the couple of kms, to give them access further into the gorge, while we were resting or should I say hoping for a bit of sinking of the boats, Graham broke into the theme song of Gilligan's Island.

FINKE TRIP

DAY 6

Heading for Alice Springs – Glen Helen Gorge, Orminston Gorge which is a large clambering rock walk another great walk with more of those views, this is where Michelle rolled her ankle and fell onto the only sharp rock in the gorge, ripping her pants and scraping the rock down the side of her thigh – but like a real trooper she got up and walked for the rest of the gorges, it was to be very bruised in the coming days. We continued on to Serpentine Gorge, Ochre Pits, Ellery Creek Gorge which had more beauty than the others it seems but it had nothing to do with the international backers taking in some sun while laying on the sand in their bathers..... We missed the last couple of gorges aiming to get into Alice in the daylight.



Can you spot Ranger Lofty at Glen Helen??



DAY 7

Went our separate ways to stock up with supplies and have a bit of a look around Alice – the Versteegs and Doody's went back out to complete the Mereenie Loop with Stanley Chasm and Simpsons Gap. The boys headed to scrutineering for the Finke Desert Race, 140 vehicles and 600 motorbikes surely brings the crowds in, there were literally thousands in the showground trying to get up close and personal with drivers and their machines.



FINKE TRIP



DAY 8

Up early and out of the caravan park by 8am and out to the prologue (qualifying) track, we jagged a dust free prime viewing spot which included 3 rollovers in front of us. Michelle left for home after being dropped at the airport we all joined the convoy heading south along the Old South Road, looking for camp spots down along the race track. We found a great spot about 155km down the track – condition of the track ranged from superb to kms of bulldust. We had run into a friend and his group joined us for the couple of nights camping down the track.



The boys waiting for the cars

DAY 9

Awoke with much anticipation- RACE DAY – we were unaware of qualifying times so weren't sure who to expect in what order, out with the handled radios to see if we could find the race radio channel. We'd found a piece of racetrack with kms of whoops about 600mm deep, this could be interesting! WOW this was spectacular stuff although late in the day when the bike backmarkers came past us there was lots of head shaking as if to say WTF am I doing this for....?



Camp Finke

FINKE TRIP

DAY 10

Up even earlier today as we were only half an hour race time away from Finke, we watched most of the vehicles then back to camp to pack up and get on the road south, we made it to the road block near Finke in time to watch the top 15 bikes go through before we continued on our pilgrimage towards Dalhousie for the start of our Simpson Desert adventure. We made it into Finke, the local footy teams were in action on a dirt oval, many with bare feet. We made it to Mt Dare with no dramas and lined up for fuel, \$2.30 was the dearest we had paid, after a refreshing beer at the hotel a swim was on the cards at Dalhousie. This would be Tanya and my third attempt to get to Dalhousie with previous attempts thwarted with rain and closed roads. The campground was fairly full already when we got there, we set the basics up and off for a swim. We camped next to another group that proceeded to use a welder, generator and grinder well into the night repairing a cracked chassis – but I ask if they weren't carrying the welder, generator and grinder as well as god knows what else, would the chassis have cracked from overloading?



DAY 11

I have never seen Tanya up and bright so early in the morning, she wanted another swim.... Tanya I love you dearly but that morning you were a bit of a mess, letting the airbed down on your way out the tent – I could have done with an extra half hour sleep. We went back for brekky and pack up followed by another swim before letting the tyres down and heading for the Simpson. French Line – cut up, ruts and soft. Rig Road – good condition due to clay base. Lone Gum Tree complete with koala!



Being in three states at once is hard!

FINKE TRIP

DAY 12

WAA line – cut up and rough – great scenery with a few second attempts of a few sand hills needed. Knoll Track – easy going with occasional crossing of a sand dune. Camp just short of the French Line overlooking Lake Tamblyn amongst the gidgee trees.

DAY 13

Big day ahead with 200 odd kms into Birdsville, the French Line was hard slow going in places but enjoyable all the same. Tanya felt like she'd been in a boxing ring from all the movement and by days end her pedometer showed she had done 15,000 steps from all the movement. Even without water Eyre Creek is still bloody imposing. Big Red was finally seen in the distance, would we be able to make it to the top? How rough was it going to be? Well we all made it to the top for the obligatory photos, we played on one of the other tracks a little but Mike was the only ne to make it to the top. On towards Birdsville, for a shower and pub for a beer and a meal, which was to be no easy task as they were out of about 5 or 6 things on the menu! Must be the only pub ever in Australia thats out of Snitty!



DAY 14

There's rain coming and lots of it, so we are out of here and our aim is to get as far south as we can onto the black stuff. That is after a visit to the bakery for brekky and the servo to fill up the diesel tanks again.

The Birdsville Track was mostly in great condition with speeds of 90 –95km/h easily achieved. Lunch at Mungerannie, a beer at Marree Pub followed by another couple of hours heading south, camping next to one of the creeks on Beltana Station.

DAY 15

Awoke to black skies, the rain was getting closer..... uneventful trip from here to home, with the rain catching us before we got into Hawker.

FINKE TRIP

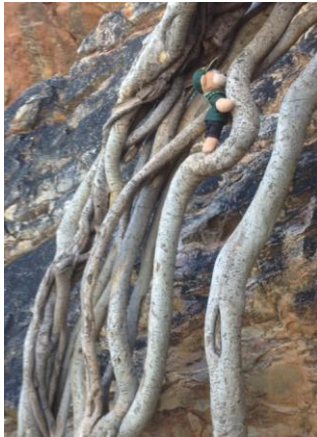
SUMMARY

Great trip with great people with great scenery and what will be great memories for a long time – did I tell you it was great?

Where to next? A trans Australia crossing from Cape Byron in the east to Steep Point in the west, taking in all corners and the geological centre of this great country.



Ranger Lofty helping
Ron with repairs



Ranger Lofty



Ranger Lofty at
Poeppel's Corner

THINKING OF TAKING A TRIP??

South Australian State Schools Term Dates

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2015	27 Jan - 10 Apr	27 Apr - 3 Jul	20 Jul - 25 Sep	12 Oct - 11 Dec
2016	1 Feb - 15 Apr	2 May - 8 Jul	25 Jul - 30 Sep	17 Oct - 16 Dec
2017	30 Jan - 13 Apr	1 May - 7 Jul	24 Jul - 29 Sep	16 Oct - 15 Dec
2018	29 Jan - 13 Apr	30 Apr - 6 Jul	23 Jul - 28 Sep	15 Oct - 14 Dec

This information is current as of March 2015.

Public holiday dates for 2015, 2016 and 2017

Holiday	2015	2016	2017
New Year's Day <i>1 January - if that date falls on a Saturday the public holiday transfers to the following Monday. If that date falls on a Sunday that day and the following Monday will be public holidays.</i>	Thursday, 1 January	Friday, 1 January	Monday, 2 January <i>(additional day as 1 January falls on a Sunday) *</i>
Australia Day	Monday, 26 January	Tuesday, 26 January	Thursday, 26 January
March public holiday	Monday, 9 March	Monday, 14 March	Monday, 13 March
Good Friday	Friday, 3 April	Friday, 25 March	Friday, 14 April
Easter Monday	Monday, 6 April	Monday, 28 March	Monday, 17 April
Anzac Day	Saturday, 25 April	Monday, 25 April	Tuesday, 25 April
Queen's Birthday and Volunteer's Day <i>Second Monday in June.</i>	Monday, 8 June	Monday, 13 June	Monday, 12 June
Labour Day <i>First Monday in October.</i>	Monday, 5 October	Monday, 3 October	Monday, 2 October
Christmas Day <i>25 December - if that date falls on a Saturday the public holiday transfers to the following Monday. If that date falls on a Sunday that day and the following Monday will be public holidays.</i>	Friday, 25 December	Monday, 26 December <i>(additional day as 25 December falls on a Sunday) *</i>	Monday, 25 December
Proclamation Day public holiday <i>26 December - if that date falls on a Saturday the public holiday transfers to the following Monday. If that date falls on a Sunday or a Monday that day and the following Tuesday will be public holidays.</i>	Monday, 28 December <i>(substitute day as 26 December falls on a Saturday)</i>	Tuesday, 27 December <i>(additional day as 26 December is the Christmas Day public holiday)</i>	Tuesday, 26 December
New Year's Eve	Thursday, 31 December	Saturday, 31 December	Sunday, 31 December

* Every Sunday in South Australia is nominally a public holiday and bank holiday under the Holidays Act 1910.

2015 TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
3-5 July	Weekend trip	Phil Simes	Border Track
4-17 July	Extended trip	Gary Light	Simpson Desert West to East
4-13 July	Extended trip	Kevin Jessop	Simpson Desert East to West
9-11 July	Weekend trip	Mark Curtis	Witchelina
10-12 July	Weekend trip	Glenn Bull	JakEm Park - Callington
<i>MONDAY 13 July</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
26 July – 19 Sept	Extended trip	Steve & Chris Wrobel	Cape York via Development Rd
<i>MONDAY 10 August</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
9-29 August		Graham Burdon	Birdsville, Longreach, Fraser Is
23 August	Day trip inc picnic lunch	Scott Watkin	Saunders Gorge cost \$50
28-30 August	Weekend Trip	Eric Kalderovski	Salt Creek 'Fishing comp'
12-13 Sept	Weekend Trip	Tom Doody	Camp CookTowitta

**For further information or to book on any trips, please email
Phil Simes, Trip Coordinator: trips@mountloftyrangers.com.au**

2015 TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
<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
1-5 October	Long weekend trip	Roger Wilkinson	National Jeep Jamboree
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>Xmas Raffle & champagne for the ladies! 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		

PROPOSED TRIPS / EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
	Girls Trip	Jo Chaplin & Trish Dagri	Driving / tyre change / trip essentials

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Sunday 20th September 2015

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Training

18-19 July	MLR Trip Planning Course
1-2 August 9-00am	MLR Training @ Morgan Quarry
15 August 12.30pm	MLR Tyre repair @ Mt Barker 4X4 plus sausage sizzle
22-23 August , 9-00am	Mud & water training @ Jakem Farm (\$35)
12- 13 Sept, 9-00am	WHS, Risk & Emergency response course @ Cavan (\$20-00)
10-11 October	Sand Driving @ Peake sharing with Jeep Club
10-11 October	DTU Basic Theory @ Cavan
18 October, 9-00am	Trip planning course @ Cavan (\$20-00)
31 Oct -1 Nov, 9-00am	Sand Training @ Peake \$40-00
7 AND OR 8 November	DTUOzi Explorer – GPS @ Cavan

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

For further information on training, please email Steve Townsend,

training@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.

For more information or if you have any queries please speak to one of the **Octoberfest sub-committee, Graham Jones, Paul McGregor, Gary Light, Glenn Bull, Tom Doody** or one of the other helpers.

GUEST SPEAKERS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
July	Scoot Around

For further information or to book a guest speaker, please email
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Online bookings and payment are required for

- [Beachport Conservation Park](#)
- [Bool Lagoon Game Reserve](#)
- [Canunda National Park](#)
- [Coorong National Park](#)
- [Innes National Park](#)
- [Little Dip Conservation Park](#)
- [Mount Remarkable National Park](#)

Have your credit card ready and navigate to the individual park pages to choose the dates you will enter the parks and choose your campsite or accommodation. A self-service station for credit card payments is set up at [Innes National Park](#) at the visitor information centre.

Cash payments for [Innes National Park](#) can be made at the following agents:

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- Melrose: [Over The Edge](#), 08 8666 2222
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- Port Pirie: [Port Pirie Regional Tourism and Arts Centre](#), 08 8633 8700
- Quorn: [Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centre](#), 08 8648 6419
- Wilmington: [SJ & JA Wild](#), 08 8667 5444

Agents for cash payments for Limestone Coast parks are being set up. A list of agents will be available in early February for [Beachport Conservation Park](#), [Bool Lagoon Game Reserve](#), [Canunda National Park](#), [Coorong National Park](#) and [Little Dip Conservation Park](#).



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- [Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park](#)
- [Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park](#)
- [Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve](#)
- [Tallaringa Conservation Park](#)
- [Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park](#)
- [Witjira National Park](#)

The pass also allows you to camp for periods of up to 21 nights at a time in the desert parks (excluding Wabma Kadarbu Mound Springs Conservation Park). A Desert Parks Pass is required for entry into the Simpson Desert Conservation Park and Regional Reserve or travelling east of Mt Dare.

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Note

- Park Passes are not transferable and only available for private vehicles with up to eight seats. They are not valid for taxis, buses or mini-buses.
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FUNNIES

In the frozen foods department of our local grocery store I noticed a man shopping with his son. As I walked by he checked something off his list and I heard him whisper conspiratorially to the child "You know if we really mess this up we'll never have to do it again."

An American businessman was at the pier of a small coastal Mexican village when a small boat with just one fisherman docked. Inside the small boat were several large yellowfin tuna. The American complimented the Mexican on the quality of his fish and asked how long it took to catch them. The Mexican replied, that it only took a little while. The American then asked why didn't he stay out longer and catch more fish. The Mexican said he had enough to support his family's immediate needs.

The American then asked, "But what do you do with the rest of your time?"

The Mexican fisherman said, "I sleep late, fish a little, play with my children, take siesta with my wife Maria, stroll into the village each evening where I sip wine and play guitar with my amigos. I have a full and busy life, señor."

The American scoffed. "I am a Wharton MBA and could help you. You should spend more time fishing and with the proceeds, buy a bigger boat. With the proceeds from the bigger boat you could buy several boats. Eventually you would have a fleet of fishing boats. Instead of selling your catch to a middleman you would sell directly to the processor, eventually opening your own cannery. You would control the product, processing and distribution. You would need to leave this small coastal fishing village and move to Mexico City, then LA and eventually NYC where you will run your expanding enterprise."

The Mexican fisherman asked, "But señor, how long will this all take?"

To which the American replied, "Fifteen or twenty years."

"But what then, señor?"

The American laughed and said, "That's the best part. When the time is right you would announce an IPO and sell your company stock to the public and become very rich, you would make millions."

"Millions, señor? Then what?"

The American said, "Then you would retire. Move to a small coastal fishing village where you would sleep late, fish a little, play with your kids, take siesta with your wife, stroll to the village in the evenings where you could sip wine and play your guitar with your amigos."



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Taking the wheel!

Ask yourself –

What would you do if something happened to your driver?

Could you take their place?



Even the simplest of injuries or impairments could stop a driver's abilities. Driving the car is something you may take for granted

Here is a list of potential basic first aid injuries or impairments that could limit a driver's capabilities short or long term:

Asthma attack	Bites & stings	Bleeding
Burns & scalds	Choking	Concussion
Diabetic	Disaster	Dislocation
Electric shock	Epileptic seizure	Eye injury
Febrile convulsion	Fracture & dislocation	Hangover
Heart attack	Heat induced conditions	Hypothermia
Migraine	Poisoning	Severe anaphylactic reaction
Shock	Snake bite	Spider bite
Spinal injury	Sprains & strains	Stroke



Next trip –

Take the time to have a turn in the driver's seat.

Get to know the vehicle, its height, width, length

Get a feel for the accelerator and brake reaction times

Have you driven off road before?

Dirt, mud, rock, sand – they are all different

Ask for tips from your driver to handle the vehicle

What's the worst that can happen!?!?



On that note,

Do you know how to perform basic maintenance on the vehicle?

Tyre pressures? – When to let them down (ps sand driving)

Check the water? Oil? Coolant?



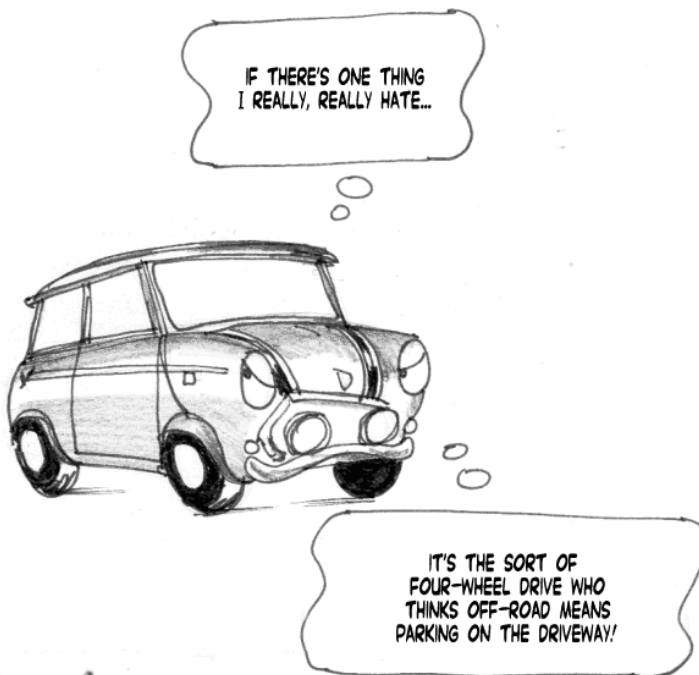
What sort of fuel does the vehicle take? What side is the fuel cap?

TIP: In most modern vehicles have an arrow to indicate what side the fuel cap is on!



TIP – TAKE the wheel

Tell/ask the driver that you would appreciate some constructive criticism (otherwise to keep their mouths shut)!



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And don't forget to send me your piccies and trip report for the magazine! Cheers Kylie

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