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Cover shot: Little Desert National Park— temporary loss of forward momentum. Tyre pressures or gearing?

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

Where are you going on a trip in 2015?
Have you thought about putting a trip
sheet up?



Deadline COB Monday 30 MARCH 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.

Rangers Review



Prez Sez

Well what a month! I think we are finally moved into our new house, complete with painting as we go—only have the shed to sort out and that's where the issue is..... The new house doesn't have room for a "man shed" so it's time for a clean out—the camper has been sold already so I need to be ruthless (apparently) and anything I haven't touched or used in the last six months must go!

The March long weekend has come and gone and sadly we couldn't make my trip to the Little Desert National Park—Liam had made the preliminary final for cricket, and as he will soon have a part time job, the chances of him playing finals again are getting less, so we thought it best that we make a family sacrifice and miss from what I've heard was a great weekend. Liam's team had won the separate T20 competition final on the previous Thursday night so were feeling confident going into the prelim—they won and the weekend just gone played off in the grand final against the arch enemy—Hahndorf, sadly the boys and one girl came agonisingly close falling short by just 18 runs from doing the double premier-ship!

From what I've seen and heard there are no trips up on the board for Easter??????????

The Doody's will be having another long weekend at home—preparing for our Finke Desert Race and Simpson Trip for 2 weeks in June. Information of this trip can be found further in this magazine, there are still spots available if you wish to join us.

The club year is drawing to a close.... The AGM is at on 11th May at our club meeting, if you think you have something to offer MLR, and would like to join the committee, come and have a chat at the club meeting this week with any of the committee. You will find a nomination forms at the meeting. Speaking of the AGM, it would be great to see **ALL** committee members at the next Committee meeting on Monday 23rd March at Belair Hotel, so we can discuss the year that's been and start discussing the year ahead with potential events, trips and ideas.

As discussed we now have a MLR Club person of the Year award, the criteria can be found further in the magazine, a huge thanks to "Handy Ben"- Ben DiGusto for making the trophy, it's great! Hopefully everyone will want to see it on their mantelpiece? At our last committee meeting we discussed the naming of this award, one option is to name it the "MLR Ken Brady Club Person of the year" or just the "MLR Club person of the year". Ken Brady was one of the founding members of MLR and also the first president, I have spoken to Ken and he is happy either way whichever way we decide to call the award. We will have a quick discussion and vote on this at our March meeting.

There will be no Guest Speaker at the March meeting, just a socialising—networking—share a drink with your mates or planning your next trip? April Guest Speaker will be Chubb Fire extinguishers.

Cheers



"It keeps me from looking at my phone every two seconds."

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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

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LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

March Long Weekend 2015



We began our journey to Little Desert National Park in north western Victoria, on the Saturday morning of the long weekend. After the latecomers (being yours truly) arrived at the Mount Barker Interchange at 7.15am, a convoy of about eight four wheel drives departed along the SE Freeway towards Kaniva. During our journey, we were greeted by one usual sighting: a semi-trailer towing a brand new train or tram carriage, *on route* to Adelaide. One

comment over our radio was "...now there's something you don't see every day". Too right!

After stopping in Keith for a hearty breakfast and a brief introduction to other members of our convoy, we continued across the border until we reached Kaniva. A missed turn after Kaniva lead us to Nhill (which wasn't part of our destination) and then onto what turned out to be a great afternoon of fun. After a wrong turn on dirt road, we ran into a local farmer, who obligingly suggested we check out a few old bomb shelters on his property.

While the bomb shelters were obviously disused, it was interesting to learn about some of the uses of the



land in past time. By this stage, the devastating effect of recent bushfire on the land was evident. The sand was still blackened in some places, and the native trees that remained had only just started to sprout new shoots from the trunks (an incredible adaptation if you think about it). As we continued to journey through the bushfire affected areas, we could see our orange dirt track meander for miles through a large, desolate area of nothing but charred trees and sand. This was great fun and certainly made towing a camper van challenging and rewarding for us!

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

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We stopped for lunch at an old quarry where it was on for all the boys and girls to see who could get their truck to the top of a huge pile of rubble. After much mud flap scraping, wheel spin and even some “air”, we eventually got there! From there, it wasn’t long until we reached Lake Ratzcastle, which is probably a fruitful lake in winter, but a dry summer left the

lake with only a skerrick of water (and to think I brought my bathers... Ha! I was dreaming!).

Day two of journey took us from Goroke (where an iced coffee stop was a must) to Lawiot track where a few branches needed to be moved off the track before our convoy could continue. We passed through Mal-lee shrub lands and turned into Sister Hills, and then Sambells track. We stopped briefly at Wild Dog Spring which was a pit of sandy dark earth with no “spring” in sight. We had lunch at a nearby vacated campground, and then continued on

to stop at a second natural waterhole/dam (hooray for water, but nobody was daring enough to drive through it). After lunch, we tackled the large tyre holes of Mount Moffet Track where the landscape changed from something that appeared to be post-apocalyptic, to picturesque

Mallee woodland. After coming to the consensus that we should not drive through what could be private land, we headed back to camp for some dinner and some decent rest. An adventurous weekend was had by all.



Kristian Sims

LITTLE DESERT NATIONAL PARK

March Long Weekend 2015



WHO DO YOU FLY WITH?

Least someone has a sense of humour...

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a 'Gripe Sheet' which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the Gripe Sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident.

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement. S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough. S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit. S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield. S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent. S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear. S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud. S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks causes throttle levers to stick. S: That's what friction locks are for.

P: IFF inoperative in OFF mode. S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield. S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing. S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny... S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums. S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit. S: Cat installed.

And the best one for last.....

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer. S: Took hammer away from midget

WILLANGI—TRACK BUILDING

March Long Weekend 2015

Due to a number of better working conditions I was able to get home and be ready to leave with Coralynne at 5:00pm on Friday afternoon. A short 2 ½ hour drive with a ½ hour tea break at Crystal Brook found us arriving at our camp site at 8:00pm. Just as a recommendation, the burgers we had at the local take away in Crystal Brook were sensational. Paul, Jenny and James McGregor were already at Willangi so we set up and settled down for a chat under the stars and bright moon of a beautiful autumn night.



Saturday morning Phil and Nathan Simes and Peter Davis turned up and after an early lunch we all headed over to the shed area (where Octoberfest is held) to meet up with Neil Sleep and some members from the Northern 4x4 Club. Our task for the day was to build a new track to add to the already impressive list of drives that are already on the property. The new track was to be a continuation of a dead end track that over the years we have all asked, "What is happening here then Neil". We spent quite a few hours moving rocks, removing bushes and scrub and knocking the sharp pointy out bits off too hard to move boulders. The track that was produced, which I filmed as I was driving it on Sunday morning, is a



fun drive with some nice little climbs and sharp turns. It terminates at one of the high spots on this property with fantastic views. We all agreed that after some rain comes through and makes a few wash outs it will be a challenging little run. At the completion of this track we decided that going down the other side would enhance the driving experience even further, so after some discussion it was decided that we would meet up again Sunday morning to continue on. We then threw out a quick invite to the

Northern 4x4 Members to come over for happy hour at our camp site which 4 of them took up. It was great to sit and have a chat with other club members for a while and discuss lots of different things and get some ideas of where to go for trips that we had not thought of. One very interesting discussion was our Octoberfest event that they were all very impressed with and are very much looking forward to this year's event. After they left we all had some tea and then settled down for a nice evening sitting around a small fire.

WILLANGI—TRACK BUILDING

March Long Weekend 2015

Sunday morning seemed to come around very quickly but we were ready to go and keen to build another track. We arrived at the shed to find Neil and Antoinette in the process of firing up the



the Caterpillar Bulldozer. This they assured us was the much preferred way of building a track. With this track being a bit longer than Saturdays, this mechanical help was very much appreciated. It did not negate us completely from having to knuckle down and do some work but it was very much easier. As Neil was driving the bulldozer over to the start point we drove up the previous new track again and we all decided that it still

was a great little drive. The new work for today has also produced a very nice little drive. It was a bit different, not only because of the bulldozer, but also because we were going downhill and not uphill like yesterday. All in a day's work though for us lot. Unfortunately I damaged a tyre coming back up the hill, the offending rock has now been chiselled off so as to save any others from meeting the same fate. The invite today was from the Northern Members asking us over for happy hour which we all went over for. Some more great conversation was had with like minded drivers, swapping some more ideas and telling a few tales. Coralynne and I departed to head over to the showers before meeting up with our guys back at camp for tea and another night around the fire.

Monday morning came around and we had a slow pack up and then headed off. The McGregor's headed off first to go to the Sleeps place and the rest of us left ½ hour or so after. Peter headed off home but the Simes and Coralynne and I called into Neil and Antoinette as well. We all had a good look around their next venture, train carriages that are set up as B and B, agreeing that they have the making of a great alternative type of accommodation coming along. The Simes and us headed into the only cafe open in Peterborough for some lunch before heading off.

Coralynne and I had a great weekend, and are now looking forward to our next trip. So where do you all want to go?

Cheers, Graham.



K. I. T.

"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

A PRODUCTION FROM THE FWDSA EXECUTIVE

FWDSA VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

You will all be aware that the Sampson Flat bushfires to the north east of Adelaide in early January devastated a large area and an enormous firefighting effort was required to get the fires under control. There was a significant impact on individuals, families, businesses, livestock and vegetation. There were 28 houses lost, including the homes of two Country Fire Service (CFS) volunteers.

The Toyota Landcruiser Club (TLCC) has been supporting residents in the fire ground areas for the past six weeks.

The work initially involved helping the residents with property clean up, tree removal and fencing etc but with the encouragement of Karlene Maywald the State Governments Bushfire Recovery Coordinator, our contribution has now turned to Logistics Support.

Over the past 4 weeks Club members have

- **transported family support kits from Wayville to affected families**
- **transported donated fence posts (permapine logs) from Lenswood to affected property owners**
- **transported donated fodder from adjacent areas to affected property owners**

To date each task assignment has been accommodated with four wheel drives with standard box trailers and is being completed on a "one scheduled day per week".

Toyota Club members have committed 450 hours to date but with the prospect that the support may be required for several more months and that demand may or could increase an invitation is extended to ALL other 4 wheel drive club members to join with TLCC members.

If you would like to clock up some Volunteer Hours for your Club by assisting in this very worthwhile cause, (or you would like some more information) please contact the

TLCC Project Coordinator Geoff Phillips

via enquiry@tlccsa.asn.au or phone Geoff on **0427 790 379**.

FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE ON THE FWDSA WEBSITE
www.4wdsa.asn.au

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



Guest Speaker for March:

Networking

Sharing a drink with club mates

Socialising

Planning your next trip?



WE WANT YOU

Are you interested in giving something back to your Club?

If so, read on...

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

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Tom Doody

(President)

president@mountloftyrangers.com.au

October
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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.



It is with great pleasure that
Nature Foundation SA President
Mr Bob Lott invites you
to the launch of

Watchalunga Nature Reserve

Saturday 21 March 2015
10.00am - 11.30am

The Hon Ian Hunter MLC
Minister for Sustainability, Environment
and Conservation
will officially launch Watchalunga Nature
Reserve, the newest property acquisition
by Nature Foundation SA

Post the launch, site tours will be conducted
(we suggest wearing suitable walking shoes)
Light refreshments will be provided - byo chair

RSVP essential by Thursday 5TH March
Email: naturefoundationsa@nfsa.org.au
Ph: 8340 28809

Location:

Watchalunga Nature Reserve is located
approximately 60 minutes from Adelaide
near the town of Finniss on the Fleurieu
Peninsula (approx 2km from Finniss General
Store).

Refer map overleaf.

Background:

Purchased because of its high conservation
value, Watchalunga comprises
approximately 92 ha of low lying Fleurieu
Peninsula Swamp at the mouth of the Finniss
River. This is a significant area of the 500ha
remaining Fleurieu Swamp area.

The property contains a number of
threatened species including two
Environment Protection and Biodiversity
Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999 listed species,
the Mount Lofty Ranges Southern Emu-wren
(endangered) and the Southern Bell Frog
(vulnerable).

Swamps of the Fleurieu Peninsula are listed
as critically endangered ecological
community under the EPBC Act.

Previous flora surveys have identified 31
indigenous species with more species likely
to occur with more thorough inspections.

Top: Tall reeds (*Phragmites Australis*) along the
Finniss River (Photo: Natasha Harper)

Bottom: Samphire, Southern Emu-wren (Photo:
Marcus Picket) and *Phragmites Australis*

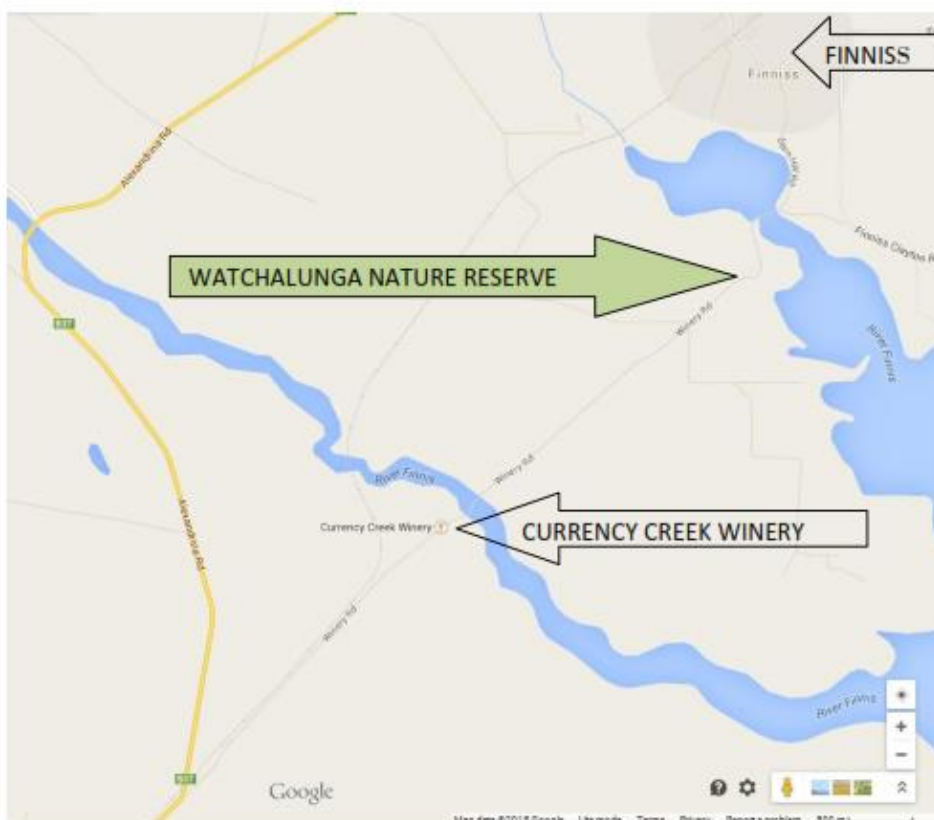


Acknowledgements:

Nature Foundation SA thanks everyone who has supported us over the last two years in the journey to purchase this property, and to key stakeholders particularly the Ngarrindjeri Regional Authority - Aboriginal Learning on Country Program (weed control, planting and fence work) and the Goolwa to Wellington LAP group (fencing, weed control and technical expertise). The Conservation Council has coordinated important ongoing research at this property and we look forward to managing this area, with input from other key stakeholders, for conservation gains.

We would also like to acknowledge the previous owners of the property, Mrs Elaine Poyntz and her late husband Ross, for their maintenance of this most important swampland area over many years.

Directions



From Strathalbyn

B37 out of Strathalbyn (Alexandrina Road)

Turn left at the Milang, Clayton (Lake Alexandrina) sign post onto Main Road, Finnis. Continue, road dog-legs then crosses railway line. Directly over train crossing, on the right is the Finnis General Store.

General Store> Watchalunga 2.3kms: Passing Finnis General Store on the right, travel along 1.5km to dirt road- Barn Hill Road, continue along the dirt road to 'T' junction. Turn right at junction, onto Winery Road [bitumen], after crossing the River Finnis road bends to the right - Watchalunga gate is on the left, immediately before the single-lane creek crossing (**Caution: take care as road S-bends at the entrance to Watchalunga**).

**there will be signage from Finnis to Watchalunga*

From Currency Creek

Past Currency Creek, turn off Alexandrina Road, right onto Winery Road- follow signs to Currency Creek Winery. Currency Creek Winery is on the left, 3.kms from winery Watchalunga gate is on the right, immediately after the single-lane creek crossing.

(**Caution: take care as road S-bends at entrance to Watchalunga**).

**there will be signage from the Currency Creek Winery to Watchalunga*

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FINKE DESERT RACE & SIMPSON

31 May—14 June 2015



Leaving Saturday 31st May for Farina, followed by the Oodnadatta Track, aiming to get to Alice Springs Friday morning.

What is “The Finke” you may ask? Now in it’s 40th year, the Tatts Finke Desert Race is an off road, multi terrain two-day race for bikes, cars, buggies and quads through desert country from Alice Springs to the small Aputula (Finke) community. The race is held each year on the Queen’s Birthday long weekend in June. “Finke” as it is commonly known, is one of the biggest annual sporting events in the Northern Territory and has the reputation of being one of the most difficult offroad courses in one of the most remote places in the world. Finke is unique and the most fun you can have with a helmet on!

Finke Desert Race festivities and vehicle scrutineering on Friday afternoon followed by qualifying on Saturday. Late Saturday afternoon head off down towards Finke to find a camp spot alongside the track. Sunday watch the competitors head to Finke and Monday till mid afternoon watch them head back to Alice Springs. Monday afternoon head towards Dalhousie Springs and then into and across the Simpson Desert towards the infamous Big red and Birdsville.

Expecting to be home over the weekend of 13/14 June

Interested talk to Tom or Jordan



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- *Grate Mates*
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- Tyre repair kit (large)
- 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

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Eric Kalderovskis,

Property Officer: property@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Bruce's Meat specialising in local pasture grazed beef, local first cross lamb from the Strathalbyn area and our pork is all female from the Adelaide Hills through too Two Wells in the north. We make all our own smallgoods, ham, bacon, fritz and have over 20 flavours in our award winning range of sausages.

Going away on a 4WD trip to remote areas then come and see us first we vacuum seal your meat at no extra charge giving you up to 4 weeks shelf life in your fridge, no need to freeze it.

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3 Great Locations

Mitcham

Mitcham Square Shopping Centre

119 Belair Road Torrens Park

Ph Bruce's Meat 8272 9539

Ph Poultry Options 8172 1388

Pasadena

Pasadena Green Shopping Centre

16-30 Five Ash Dr Pasadena

Ph 8276 4077

Fairview Park

Fairview Green Shopping Centre

325 Hancock Road Fairview Park

Ph 8231 6739

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FUNNIES

Hahahahaha



Poor Paddy

Paddy goes to the vet with his goldfish. "I think it's got epilepsy" he tells the vet. Vet takes a look and says "It seems calm enough to me". Paddy says, "I haven't taken it out of the bowl yet".

Paddy spies a letter lying on his doormat. It says on the envelope "DO NOT BEND ". Paddy spends the next 2 hours trying to figure out how to pick the thing up.

Paddy shouts frantically into the phone "My wife is pregnant and her contractions are only two minutes apart!"

"Is this her first child?" asks the Doctor. "No", shouts Paddy, "this is her husband!"

Paddy was driving home, drunk as a skunk, suddenly he has to swerve to avoid a tree, then another, then another. A cop car pulls him over as he veers about all over the road.

Paddy tells the cop about all the trees in the road. Cop says "For goodness sake Paddy, that's your air freshener swinging about!"

An old Irish farmer's dog goes missing and he's inconsolable. His wife says "Why don't you put an advert in the paper?" He does, but two weeks later the dog is still missing. "What did you put in the paper?" his wife asks. "Here boy" he replies.

FUNNIES

Mmmm hahahaha?

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Editor required

Sue has resigned as Editor in Chief of this fine publication, so we are in need for someone to put their hand up and help out for the next couple of months before we hold the AGM.

I'd like to thank Sue for her work with the magazine over the last couple of years. I go by the adage you must leave a job in a better place than when you took it on, and Sue has done that with this magazine, I'm sure you have enjoyed reading it as much as I have.

Do you have a passion for the written word, do you harbor becoming the next media mogul rising through the ranks of News Corporation—well this is the start you need!

Treat the next couple of months as your apprenticeship, in this cut throat world of Club Magazine editorship, priming your wit, your wordsmanship, your creativity, the world, no this magazine is your oyster! Please see Tom at the meeting if interested.

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Manuals and Certificates– new process this year

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

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

FROM THE DRIVER TRAINING UNIT (DTU) of 4WDSA

The government has introduced a requirement that all students involved in Vocational Education Training (VET), which the 4WD driver training certificates are part of, needs to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). The purpose is to create a central location where all VET qualifications are recorded. Any student can then get copies of their qualifications even if the training organisation that issued them does not exist anymore.

The USI will commence on 1 January 2015 and all new and continuing students undertaking nationally recognised VET courses will need to have a USI to receive their statement of attainment or qualification.

You create your USI online and provide it to the training organisation when you enrol to do a course. To create your USI you will need to access the USI website on <http://usi.gov.au>. This gives more information about the USI. The website is open now for you to create your USI.

From November 2014 the DTU will only accept applications for driver training courses that contain your USI. The application form for training manuals has been updated to include a section to record the USI. If the form you received from your training officer does not have an area to enter the USI, you have been given an out of date form. Ask your training officer for a copy of the latest application form.

Existing students already enrolled in the driver training courses will also need to apply for a USI and provide it to the DTU before your certificate can be issued. Also anyone requesting a certificate after completing the 4WD assessments will need to provide the DTU with their USI. We will need your USI before we can apply for the certificate. If you do not supply it, it will delay the issuing of your certificate.

www.4wdsa.asn.au

Training

Training provided by FWDSA Driver Training Unit (DTU)

14-15 March, 10-00am	Tyre Repair @ DTU Cavan (\$15-00)
3-6 April	MLR Training @ Jakem Farm (TBC)
16-17 May 9-00am 23—24 May	Basic Theory @ Cavan (\$20-00) DTU @ Morgan Quarry. Training \$40 Advisor \$60
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

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Advisor: Brenton Bowley

For further information on training , please email Steve Townsend,

training@mountloftyrangers.com.au

FRIENDS OF VULKATHUNHA-GAMMON RANGES NP

Update 1

Hi Tom

Some time back [early January if my memory serves me correctly] there was an email form MLR about the Friends of V-GRNP reforming.

I put my name forward as an interested person to join this group.

The convener has got back to me with the following email advice about an initial / inaugural meeting. .. now forwarding to you for FYI.

It is my intention to attend the meeting as per below.

Cheers

Ben Greeneklee
0429770372

Hello Everyone,

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the proposed re-establishment of the Friends of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National park (V-GRNP). It has been some time since you responded to my Expression of Interest. My delay in getting back to you has been due to obtaining a suitable venue and a date on which Lindsay Brown and Arthur Coulthard could attend. These gentlemen are the District Ranger and Indigenous representatives for the V-GRNP.

I am excited that I have received over 69 responses and I look forward to meeting you all at the meeting.

I can advise that the meeting will be on **Friday 27th March 2015 at Holden Street Theatres – 32 Holden Street Hindmarsh** – please arrive at 7 pm for a 7.30 pm start. Refer attachment. There is parking on-site as well as on Holden Street. The property is immediately south of the Coopers Stadium (Soccer). Directions from Adelaide City – take Port Road and immediately after the River Torrens bridge turn left on to Adam Street. Holden Street is 3rd street on the right.

To re-cap the Friends group was originally formed in November 2000 and a short time it was active. A couple of years ago a substantial bequest was made to the group from the Estate of C Warren Bonython – late last year I met with both Lindsay and Arthur at Balcanoona and at that meeting several suggestions were put forward on projects the bequest funds could be utilised. We decided that the first priority was to get the Friends group up and running again.

The purpose of the meeting is to do just that. It is hoped that at the meeting a new committee can be formed and following that the committee will meet and discuss projects that can be put forward to the Co-Management Board of the V-GRNP.

If you have any queries, please contact me on gdoats@bigpond.net.au

I look forward to your attendance.

Regards

Graeme Oats



HEATWAVE INFORMATION

SOURCE: Ian Mannix. ABC Local Radio Emergency Broadcasting.

Heatwaves

Heatwaves kill ten times more people than all other natural disasters in Australia put together. In the past the death toll has been made up of the aged, the very young, the homeless and those on medication, but increasingly farmers and those working outdoors are being affected. For that reason The Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) started its heatwave warning service. It is really important to understand what a heatwave is – it is NOT a “hot spell,” or a long series of hot days. It is a period when the body can’t cool down and recover from serious heat, with the definition below. Townsville experienced two “extreme heatwaves” this summer, which will surprise people who understand it is tropical. The definition and forecasts are at this BoM site

<http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/heatwave/about.shtml>

But here are the important, official details.

What is a heatwave?

Three or more days of high maximum and minimum temperatures that are unusual for that location.

How do we know a heatwave is coming?

Heatwaves are calculated using the forecast maximum and minimum temperatures over the next three days, comparing this to actual temperatures over the previous thirty days, and then comparing these same three days to the 'normal' temperatures expected for that particular location. Using this calculation takes into account people's ability to adapt to the heat. For example, the same high temperature will be felt differently by residents in Perth compared to those in Hobart, who are not used to the higher range of temperatures experienced in Perth.

This means that in any one location, temperatures that meet the criteria for a heatwave at the end of summer will generally be hotter, than the temperatures that meet the criteria for a heatwave at the beginning of summer.

ABC Local Radio will now issue “extreme heatwave” warnings on all Local Radio stations but we won’t be issuing “severe heatwaves” warnings. When people hear the warnings they should respond – tell others; keep hydrated; reduce outdoor activity; find ways of cooling down for long periods (cinemas; shopping centres; libraries; but NOT golf courses, as they require effort and golfers can’t stay in the shade.) Incidentally, the person who created the heatwave warnings, John Nairn, is at the BoM in Adelaide and has become a global reference on heatwaves as a result.

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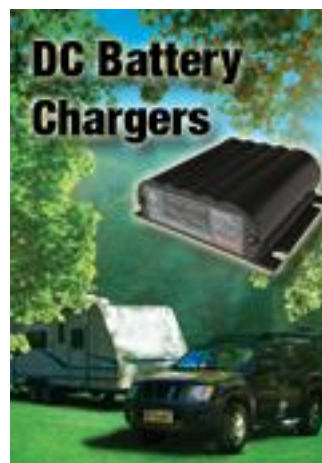
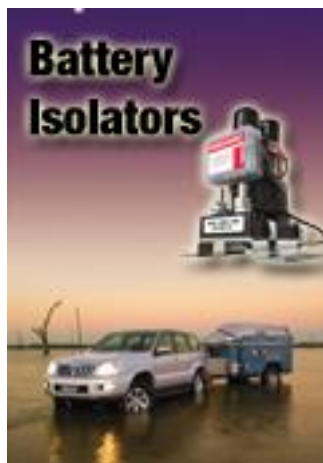
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Date	Event	Contact	Details
<i>Monday 16 March</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
3-17 April	Extended Trip	Wayne Ritchie	Binns Track section
18-23 April	Extended Trip	Mark Curtis	Witchelina (see in- side or Trips Board
<i>Monday 13 April</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
30 May-14 June	Extended Trip	Tom Doody	Finke Desert Race- spectating & camping
<i>Monday 11 May</i>	<i>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
<i>Monday 15 June</i>	<i>MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
1 July —1 Au- gust	Extended Trip	Les Toomer	Register of Interest
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
26 July—19 September	Extended Trip	Steve & Chris Wrobel	Cape York
TBC	Girls Trip	Jo Chaplin & Trish Dagri	Driving / tyre chang- ing/ trip essentials

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