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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

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27



Prez Sez

Hi MLR members,

Only a short one this month- while breakfasts cooking at Alice Springs

WOW! Our (read Tanya and mine, yes the kids stayed home) trip through the red centre on our way to the Finke Desert Race - you'll read more about our adventures in next months newsletter - just shows you need to have a couple of different plans for just incase as well as backup navigation device! My iPad with Hema running decided to give up the ghost on morning two... I do run a cheap Chinese GPS with Ozi but don't really know how to use it - but we also had paper maps as well!

Although we are not on the original plan of our trip, the scenery is amazing and we can always go the original way another day.

As I said before you'll read all about it and see some photos in next months edition, this may get you excited to get out there and do it yourself?

Thanks to all members that attended the AGM especially those that out their hands up to take a role on the committee. This next twelve months promises to be a big one for MLR - the club is 20 years old next year so get your thinking caps on for an event that we could hold - fancy dinner somewhere - not so fancy dinner - a trip that goes to the same place as the very first official club trip (does anyone know where that was?)

Anyway my bacon and eggs are cooked - see you at the meeting

Tom Doody

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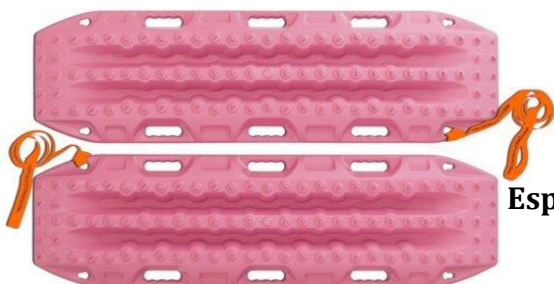
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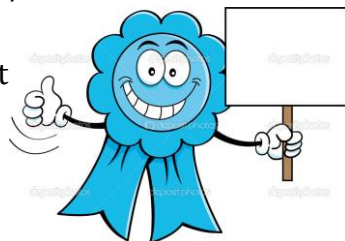
Criteria:

- 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

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BINNS TRACK TRIP

Written by Stella & Maureen Healey

Vehicles:

Lynn and Trevor Light

Ann and Andy Walsh

Pam and Neil Stokes

Stella and Maureen Healey

Binns Track runs some 2191 kms from Mount Dare to Timber Creek in N.T. Our group of 4 vehicles and 2 trailers started from Coober Pedy on Good Friday and finished at Alice Springs on Thurs April 15, having turned back off the track towards Alice Springs at the Devils Marbles just south of Tennant Creek. The distance covered was 2645 kms of which 1589 was along the Binns Track. (The Adelaide return trip for the Healey's was approx 5028 kms.)

Binns Track was named after Bill Binns a ranger of some 32 years in the N.T. who wanted to open up some of the little known and generally untouched parks in the N.T. Our route travelled through magnificent and varied country with roads ranging from the most primitive and narrow to the larger roads servicing station properties- plenty of corrugation and some bull dust with everything in between- including unexpected large pieces of car bodies in the middle of the road. The country was almost lush as rain had fallen in the previous few weeks.

BINNS TRACK TRIP

Early out from Alice Springs we criss-crossed the dry Ross River several times where we first sank into deep sand. However, having learned to cross at just the right speed for the trailers we didn't have occasion to use the recovery gear again. We found great bush camps all along the way and spent 3 nights at large water holes including two at The Old Policeman Water Hole in the Davenport Ranges.

We were surprised at the lack of wild life or even road kill much beyond Coober Pedy although there were plenty of birds. As we drove northwards there were donkeys seen and heard, especially at night. One bold traveller suggested that as feral animals, the donkeys should be controlled in the Parks but was howled down by the others. Plenty of dingoes roamed the area and sauntered along unfazed by our presence.

We made the mandatory stop at Dalhousie Springs in the Witjira Park but the water was too hot for more than a quick dip for most. Then a night at Alice Springs with well deserved showers before we set out north eastwards again

The trip was leisurely and we stopped off to search for gems and explore the old gold fields. A couple of lucky campers thought they had struck riches in the form of rubies but it wasn't to be. We marvelled at the isolation the early settlers must have endured and checked out the ruins along the way.

BINNS TRACK TRIP

We struck an enforced detour south of the Sandover Highway as we were unable to negotiate the rain affected track around Derry Downs Station. Our fearless leader forged an alternative route which saved at least some kms re-tracing our tracks.

We popped out on to the Stuart Highway at the Devil's Marbles and then stopped about 15 kms north of Alice Springs on the Tropic Of Cancer to say our fond farewells and take our separate ways home.

Trevor and Lynn took over the leadership (their first) at short notice from Wayne to save the trip. They did a great job and resolved challenges such as never losing us, finding ways around impassable tracks and settling on camping spots to suit all. Our thanks to them for a most enjoyable holiday.

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DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
13-18 June	Extended trip	Mark Curtis	Witchelina Pug Hill Hut Restoration
<i>MONDAY 15 June</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
19-21 June	Weekend trip	Paul McGregor	Willangi Octoberfest Firewood collection
3-5 July	Weekend trip	Phil Simes	Border Track
4-17 July	Extended trip	Gary Light	Simpson Desert West to East
4-17 July	Extended trip	Kevin Jessop	Simpson Desert East to West
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>		
28-30 August	Weekend Trip	Eric Kalderovski	Salt Creek 'Fishing comp'
12-13 Sept	Weekend Trip	Tom Doody	Camp Cook

**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
August		Graham Burdon	Birdsville, Longreach, Fraser Is
	Girls Trip	Jo Chaplin & Trish Dagri	Driving / tyre change / trip essentials

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Training

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 Sept, 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

For further information on training, please email Steve Townsend,

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Octoberfest



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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.

MURRAY SUNSET NP TRIP

Written by Michelle Watkin

Trip Leader:

Craig (& Michelle)

Vehicles:

Shorty & Sheralyn; Les; Kevin; Greg; Lainie; Jordan; Anthony & Brenda; Scott & Kerry; Lothar & Sheena; Peter & Jo; Rex & Sheri; Brenton & Jo; Ralph & Lyn; and first time trip people, Paul & Margaret – 15 cars which was quite amazing considering it was not a long weekend!

A brisk autumn day after rain 3 days before, saw Craig and Michelle arrive, caravan in tow, at the Shearer's Quarters campground on Friday May 22nd, to claim the MLR camp spot. Firewood was collected when Shorty and Sheralyn arrived and Les, Kevin and Greg brought a heap with them. Those lucky enough to have Friday off work or able to leave work early, trickled in through the day, with last to arrive Jordan, well after dark. Camp fire was well enjoyed by all as it was a very chilly night.



MURRAY SUNSET NP TRIP

Saturday morning we set off to explore the park. Craig had talked to 2 different rangers from the park, so we went on their recommendations – yes the trip leader had not driven the track before! We headed south and found mud puddles for Lainie and Jordan to play in. Some sand was found but because it was wet, it was easy driving. No mishaps, a new section of Border Track driven, and we were back ready to collect more firewood for the camp oven teas that everyone enjoyed.

Sunday saw everyone but 4 cars pack up and leave, some though joined the morning trip north on the Border Track to Yamba. Lunch at Renmark Bakery and the remaining 4 cars headed out to Lindsay Island to see real mud. Even those cars that were trying to keep clean could not avoid the bog holes on the Walla Walla Track. Quiet night enjoyed back at camp and home on Monday.

Thanks to all for a great weekend. Stay tuned for the next Watkin trip to Murray Sunset NP (Lindsay Island) for fishing, canoeing, yabbing, lazing but maybe not much driving.







GUEST SPEAKERS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
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JUST FOR LAUGHS

Someone asked an old man: 'Even after 60 years, you still call your wife Darling, Honey, Luv. What's the secret?'

Old man: 'I forgot her name and I'm scared to ask her'.

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch.

At the head of the table was a large pile of apples.

The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray,

"Take only one. God is watching."

Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies.

One child whispered to another, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

When NASA first started sending up astronauts, they quickly discovered that ballpoint pens would not work in zero gravity.

To combat the problem, NASA scientists spent a decade and \$12 billion to develop a pen that writes in zero gravity, upside down, underwater, on almost any surface including glass and at temperatures ranging from below freezing to 300°C.

The Russians used a pencil.

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the footpath, and stopped centimeters from a shop window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mate, don't ever do that again. You scared the daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap would scare you so much."

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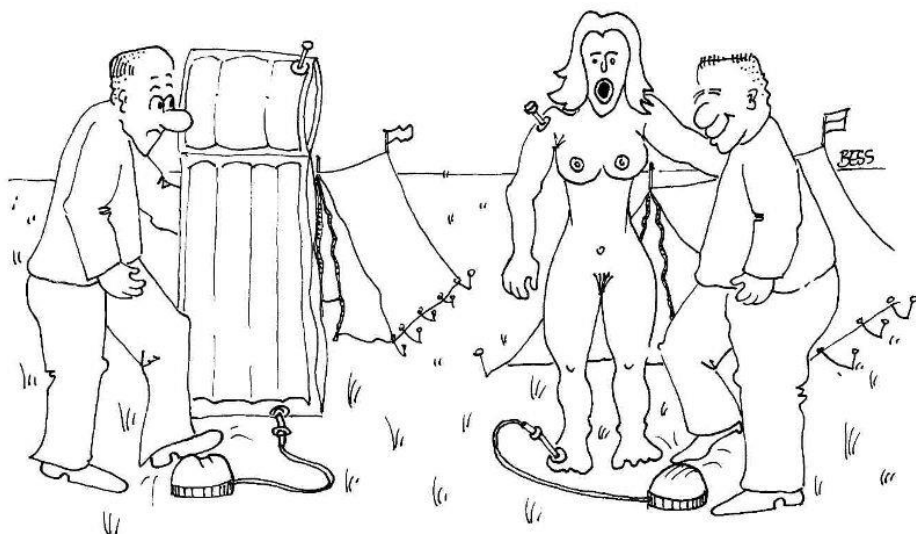
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STORY TIME

By Kylie Cooper

Now I'm pretty sure that everyone would agree with me that usually you only plug your fridge in the day before you leave for a trip?? Thinking I was clever by putting my fridge in my car in preparation for the day at Sea n Vines over the June long-weekend so my friends and I could keep our wine and nibbles chilled proved a lucky thought indeed! It turns out that the compressor had gone on my Primus fridge of just over 4 years (run out of warranty last September). Unfortunately I didn't have the receipt or proof of purchase, which Primus required to check warranty. I knew I purchased the fridge at Anaconda but they didn't have any member records on site, so I had to ring to customer service department who could search for me. 30 minutes later with an email confirmation forwarded to Primus warranty department, and my compressor was being replaced for free! Technology at its best right there.

The moral of the story is that you should not take things for granted, be organized and prepare for your trip in advance!



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Special General Meeting Thursday 18th June 2015, 5 pm.

Dear Nature Foundation Member,

You will have already been contacted about the Special General Meeting to be held on Thursday 18th June. While it was always proposed to present the various reasons the NFSA Council is recommending the proposed amendments to the Constitution at that meeting, and also to indicate what arguments could be put for retaining the current Constitution, some members have requested such arguments in advance to assist them in preparing their proxy votes. The attached information sheet does outline such information.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please do send your apology and proxy vote to Nature Foundation at least 24 hours prior to the Special General Meeting.

Kind regards

Susie Herzberg
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Oh man...words cannot express what happened to me after eating these. The Gummi Bear "Cleanse". If you are someone that can tolerate the sugar substitute, enjoy. If you are like the dozens of people that tried my order, RUN!

First of all, for taste I would rate these a 5. So good. Soft, true-to-taste fruit flavors like the sugar variety...I was a happy camper. BUT (or should I say BUTT), not long after eating about 20 of these all hell broke loose. I had a gastrointestinal experience like nothing I've ever imagined. Cramps, sweating, bloating beyond my worst nightmare. I've had food poisoning from some bad shellfish and that was almost like a skip in the park compared to what was going on inside me.

Then came the, uh, flatulence. Heavens to Murgatroyd, the sounds, like trumpets calling the demons back to Hell...the stench, like 1,000 rotten corpses vomited. I couldn't stand to stay in one room for fear of succumbing to my own odors.

But wait; there's more. What came out of me felt like someone tried to funnel Niagara Falls through a coffee straw. I swear my sphincters were screaming. It felt like my delicate starfish was a gaping maw projectile vomiting a torrential flood of toxic waste. 100% liquid. Flammable liquid. NAPALM. It was actually a bit humorous (for a nanosecond) as it was just beyond anything I could imagine possible.

AND IT WENT ON FOR HOURS.

I felt violated when it was over, which I think might have been sometime in the early morning of the next day. There was stuff coming out of me that I ate at my wedding in 2005.

I had FIVE POUNDS of these innocent-looking delicious-tasting HELLBEARS so I told a friend about what happened to me, thinking it HAD to be some type of sensitivity I had to the sugar substitute, and in spite of my warnings and graphic descriptions, she decided to take her chances and take them off my hands.

Silly woman. All of the same for her, and a phone call from her while on the toilet (because you kinda end up living in the bathroom for a spell) telling me she really wished she would have listened. I think she was crying.

Her sister was skeptical and suspected that we were exaggerating. She took them to work, since there was still 99% of a 5 pound bag left. She works for a construction company, where there are builders, roofers, house painters, landscapers, etc. Lots of people who generally have limited access to toilets on a given day. I can't imagine where all of those poor men (and women) pooped that day. I keep envisioning men on roofs, crossing their legs and trying to decide if they can make it down the ladder, or if they should just jump.

If you order these, best of luck to you. And please, don't post a video review during the aftershocks.



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Cheers Kylie

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