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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

I am currently writing this at some ungodly hour during the night after being woken by one of my hospital roommates, he was having a psychotic hallucinatory episode, I couldn't help but be impressed with what he was seeing.....?

WOW! WOW! WOW!

For those of you who didn't go to our third edition of Octoberfest - you simply don't know what you missed, the plaudits have not stopped from the other clubs and them enquiring as to if we are running another one in 2017? With over 80+ entrants joining us on the weekend and at one stage looking at cracking the hundred entrants, this event just continues to go from strength to strength. I won't go into too much detail here as I know Paul has put something together for the magazine and hopefully there'll be a trip report and photo or two as well. However I'd like to firstly call out the sub-committee for the work they did pulling this event together and secondly the MLR members present who were more than willing to offer a hand whether it was with set up or cooking the RFDS Big Brekky. I was lucky or unlucky enough (depends on your point of view) to be off work for a couple of weeks prior to the event to do what we needed to get done but there were two other people place work on hold for a couple of days - Paul McGregor and Glenn Bull all I can say is thanks!

Now the questions start - do we want to run another one? Where? Do we go bigger and run a National event? All good thought provoking questions that will come to light once we sit down and have a debrief of this years great event with all stakeholders.

As written from the hospital bed (on the psych ward apparently)

Tom

YOUR COMMITTEE 2015-16

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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



Club equipment for loan!

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

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SAUNDERS GORGE TRIP

Report courtesy of Anthony Ilsley

Saunders Gorge Sanctuary, 23rd August, 2015.

We met outside the Saunders Gorge Sanctuary at 10 am (only 70 odd kms from Adelaide) to do the one-day “Eagle View 4WD Track organized by Scott Watkin.

What is now a sanctuary has been a sheep station. The present owners bought the property in 1994 and developed it into a tourism business. It has a 100 year old stone cottage B&B, other “eco lodges” and a restaurant.

The 4WD track was added in 2005, which allowed for a one-way approximately 20km loop using some old mining and other access tracks. The property was badly affected by the 2014 Eden Valley fires and no longer has sheep grazing to allow the vegetation to recover.

The 4WD track is moderate to severe and rocky for the most part. A feature of the track is that it has so-called optional rough sections. Drivers can choose either the extreme or moderate challenge, but most of the vehicles managed to handle the extreme sections, which were, shall we say, somewhat testing of driver and vehicle capability. The track started off being rocky and steep, but was reasonably achievable with respect to clearance, by plotting a good line. Further along it became increasingly difficult, with some impressive angles of descent and narrow rock-walled corners.

At the base of the beautiful green slopes we were met with deep water filled mud ruts, and for those who ventured through, scored the chocolate wheel cleaning challenge over the next week. The final section was the longest and most spectacular, climbing wheel by wheel up the steep grade, and at the top rewarded with 360 degree views along a high ridge.

We visited old mine sites on the way out, stopping for lunch under spreading gum trees at a now disused wooden fenced stock-yard. The rolling hills were beautifully green and were highlighted with impressive 19th century dry stone walls built by Scottish settlers. In fact, we all commented that it was more like a drive through Scottish highlands.

Thanks to Scott, this all made for a very pleasant day out with no-one needing recovery assistance.

SAUNDERS GORGE TRIP

Photos courtesy of Peter Davies



SAUNDERS GORGE TRIP





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OCTOBERFEST

Courtesy of Paul McGregor (Photos from various posts on MLR facebook page)

4wd Octoberfest 2015 Quick Overview

Hi MLR Members,

Our 3rd Biannual 4wd Octoberfest has been run and won. Lots of you would of been there soaking up the sun and fun but here is a bit of a recap for everyone.

Our 3rd event was based at Willangi Bush Escapes in Peterborough SA over the Labor Day October Long Weekend. The weekend is designed to bring the 4wd club members from SA together to enjoy a social and active weekend whilst showcasing the mid north.

We had 82 vehicles attended, 91 pre registered but a few pulled out close to the event for various reasons. This was up by 4 vehicles compared to our 2013 event. Mount Lofty Rangers members and sponsors incorporated 35 of those attending. Other clubs provided 47 attendees up 14 on 2013 so a very strong growth from the others.



Other Clubs in attendance included;

- Southern Explorers
- Gawler and Districts
- Nissan Patrol
- 4wd Adventurers
- Range Rover
- Central Hills
- Jeep
- Northern
- Toyota
- Whyalla
- Border Country
- Edinburgh Hornets

OCTOBERFEST

We couldn't do this without the outstanding support of our club sponsors and our event sponsors, we ask you support our sponsors who support us when possible these include;

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A proportion of the 4WD Octoberfest subcommittee and club members arrived at Willangi early afternoon on Thursday ready to start setting up the camp site and registration shed. A few attendees took advantage to arrive soon after. Registration opened from 12pm Friday through until 9pm. Most arrived on the Friday with a couple trips to do Bendleby Billy Goat being filled very early so a replanning took place a new trip put up. Day trips on Saturday and Sunday left from Willangi between 8.30 and 10.00 am each day. Adrienne hosted a Saturday night Sunset cruise. Glenn and Tom arranged a Sunday night navigation drive which was well supported. Driver Training Unit Allan McIntyre and Edmund Morries were in attendance providing training and guidance to ladies on both days and we sincerely thank them for their time and work.



OCTOBERFEST

Saturday afternoon we hosted the Happy Hour where we provide a large spread of nibbles for all attendees to enjoy with all the sponsors available for a chat about their businesses. Saturday night saw the return of the Strickland Road Band featuring ex Pres Graham Jones, Coralynne Jones, Phil Simes and Kevin Jesshope plus there ensemble of talented friends with a huge crowd in attendance dancing the night away.



Sunday morning saw our inaugural Fundraising Big Breaky with 130 plus people paying for a cooked breakfast using funds donated by Four Wheel Drive SA, Sausages and Bacon donated from Bruces Meat and Poultry Options, 16 dozen eggs donated by Willangi Bush Escapes and Bread Rolls donated by Paul and Jenny McGregor. Very capably cooked and managed by whole bundle of MLR members directed by Gary Light. Considering the time change losing 1 hour of sleep plus a late night up watching the band there were a few tired people on Sunday. Lots of other items were donated to assist in the weekend I will list these out at our meeting.



OCTOBERFEST

Sunday night was planned to have our Camp Cook Competition but with forecast high temperatures and reasonably strong winds it was agreed for safety reasons and fire risk to cancel the competition and not light the large fire required. Attendees had been pre warned the week prior to a possibility it may not go ahead due to the weather forecasted even at that time.



It was decided pre event to have a raffle for the prizes we were lucky enough to receive from our sponsors with a portion of funds to be donated. This was held from 9.00 am Saturday with lots of lucky winners sharing in the 40 plus prizes, I must have bought dud tickets as I got zip ☺.

We had lots of MLR club members step up to lead trips, some for their first time, we very sincerely thank them for this because without them we will not have an event.

MLR Trip Leaders included the following, Gary Light, Kevin and Heather Jesshope, Luke and Laura Hooper, Wayne Ritchie and Sue De Boer, Don and Jutta Cameron, Craig and Michelle Watkins, Ron Versteeg, Glenn Bull, Tom Doody, Brenton and Jo Bowley, Adrienne Vukovic, Paul McGregor, Phil and Anne Marie Simes, Trevor and Lynn Light.

Also Ian and Bonnie Stanley from 4wd Adventurers and Dave and Helen Richards from the Nissan Patrol Club were kind enough to jump on board as well with each leading a trip to do Bendleby Billy Goat track enabling more trips to be run there to meet the demand.

OCTOBERFEST

I would like to thank the tireless work of Octoberfest subcommittee members which included Graham Jones, Tom Doody, Glenn Bull, Gary Light, Wayne Ritchie, Phil Simes, Greg Healey, Steve Townsend and Garry Blunt. Their wives and partners often had a large part to play as well so a special thanks to them too. I would be amiss not to thank all the people who helped, but so many of you stepped up to do so much I couldn't list you all here who helped set up, pack up, first aid, take on TEC role, assist in the breakfast, look after the campers as they arrived either in registration or in the camp ground, setting up the stage etc etc, but please accept this as a big thank you from me and the club.



Overall the event was a huge success again and speaks very loudly on what a great club we have. It was discussed at the event of sharing some of the trip leading between the clubs to share the load, with a club responsible for the reccie, providing trip leaders and running the trips. Several clubs showed interest in assisting in this way if we chose to do another event.

A large donation can be donated to the RFDS thanks to some of the fundraising activities we undertook over the weekend.

Everyone was asking enthusiastically where to from here, will there be another, where will it be, which are all very good questions. At this stage all we can say is we will have a subcommittee debrief, review and a bit sole searching in the next month or so.

Once the subcommittee agree on a proposal we will come back to the club members with our thoughts and wishes to then obtain your thoughts, wishes, guidance and agreement.

PS. Please share your photos and your 4WD Octoberfest trip reports with the Magazine and Website.

OCTOBERFEST: Carinya Escapes & Magnetic Hill

Courtesy of Roger & Sue, Photos courtesy of Steve & Chris

9:30 start from the camp site, with Paul McGregor from the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club as trip leader, followed by Peter & Simone (Whyalla Club), Marianne Whiting (Mt Lofty Rangers), then the Gawler Club mob.. Bob & Pauline, John & Jane, Brenton & Keryn, Max & Lyn with Sue & Roger as tail end Charlie.

Short drive back into Peterborough, thru the main street with a fleeting glance of a number of FJ Holdens on display (how different things must have been 60 years ago when those cars were new), then off towards Magnetic Hill.

Off the black top onto some well maintained dirt roads, with plenty of green, healthy looking crops on either side, over Magnetic Hill , until we reached a snag.. the road was closed for maintenance!

Paul zipped into the closest farmhouse, and the farmer provided us with an escort around the road block, right into the Carinya Escapes property.

Easy travelling on the property, thru the sheoak trees and yacka forest, all selected 4L for the climb up Rabbit Hill. Didn't see any rabbits, but lots of kangaroo tail plants alongside of the track.

The driving then became more "challenging" (Sue didn't swear once, at least while the mic was open!), with the climb to the top of Mt Maurice, a part of the Pekina Ranges, approx 770 metres above sea level. Here we stopped for a morning coffee, enjoying the 360 degree panoramic views available. Brenton managed to find a local, a snake, trying to hide from all the goings on.

With photos done, we headed back down the Mount, past the ancient yacka (some believed to be over 600 years old). The trunk of the yacka grows at only one centimetre per year, and the blacked signs of a bushfire can be seen at the base on these. This must have happened long ago, as apparently there have been no bushfires in these hills since white settlement.

From here it was into Hidden Valley, where we stopped for lunch, enjoying the shade of the trees or the hut if preferred, with a long drop a short walk away. Some more easy driving until we left the property, then it was on to Magnetic Hill, where several did the impossible and travelled backwards up the hill towards the magnetic, out of gear and motors off. John had to do it twice, just to make sure! From here more good dirt roads back into Peterborough where the Gawler mob stopped for the mandatory ice cream at the local servo.

Thanks to Paul for a pleasant and informative drive.



2015 TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
2-5 October	Long weekend trip	Graham Jones	Octoberfest
10-11 October	Weekend trip	Shorty	Sanddriving Peake
<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>		
WEDNESDAY 11 th November	Club night & BBQ	Gary Light	Snowy's
21 November	MLR Xmas with woodfired pizza	Tom Doody	Towitta
<i>MONDAY 14 December</i>	<i>Xmas Raffle & champagne for the ladies! 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood</i>		
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!

Trips from Beachport can be made to:

Robe, Carpenter's Rocks

(we will be looking for trip leaders)

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

Training

MLR CLUB TRAINING

10-11 October	Sand Driving @ Peake sharing with Jeep Club
7 AND/OR 8 November	DTUOzi Explorer – GPS @ Cavan

DTU TRAINING

10-11 October	DTU Basic Theory @ Cavan \$20-00 (Cancelled due to lack of numbers)
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,

training@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Driver Training Unit

Training courses program

4WDSA Driver training unit

Upcoming courses

1. **Trip planning and leading at Cavan on 18 October**
2. **Basic Driving and Recovery theory training course**
This course is made up of: Theory training weekend on 10-11 October followed by a practical driving weekend at Peake on 31 October-1 November May
3. **Practical Driving – sand at Peake on Oct 31 and Nov 1**
4. **Oziexplorer/GPS – Cavan 7 or 8 November**
Note this is a one day course with choice of either date

Course costs

To do the Basic Driving and Recovery course and the practical training events you will need to purchase a set of training manuals which consists of a comprehensive reference manual and a training checklist.

Training manuals	\$60
Basic Driving Theory weekend at Cavan	\$20
Practical training weekend at Morgan	\$40
Practical training weekend at Peake	\$70
Trip Planning and Leading at Cavan	\$20
Oziexplorer / GPS training at Cavan	To be advised

HOW to NOMINATE for a course

1. Send an expression of interest for the course by email to dtuttraining@4wdsa.asn.au providing you contact details and which club you are a member of.
2. For the Basic Driving and Recovery course fill in the attached form to purchase a set of training manuals.
3. Pay the fees for the events you have nominated for plus the purchase cost of manuals if required. (payment is required before the course commences)

DTU account details for electronic transfers

Account Name	Four Wheel Drive SA
BSB	805 050
Account No	4265362

(Please put in your initial, surname and brief reference so we can identify who has paid.)

Basic Driving and Recovery course

Theory training weekend on 10-11 October followed by a practical driving weekend at Peake on 31 October-1 November May

Note 1: If you are unable to attend the practical event you can attend the theory session and catch up with practical training at a later event.

Note 2: If you already have a set of training manuals you may also nominate for either or both weekends

RAISING VEHICLE HEIGHT

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- Relocating a leaf spring on the opposite side of an axle to that of the vehicle manufacturer
- Spacer blocks mounted above and below the coil spring
- Wedges or blocks located between the coils. Spacer blocks mounted between the top of the suspension strut and vehicle body.

BODY LIFT

The body of a vehicle can be raised by up to 50mm by the fitting of spacer blocks between the vehicle chassis and body at their mounting points. The blocks must be manufactured from steel, aluminum, or metal of equivalent strength.

(If alteration or replacement of the original steering components are made, approval is required from Vehicle Standards)

****If you intend to raise the vehicle by over 50mm by one or more of the three methods, then application must be made to Vehicle Standard, CPE roadworthiness certificate is required for a fee upon inspection.**

GUEST SPEAKERS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Guest Speaker</u>
October	No guest speaker

Bring your knives to be sharpened



Trevor Hill has volunteered his services to sharpen knives at the October monthly meeting.

Donation \$5 per knife or 5 x knives for \$20.

All donations will go to the RFDS.

For further information or to book a guest speaker, please email Gary Light, Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Heads-Up!!

Special Event

Presentation by Snake Away Services

MLR November Meeting

Multiple animals to be shown and touched, possibly some held (snakes, dragons, goanna, and sugar glider at a minimum).

- *brief identification of snakes*
- *snake bite first aid*
- *safety around the campsite*
- *safety around the house*
- *preservation of our native fauna and flora*
- *types of animals that can be found*

Why not bring the family along



**SNAKE-AWAY
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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
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If you would like to attend make sure you put your name on the Trip Sheet at the
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NO BRAINER BACKYARD MECHANICS (2)

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SALT CREEK FISHING COMPETITION TRIP

Courtesy of Barry Brown

Friday 28th - Sunday 30th August

Friday 28th: this was my first MLR trip, so my nephew Dean and I were looking forward to getting under way early. Dean drove to my place at Happy Valley, and we were off by 8.30 am in my Pajero. We thought we had done well, only to find that our intrepid leader Eric Kalderovskishad left at 7 am!

Travelled to Salt Creek, where we made the mistake of filling up: diesel was \$1.46 per litre! Bought lunch and bait (second mistake: cockles were \$8 for a bag of about 20). All good though, lunch was great, and we headed for 42 Mile Crossing, let the tyres down and had an easy drive along the beach to the campsite.

Eric did a great job with the site chosen: protected from the wind, plenty of room for multiple campers, and right in front of a great gutter. Eric and son Adam were already there in his 4Runner, along with Eric G in a Prado, and Wayne and Helen in their Range Rover. They were well set up with annexes, swags and a tent, and ready to start fishing.

Dean and I quickly put up the Black Wolf Turbo Tent (so called because it makes a racket in the middle of the night, like a wolf howl on speed, but I think that was my snoring). We joined the others on the beach, and watched Eric and Adam clean up on the salmon, catching approx. 14 between them. A great effort. Eric was weighing each large fish as it came in, and keeping records for the Fishing Competition. We were fishing with pilchards, and Eric put us on to using poppers, with great success.



After a great afternoon fishing in bright sunshine, we headed back to camp, got the fire going and had dinner. Dean and I roughed it: homemade bolognese with pasta, washed down with a good red: nothing like doing it tough. A few hours by the fire telling the usual yarns, and off the bed. I felt guilty seeing some of the guys in swags while Dean and I lounged on stretchers in the tent. It's OK, though, I didn't feel that guilty.

SALT CREEK FISHING COMPETITION TRIP

Saturday 29th: Tas turned up early in his Hilux, having spent the night at the 42 Mile Crossing camp site. About lunchtime, Jim arrived in his Pajero with a mate and his 2 sons, having spent an hour and a half getting out of a bog on the beach. Apparently the beach was churned up by some guys mucking about, and made the track impassable.

Saturday was a glorious day, with good tides and very little wind. Eric had turned on perfect conditions, considering it was the end of winter and the Coorong beach can be a very cold and windy place. We all fished, catching salmon of various sizes. I was fortunate enough to catch what turned out to be the heaviest fish, at 4.5 pounds.

Dinner was a barbeque for most of us, while Tas cooked an amazing roast and vegetables in his camp oven. It was great, but unfortunately it took a lot longer than the other meals, so Tas was eating much later, after a few bourbons to stave off hunger. Another night of yarns, discussions and debates, and off to bed.



Sunday 30th: Dean and Eric were up early fishing, and I joined them at a respectable hour: 8.30am! Fabulous weather again, sunny and calm. We all caught more fish, and then packed up camp. We went in convoy along the beach, taking the high track to avoid getting bogged, and had an uneventful journey home.

So a great trip, really well organised and run by Eric. He's done this trip a few times now, and Eric makes sure everybody is kept informed, and provides assistance if needed. We all appreciated the work he put into it, and the trip was a great success. Dean and I are already signed up for next year!



SALT CREEK FISHING COMPETITION TRIP

Fishing glossary:

Cockles: ridiculously expensive small shellfish, now that people have realised they can eat them instead of using them as bait

Pilchards: cute little oily fish, known as sardines when served up in fancy restaurants. But you wouldn't want to eat the sad specimens from Salt Creek servo!

Bait: anything smelly, messy and soft which fish can eat and which can get on your hands, your clothes and any other convenient surfaces

Popper: not a happy pill, but a little piece of wood with feathers attached and a hook. Salmon are so highly intelligent that they mistake the gently bobbing popper for something they can eat.

Salmon: very difficult fish to catch, only caught by the most experienced and wily fishermen.



FUNNIES

A builder was in a house pricing some work, as he walked round with the lady of the house he stopped and went to the window and shouted out "green side up". They continued their pricing and the lady asked him to renovate another room he stopped again and went back to the window and again shouted out "green side up". The puzzled woman continued to a bathroom where she discussed renovating it when again he stopped, and he returned to the window again, opened it and again shouted out "green side up". The lady is clearly miffed now and asks "why is it you go to that window and shout out green side up?" The builder explains "sorry missus, I've got a team of blondes laying some grass across the street!!!"

A woman goes to the Doctor worried about her husband's temper. The Doctor asks, "What's the problem?"

The woman says, "Doctor, I don't know what to do. Every day my husband seems to lose his temper for no reason. It scares me."

The Doctor says, "I have a cure for that. When it seems that your husband is getting angry, just take a glass of water and start swishing it in your mouth.

Just swish and swish but don't swallow it until he either leaves the room or calms down."

Two weeks later the woman comes back to the doctor, looking fresh and reborn. She says, "Doctor that was a brilliant idea! Every time my husband started losing it, I swished with water. I swished and swished, and he calmed right down! How does a glass of water do that?"

The Doctor says, "The water itself does nothing. It's keeping your mouth shut that does the trick."

An elderly Florida lady did her shopping and, upon returning to her car, found four males in the act of leaving with her vehicle.

She dropped her shopping bags and drew her handgun, proceeding to scream at the top of her lungs, "I have a gun, and I know how to use it! Get out of the car!" The four men didn't wait for a second threat. They got out and ran like mad.

The lady, somewhat shaken, then proceeded to load her shopping bags into the back of the car and got into the driver's seat. She was so shaken that she could not get her key into the ignition.

She tried and tried, and then she realized why. It was for the same reason she had wondered why there was a football, a Frisbee and two 12-packs of beer in the front seat. A few minutes later, she found her own car parked four or five spaces farther down.

She loaded her bags into the car and drove to the police station to report her mistake.

The sergeant to whom she told the story couldn't stop laughing. He pointed to the other end of the counter, where four pale men were reporting a car jacking by a mad, elderly woman described as white, less than five feet tall, glasses, curly white hair, and carrying a large handgun.

No charges were filed.

The moral of the story?

If you're going to have a senior moment... make it memorable.



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LED LIGHT BARS AND DRIVING LIGHTS ON YOUR ROOF

The Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure has received enquiries relating to the use of LED light bars as driving lights.

This was prohibited on vehicles manufactured from 1991 because Australian Design Rule (ADR) 13/00 used to require that driving lights be fitted in pairs.

ADR 13/00 has now been amended to allow driving lights to be fitted, singly or in pairs, up to a maximum of four.

This means that LED light bars may be fitted, provided that they are fitted symmetrically about the centre line of the vehicle.

Conditions Driving

Lights such as LED Light Bars and additional headlights may be fitted, provided that they meet the following requirements:

- The light or lights must be installed to be forward facing and in a position that does not obscure the driver's view of the road ahead.
- The lights should, as far as is possible, be installed symmetrically in pairs with the total number not exceeding four lights.
- If the lights are not fitted as pairs, they must be fitted symmetrically about the centerline of the vehicle.
- The lights may be fitted to the roof of the vehicle.
- The light or lights must not be fitted or be used in any way that is likely to dazzle another road user and also must be installed in a way that the light produced does not cause the driver of the vehicle discomfort either directly or by reflection.
- The light/s must only come on when the main-beam (high beam) headlights are used, and must automatically turn off when the main-beam headlights are turned off.
- The driving lights may be fitted with an isolator switch to allow the main-beam light to be switched on without the driving lights also being switched on.





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NATURE FOUNDATION



Nature Foundation SA would like to invite you to join our Annual Christmas Dinner at Adelaide Oval.

**Saturday 5th December 2015 – 7.00 – 11.30PM
JOHN HALBERT ROOM – ADELAIDE OVAL**

**Cost: \$89.00 NFSA SA Members/\$109.00 Non-Members
(Non-Member cost includes a NFSA 2016 Membership)**

**RSVP: Friday 6th November by 5pm
Please note: Numbers are limited to 150 people**

Included in the ticket price is a three-course meal with K1 by Geoff Hardy wine, entertainment and a chance to step inside the revamped Adelaide Oval. There will be a Christmas Tree Hamper Prize Draw and Silent Auction which provides a wonderful opportunity to purchase something special for yourself or maybe Christmas gifts for family and friends. Funds raised on the night will help Nature Foundation SA to undertake critical conservation projects.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and commitment to wildlife and environmental conservation in South Australia during 2015. To nominate attendance at the Christmas Dinner please refer to attached form or call Nature Foundation SA on 1300 366 191.

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RECIPES

Foiled Potatoes – A Potato and Onion Recipe

Whether you are camping, have the grill going or looking for a side dish to go along with something that's already in the oven, this Foiled Onion & Potatoes recipe is a super easy one that's yummo!

Ingredients

- 4-6 Brown Potatoes, cleaned and diced
- 1/2 yellow onion, diced
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-4 TBSP Olive oil
- 4 TBSP Butter

Instructions

1. Place a large piece of foil down on a smooth surface.
2. Pour olive oil so the entire bottom of the foil is coated.
3. Toss potatoes, onions and garlic together on the pan until the olive oil coats all the ingredients.
4. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
5. Add butter to the top of the potatoes.
6. Cover with aluminum foil, ensure to tuck the two pieces together so no air can escape.
7. Cook for 35-45 minutes until the potatoes are tender.

Foiled Onion and Garlic Potatoes



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RECIPES

Grilled Caramel Apple Crunch

Ingredients

1. 1 cup chopped apple (approximately 1 small apple)
2. sprinkle of cinnamon (optional)
3. 2 Tbsp. caramel ice cream topping
4. 1/4 cup granola

Instructions

1. Tear off 2 pieces of aluminum foil, approximately 8 inches square each.
2. Put chopped apples in the center of one piece of foil.
3. Sprinkle with cinnamon (if desired).
4. Drizzle caramel over the apples.
5. Sprinkle with granola.
6. Place the other foil square over the top, and roll the foil packets together. Start with the corners, and then roll up the edges, so it seals well.
7. Place in the grill, over coals, or in the oven for 10-15 minutes, until apples are soft.
8. Be careful when opening the foil packet, and be sure to open the side farthest away from you first, so the steam doesn't burn you.
9. Serve with whipped cream or ice cream. (Dollop cream is fantastic for when camping!)

Notes

These directions are for 1 foil packet. Double, triple, etc for the number needed.



SNATCH STRAPS

While a very useful piece of equipment, snatch straps can also be very dangerous. Reading about injuries and accidents caused by them makes me feel sick to the stomach. Like so many things it is not the actual equipment that causes the damage (it never hurt anyone when it is rolled up under the seat). The list below is not comprehensive but is just a few reminders about snatch strap safety. If in doubt about how to use a snatch strap properly ask your local 4WD club for a demonstration.

1. Recovery Straps are designed to stretch under load and spring back. This has the potential to turn them into giant slingshots if not used correctly.
2. Use the right strap. Check the ratings, check the strap. If you can't read the ratings or the strap itself is damaged get rid of it. Know the weight of your vehicle and the breaking strength of the strap – before you leave home.
3. Keep everyone out of the way. Drivers only in the vehicles involved. Everybody else must stay at least 1.5 times the un-stretched strap length away, to the side of the line of recovery
4. Establish your communications before starting the recovery. Work out agreed signals; radio (this is the best), hand signals or vehicle horn. An observer with a hand held radio is a good idea provided they are standing to the side at a safe distance.
5. Joining of straps should be avoided wherever possible. **NEVER USE A METAL OBJECT** to join straps – if the strap breaks it **WILL** become a missile.
6. Always use a damper. A commercial damper, blanket or heavy coat. In the event of misfortune a damper will reduce the slingshot effect.
7. Know your vehicles recovery points and connect only to these. **NEVER CONNECT TO A TOW BALL OR TIE DOWN POINT**
8. Never use the strap for towing or lifting.
9. Always use rated D shackles and inspect regularly for damage; if pins are hard to turn the shackle has been overstressed. Replace it
10. Don't skim. If any part of the equipment is worn or shabby replace it. Your life may one day depend on it.





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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