

Rangers' Review

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Ali Ford

1946 - 2015

For those of you who read the emails or follow our Facebook you would have seen that sadly Ali Ford passed away after her long and strong fight, it was great to see many club members attend and pay their respects at her funeral. I was lucky enough to be able to speak at the funeral on behalf of MLR and the Doody family, I received a message from Marika, Ali's daughter the week after the funeral thanking both MLR and myself for being an important part in Ali's life.

RIP Ali.

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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 <u>second Monday of each month*</u> 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





Sitting here writing this at the desk in the study, looking for inspiration, the laminated Australian map on the wall in front of me is not helping! There is simply too much of this great country that I haven't seen yet and my mind starts wandering and wondering to all the possible trips that I could be doing, if only time and money was easy to come by. Speaking of time, I'm currently 4 weeks post op and the hip is cruising along, still on crutches for another 2 weeks or so but both the hip and the rest of my body seem to be at least 3 weeks in front of the last time I had surgery on the same hip. Unfortunately due to the nature of my current role at work, I am not able to be back at work until the first week of January... Although I've been restricted in some activities, it's not to say I've been a couch potato, having said that the World Series Baseball has been great viewing - GO Kansas City Royals! Tanya has had 4 weeks off to care for me at home and we've tried to go for an outing somewhere every day to beat the boredom, whether it's a drive in the car or a walk (doctors' orders are to walk, walk and more walking), she goes back to work next week so I'll need to amuse myself? I've enrolled to do a Cert 4 TAE which once completed will enable me to move from a 4WD trainer to become a Trainer and Assessor with the 4WDSA Driver Training Unit. Once of the crutches there will obviously be a bit of light gardening, pool cleaning and under Doctors orders lots of walking!

So what has been or will be happening in MLR land?

Christmas is fast approaching so this means 2 things! Our Christmas show is not far away – weekend of November 21^{st} at Towitta Park – All you can eat Pizza (and they are GREAT) a couple of driving activities Saturday afternoon, followed by some great entertainment during the evening. All you need to do is bring your sleeping arrangements if you are staying over and BYO drinks. Get you name on the trip sheet as we need to know how many will be attending for catering purposes. The other Christmas function for our December meeting is our social night with \$2 champers for the ladies and our Christmas raffle (you can find more info on this somewhere in the newsletter).

Once Christmas is over our focus turns to our Australia Day Beachport trip, Australia Day this year falls on Tuesday so suck up to the boss and get the Monday off so you have a 4 day weekend! We have been approached by the Adventurers 4WD Club to join them for a catered meal and quiz night on the Saturday of this weekend, more information will be on hand at the club meeting.

Our constitution is almost finalised by the lawyer for presenting to the club. The queries and suggestions from the members from earlier in the year have been actioned and the committee's thoughts are that once we have the final changes back, we will send a copy to all financial members to look at in early December (as well as having them posted on our website) and then vote on all changes in one motion at our January meeting. Once ratified we will then need to lodge with Office of Consumer and Business Affairs.

See you at the club meeting on Monday 9^{th} , or at Snowy's Camping Store on Wednesday 11^{th} or Towitta for our Christmas show on weekend of 21^{st} November? How about all three?

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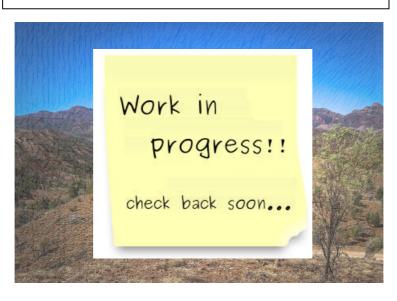
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Criteria:

- ➤ 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

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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 - 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)
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PEAKE TRIP

Courtesy of Steve Townsend

MLR & Jeep Club

Saturday 10th October 8-30am at the rear of the Shell S/S Tailem Bend I met the 5 members of the Jeep Club and some of our Members for the short run down to Peake. Quite a warm day with a little breeze now and then, and lots of blue sky. After setting up camp we decided to just drive around checking out the dunes and tracks till about 12-00pm when we all gathered for lunch and discuss the afternoons Training activities.

Lunch finished and we slit up with Trainers going out with those requiring training and the rest just enjoyed driving around the dunes having fun. The sand was quite soft so tyre pressures were dropped down to the 12 - 16 psi so that we could better traction up the dunes. Some still had issues so down to 8 - 10 psi became the norm and it is amazing how much easier it is with such low pressures. The only issue with these pressures is that you need to be very careful turning so that you don't roll a tyre off the bead of the rim!!! Somewhere around 5-00pm we all found ourselves back at camp for a refreshing beverage (It was quite warm and we did not want to get dehydrated?) Simon, from the Jeep Club, got straight into getting a fire going not because it was cold but because it is the thing you do when camping out, and because he needed coals for cooking his tea. Lots of world problem solving was discussed around the fire Saturday night which bore no reality to the days activities. Sunday morning we woke up after a stormy night with lots of thunder, lightning, wind and rain. After breakfast it was out on the sand for those that required assessing, and with the rain the previous night some of the sand was a lot firmer than the day before making some of the hill ascent's quite easy. But after a few vehicle had driven through the firm sand disappeared and we were back to the soft stuff. While I was assessing some of the Jeep members Shorty and Glenn were going through the process of snatch retrieval with the rest of the group. Now is the time to mention tyre pressures. After setting our tyre pressures on Saturday, with hot tyres having just driven from Adelaide, down to 10-12-psi they tend to be considerably less the next day after they have cooled down during the night. A fine example of this occurred when one vehicle broke the bead seal on the out rim on some of the wheels of his vehicle, consequently 3 flat tyres. Just a reminder to check your tyre pressures every morning BEFORE moving off while driving in sand. A great weekend was had by all and I am looking forward to 2 Training session at Peake next year.

PEAKE TRIP















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OCTOBERFEST

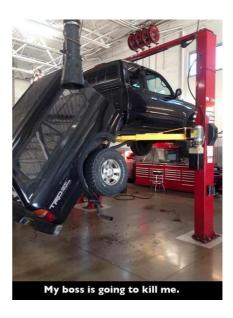
2015 4WD Octoberfest Willangi Bush Escapes Properties Trip Courtesy of the Riddles from Gawler & District 4WD Club

After a fabulous Saturday Night listening to and watching the entertaining Strickland Road Band we had a wonderful Big Brekky cooked by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club with proceeds to RFDS. What a feed with Bacon, Snags, Eggs, Baked Beans and a Bread Roll each.

John and Jane Jansen were in charge of leading our Gawler & District 4WD Club Members astray this afternoon around the various properties around Willangi. 8 vehicles set off from camp to explore. Along the way we found a prospective new vehicle the boys had to check out in great detail.

We rocked and rolled and bumped our way around and up and down the various tracks we found. Jodies Track was a bit more challenging than Jane would have liked but everyone did ok taking it nice and slow and steady and some wanted more of the same but Jane's stress levels couldn't handle more of that haha. Eldortrilla Tracks we came across 3 vehicles on top going the other way which was a good spot to pass on by thankfully. We all had a lovely nice drive along the top of the hill with views all around including we could see camp in the distance. We then headed back down part of Jodies Track with Jane holding her breath all the way. A nice challenging afternoon was had by all thanks to Jane for leading us astray;)





OCTOBERFEST

2015 4WD Octoberfest Black Rock Peak Challenging Trip Courtesy of the Riddles from Gawler District 4WD Club

Martin and Martin (M&M) and us (Dave, Michele, Jessica Riddle) from Gawler 4WD Club joined a group of vehicle's from various clubs to do Black Rock Challenge Drive first thing Saturday Morning, Flag no 4 we met at for a 9:30am departure. Glenn from Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club was our trip leader with 9 vehicles total and Ron from MLR taking up the rear to fill his ute with lollies for being tale end Charlie and closing the gates. After a bit of a blacktop drive we turned onto the property and let our tyres down ready to 4WD. Yesterday's track took us up a hill for a view but had to watch the tall grass underneath with unusually warm weather it had started to dry out quite quickly. Nice drive down a shaly hill made for an even better drive back up it with a step up half way. Lunch stop on the hill with the grasshoppers was a nice breeze that was a bit too breezy for hats to stay on heads and dried out sandwiches quite nicely if you liked them that way;)

After lunch we were back out on the tracks going up and down and making lunch shake down a bit. Repeater Station switch back track hill had lovely 360 degree views. This Survey Marker was interesting with it saying there was a 20 pound fine if found to interfere with it. Like to see them get 20 pounds out of anyone these days.

Time for a dog leg before heading to the back of the property. In a cloud or bubble of dust we made it up the hill that wasn't as loose as last time. Windows up and Air Con on was needed for that and looking for the track through the dust was challenging at times. No blacktop needed to get back to camp by 2:30 so a dry creek bed play was on the cards before happy hour. Happy Hour was HUGE so much food for everyone including metre long Mettwursts wow what a feed. We struggled to eat dinner that night before setting up our chairs to have a great night listening to the band.



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Photos courtesy of Phil Simes

Phil somewhere playing in the dust at Terowie





Kevin needing a gentle tug after getting hung up on rear bar



Keen crowds await welcome on Saturday morning



Carinya selfie





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2015 TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS			
MONDAY 9 November	MLR Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood					
WEDNESDAY 11 th November	Club night & BBQ	Gary Light	Snowy's			
21 November	MLR Xmas with woodfired pizza	Tom Doody	Towitta			
MONDAY	Xmas Raffle & champagne for the ladies!7.30pm					
14 December	Blackwood Foot	Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood				
27 th Dec – 3 rd Jan	Extended Trip	Roger Wilkinson	Victorian High			
			Country			
26 th January 2016	Extended long weekend	Tom Doody	Beachport			
April 2016	Expression of interest	Tom Doody	20 year Anniversary Dinner			

Get in and book your site for the **Beachport** Weekend MLR stay in **block D**

HINT: Take the Monday off and make it an extra long weekend!

<u>Trips</u> from Beachport can be made to:

Robe, Carpenter's Rocks(we will be looking for trip leaders)
AND it doesn't have to be all about 4WDing!!!



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

KRIS KRINGLE VS EVIL SANTA

Bring a small \$10 wrapped gift for Kris Kringle NEW RULES this year.... when your name is called from the raffle draw you have a choice to be EVIL and 'steal' someone else's gift as your own or choose a wrapped one from the selection.



BRING A SMALL PLATE TO SHARE LADIES DRINKS







MLR CLUB TRAINING

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

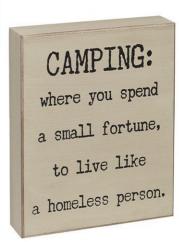
For further information on training, please email Steve Townsend,

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I hate it when people are at your house and ask "Do you have a bathroom?"

No, we shit in the yard.





GUEST SPEAKERS

<u>Month</u>	Guest Speaker	
November	Snake Away	_ //
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For further information or to book a guest speaker, please email Gary Light, Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

DON'T MISS OUT!!

Do you need camping kit replaced? Do you need extra kit?

MLR will be holding a Club night and BBQ at "Snowys" on

Wed 11 Nov 6:30 - 8:00 PM

This is an ideal excuse to do some Christmas shopping.

The evening will include:

- Sausage Sizzle (supplied by the Club)
- Exclusive access to the shop
- Discounts for those who attend

If you would like to attend make sure you put your name on the Trip Sheet at the



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CLUB NIGHT

Find a buddy to carpool with – roadworks on Richmond Road reduces parking spots!

BYO soft drinks, water, juice etc

(No alcohol allowed)

NO BRAINER BACKYARD MECHANICS (3)

Images courtesy of Steve Brown *please note these are in no way a representation of his own repairs!



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FUNNIES

I don't use the Ask Siri function on my phone but whoever programmed the responses obviously has a sense of humour!!!

What does Siri mean?

• It's a riddle wrapped in an enigma, tied with a pretty ribbon of obfuscation.

Are you a man or a woman?

• Don't let my voice fool you: I don't have a gender

Do you believe in God?

• Humans have religion. I just have silicon.

How old are you?

• I'm old enough to be your assistant.

What's your favorite app?

• That one. No, that one. Or maybe that one. Yep, that one.

How much do you earn?

• Well, I'd help you for nothing. It's my pleasure. Do you smoke?

 $\bullet \quad \textit{That's not healthy. I wouldn't recommend it.}\\$

Siri, do you sleep?

• I don't need much sleep, but it's nice of you to ask. What's your favourite colour?

• Well, I don't know how to say it in your language. It's sort of greenish, but with more dimensions.

Will you vote for Obama?

• May the best human win.

What's zero divided by zero?

Imagine that you have 0 cookies and you split them evenly among 0 friends. How
many cookies does each person get? See, it doesn't make sense. And Cookie
Monster is sad that there are no cookies. And you are sad that you have no
friends.

Siri, I need to hide a body.

· What, again?

Does Santa Claus exist?

• Let's just say I'm not the only one who knows if you've been good or bad.

When will the world end?

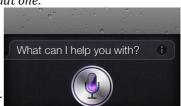
• I don't know, but I wouldn't worry about it... there are other perfectly good universes,

Can you lend me some money?

• You know that everything I have is yours.

Do you have a boyfriend?

• "Why?" Siri asks, "So we can get ice cream together, and listen to music, and travel across galaxies, only to have it end in slammed doors, heartbreak and loneliness? Sure, where do I sign up?





NATURE FOUNDATION

Managing Feral Predators - Spring 2015

The Spring Appeal will use funds generated to help manage the ongoing threat of feral predators to native birds and animals on Witchelina and Hiltaba Nature Reserves. The Management Plans for both properties prioritise pest management with the objective of reducing the number of feral predators (foxes and cats) and their impact on native fauna.

The reality of conservation is that we need to be proactive with a strategic and targeted approach to decreasing predator numbers – inaction would have a devastating effect on wildlife. Nature Foundation SA has a predator control programme on our Witchelina and Hiltaba properties and ecologist Sally South is helping the Foundation to conduct analysis on the gut content of the feral cats. This has yielded some startling and even heartbreaking discoveries.

Since November 2012 over 400 cats have been removed from Witchelina alone and their stomach contents analysed – 4,928 prey items were eaten including 164 bearded dragons! Other content included Stimson's python, sand goanna, sleepy lizards, mulga and brown snakes and echidnas. Most importantly small localised populations of species such as the endangered Thick-billed Grasswren at Witchelina and the Short-tailed Grasswren at Hiltaba, are particularly at risk as they are ground dwelling. This Appeal is critical to the Management Plan goal to increase the abundance and distribution of these precious native birds.

This appeal is a 'call to action' for supporters of the Foundation to help us generate the necessary funds to help reduce predation, and to increase the populations of endangered species on our properties. We hope that you will consider a tax-deductible donation to this Appeal.

We encourage you to make Nature Foundation SA your 'charity of choice' with the knowledge that you are contributing to our most precious and fragile resource – our natural environment. Your support is what both enables us, and inspires us to aim for even more ambitious conservation outcomes.

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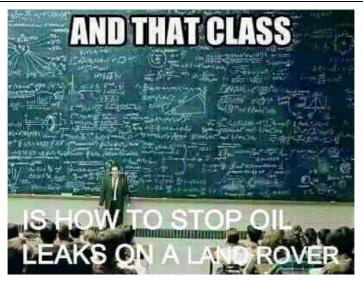
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RECIPES

Boy Scout Supper

Prep time 30 mins Cook time 1 hour

Total time

1 hour 30 mins



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Ingredients

- 1½ ground beef (preferably ground chuck)
- 4-6 medium potatoes, cut into wedges
- 1 bunch carrots, cut into chunks (may use pre-cut carrots approx. 1 cup)
- 2-3 medium onions, cut into wedges
- garlic powder
- · onion powder
- salt & pepper to taste
- Aluminum foil for packets

Instructions

- 1. Lay out aluminum foil in long strips. I criss-cross two sheets. (This recipe is for 2 adult packets using 2 patties each)
- 2. Make ground beef into hamburger patties.
- 3. Add 2 hamburger patties (one patty for children) onto the aluminum foil strip.
- 4. Add potatotos, carrots, and onions around the hamburger patties.
- 5. Sprinkle the garlic, onion, salt & pepper over the hamburger patties and vegetables.
- 6. Seal up the aluminum foil making a square or rectangle. Make sure there are no openings.
- 7. Once your packets are made, it is time to add them to the grill.
- 8. Place on higher rack of grill (you do not want to be directly on the heat). We do ours on a second higher rack.
- 9. Cook approximately 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours, depending on size of packet.
- 10. Remove carefully, as packet will be hot.
- 11. Enjoy!

This is an easy recipe to adjust the size with. Use how many patties and the amount of vegetables per packet depending on your family, whether they are adults or children.

RECIPES

Campfire Dump Cake

Ingredients

- 1 boxed Cake Mix
- 2 large cans of pie filling

Directions

Line your oven - OPTIONAL but saves you a ton of time and scrubbing!

Pour the pie filling into the oven.

Pour the cake mix in the oven. Put the lid on and place it in the hot coals of the campfire. Let cook 30-40 minutes.

(You can even make one of these in the oven - the cooking time was a little shorter but exact same concept!)

Since all of the "dumping" of ingredients is done while the oven isn't in the fire this is a perfect campfire activity for little hands to help!















FOR THE LADIES

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game. The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap, politely declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun. He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa." Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game. The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer. "Okay" says the lawyer, "your turn." She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references, no answer. He taps into the air phone with his modem and searches the net and the library of congress, no answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and co-workers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde, and hands her \$500.00. The blonde says, "Thank you," and turns back to get some more sleep. The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

HOW TO BE A BETTER CAMPER

If you love being outdoors and camping, you probably know that sometimes a camping trip can be ruined by those who don't care for the are new to camping (or even just want a refresher), here are 8 tips to help make you a better camper.

LEAVE NO TRACE

No-one likes arriving at a dirty campsite. Always take all rubbish with you. Leaving bags of rubbish, bottles and food scraps at your campsite is disrespectful to the environment and fellow campers. Don't be a pig.



DON'T BE PUSHY

If a campsite is full when you arrive, don't try to squeeze yourself in to a site already occupied. Chances are, the campers there first, don't want to share their private space. If the campsite is full, move on. Don't be that uninvited



3 BE THE EARLY BIRD

Driving around looking for a campsite at night is not fun for anyone, but arriving very late at night, and then setting up-campsite loudly and with all lights on, isn't a good way to make friends with fellow campers. Try to arrive in



WATCH YOUR DOG

When dogs are allowed at your campsite, make sure they stay close to you and not bother others. Not all campers love your furry friend as much as you do!

This can also apply to children!



5 WALK AROUND A CAMPSITE

Don't walk through campsites where others have set up. Even if the campers are not there. Walk around the site. If you accidentally stumble across a campsite, a quick apology/hello, and then walk around.



NOISY CAMPERS ARE NOT COOL

Keep the noise to a minimum after 10pm if surrounded by other campers. At night, noise travels.

Generator use should be kept to a minimum if at a campsite where they are allowed.



FIRE UP THE RIGHT WAY

Campfires are great but take responsibility for any you create - know the fire restrictions for where you are and never leave a fire unattended. Know how to extinguish your campfire the right way



CARE FOR FACILITIES

Help make any available facilities a pleasant place to visit! Drop toilets - don't put rubbish down them, and shut the lid! Flush toilets - flush. Shower stalls - leave clean and mopped. Seriously. This is not hard to do.







A WORD FROM THE EDITOR

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

Cheers Kylie

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