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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The Club's aim is for its members to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooking and a great social scene on and off track.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD (regardless of its make or model) and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (FWDSA).

Club Outings

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee which also organises regular events that complement the club trips.

Experience and Training

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

Meetings

Club meetings are the second Monday of each month* and are held at the **Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood**

Time: 7:15 pm for 7.30pm start

*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the third Monday of the month.

For more information on the Club please check out our website at:

www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

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Prez Sez

I've been promising myself to write this for over a week now, Kylie hasn't been chasing me as yet so I thought I'd better get to it, while I'm having a break at work ☺

On behalf of your hard working committee, I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Just remember that if you are travelling over this period either to see your loved ones or going away on a trip – please do so safely, it only takes one idiot to ruin lives – so be alert!

Another great Christmas function at Wirrina Holiday Park the other weekend, thanks to Jordan for putting his hand up to make sure it all happened. Although Tanya and I didn't sleep over due to work commitments, we had a great feed and time spent with our 4WD family was as always very enjoyable.

Our meeting in December as you would have seen by now is Evil Santa so come prepared with your plate of nibbles, your present and your anticipation of a great night! You won't be disappointed, it is always fun!

We have some cheques to handover first to RFDS and Beyond Blue from our fundraising at Redarc 4WD Octoberfest. Speaking of which Paul has been busy already, meeting with some people from a council in the Southern Flinders for a potential new location – so you'll need to stay tuned for more info as it becomes available. If you'd like to offer your assistance to help plan for 2019 Octoberfest, please don't be shy and catch up with Paul for a chat. As most of you would know, Octoberfest started back in around 2011 when Whyalla club decided to make their Weekend in Whyalla event a bi-annual one, Paul came up with a hair brained idea that we could fill the gap – and we filled that gap and we have done an excellent job! So it came as no surprise that when we were contacted by Whyalla club again shortly after this year's Octoberfest to notify us that there will probably be no Weekend in Whyalla event in 2018 – that a couple of us put our hands up to look at running a different type of event in 2018 to again plug a gap in the calendar. Again only in its infancy but this looks promising and I'm sure that we can sustain 2 events over the October long weekends in 2018 and 2019, all I ask is that if you can help in anyway for either event, please don't sit on your hands, please don't think "it's OK someone else will do it", we will need all the help and support we can get. I promise you will find out more as it becomes confirmed.

Our January meeting will again be a Show and Shine, with some novelty prize categories – so clean up your pride and joy and get ready to showcase your modifications.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the December Evil Santa meeting.....



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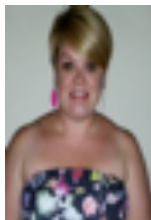
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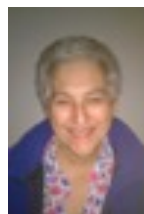
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TRIP REPORT: SALT CREEK FISHING COMP

Courtesy of Dean Duffield

Friday 20TH October 2017

Got to Salt Creek around 2.30pm. Eric, his son and girlfriend and Ian had to wait because I was running late, so I had to write the trip report.

We got to the edge of the beach around 3pm, deflated the tyres to the appropriate pressures to drive on the sand, you always find out what you need to get when you don't have it. First time for me driving on this kind of sand which was real fun, Eric went first, then myself then Ian, all on channel 27 on the two way, but 10 minutes in Ian was the first to get stuck, not in a big way, bottomed out on the sand. Used the maxi tracks and he was on his way. As I am not used to driving on this sand, 10 minutes later I then got stuck trying to correct my steering, rocked back and forth, clutch smelling a bit then chucked it in low and was on my way, but realised with Ian, another 2 inches be nice.



Got to camp, set up and had a quick bite to eat, we had rods in the water around 6.20pm for the start of the fishing comp.



TRIP REPORT: SALT CREEK FISHING COMP

Saturday 21st October 2017

Weather was great, bit of a breeze but wasn't overly cold. Fished for about an hour but no bites, was just feeding the crabs, was great being close to camp, only 20 odd metres from beach. Went back cracked a cold one, started tea and kicked back, chatting around the fire taking in the sunset and then Ian said he was going to be up at 5.30am, but don't think he was, but none the less they were fishing by the time I got up, came back to camp for breakfast around 8.30am after an hour still no fish. But we weren't giving up just yet, so settled in for the day of coronas, beers, fishing and chatting.

Phil rocked up about around midday, set up his camp then chucked his surf rod in, after a few hours of nothing, the waters were looking a little bit murky, settle down for the night with good company, beers, food and laughter. The fire ashes under your seat for that warm feeling.



TRIP REPORT: SALT CREEK FISHING COMP

Sunday 22nd October 2017

Last day is here, all of us were out at the beach by 7 am for the final day at the camp, another rime seat in front of gods country, nice rainbow, little bit of drizzle in between sunny patches. Couple of hours in Eric hooked onto a mullaway, which was awesome, beginning to think there was no fish as I was keeping the crabs fed, then no more than 5 minutes later Phil hooked onto a mullaway, still no winner of the competition but we had caught something, until Ian pulled in a whopping 7 pound salmon which was the winning fish of the competition. Well done Ian great catch.



After that we went back to camp to start that slow process of packing up, then went for a drive up to tea tree for a look at the mouth but couldn't cross as the water was too deep, but great spots for camping around there not only on sand but grass areas as well.

Then we all headed back to the start along the beach, unfortunately Ian got stuck, not bad this time, but again that extra 2 inch lift would come in handy we all thought. We all stopped at the grounds and put air in our tyres then set off to salt creek for a nice coffee and lunch, one last chat and set off for home.

TRIP REPORT: SALT CREEK FISHING COMP



All in all was a great weekend and fishing competition, great experience for someone that hasn't done any sand driving before, and thank you to Eric for a few pointers in surf fishing.

CANT WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR !!!!!!!





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When measuring length start at highest point near neck / shoulder

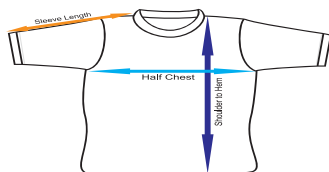
Emmsee sizes	$\frac{1}{2}$ chest	high point of shoulder		$\frac{1}{2}$ chest
Size 6	38	53		kids 6
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Size 10	43	58		kids 10
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Size 14	47	65	ladies 10	kids 14
Size 16	49	70	ladies 12	kids 16
Size 18	53	74	ladies 14	mens S
Size 20	54	75	ladies 16	mens M
Size 22	58	76	ladies 18	mens L
Size 24	60	78	ladies 20	mens XL
Size 26	63	81	ladies 22	mens 2XL
Size 28	66	81		mens 3XL
Size 30	70	81	ladies 24	mens 4XL
Size 32	75 hip 79	81	ladies 26	mens 5XL
Size 34	79 hip 83 85			

How to measure a garment to get a half chest measurement

Lay a garment that fits you flat and measure from side seam to side seam under the armhole this will give you the half chest measurement

To measure the finished length - measure next to the neck of the garment near the highest point of the shoulder

Where to measure



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Anaconda Club Night

8 Nov 17

By Ranger Lofty

There was a change of venue this year for the camping store club night. For the last couple of years MLR has visited Snowys for a pre-Christmas spend up. This year we all went to Anaconda at Mile End.

Sally and I arrived with Gary to find several keen members already waiting in the carpark. After a quick meeting with Jay the Anaconda store manager, we all signed in and were allowed freedom of the store. This included access to some great specials including pre catalogue specials, \$50 Nike trainers and 20% discount on all remaining items. Our trip also proved to be a bonus for a few members of the general public who happened to wander by during the night and popped into the store. While the store was officially closed, the Anaconda staff allowed them to come in and shop around, more money for the store.



Sally and I were looking for a tent to take to the Christmas bash at Wirrina later this month, however, it was a tad too fancy for our needs. Others had more success in finding items to buy. I think Trevor and Lynn topped the list, with a shopping trolley full of goodies followed by Steve Brown a distant second.

Around 7pm the pizzas arrived. They were surprisingly acceptable and the challenge was how to eat them without making a mess, as someone forgot the napkins. Boxes became plates and, tissues and pockets became napkins as everyone including the Anaconda staff made short work of the pizzas. Jo and Peter Reid timed their arrival to perfection, just as the pizzas and speeches were finishing at 7:30. Funny how you can miss out when you misread the trip sheet ☹. None the less they did manage to scoop up some of the bargains on offer.



I would like to thank Gary for organising the trip and Jay and his staff for the opportunity to have the run of the store afterhours and hope we can do something similar next year. Maybe run the Monday meeting from the store...food for thought.

MLR Mid Summer show and Shine 2018



Mon 8 Jan 2018

(Jan monthly meeting)

Mystery Judges

Numerous categories, prizes for winners!

Tart up the truck, come along and see how you go

Rangers Review



NOMINATION FORM

MLR Quiet Achiever Award

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GUEST SPEAKER



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2017 TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	LOCATION/DETAILS
Postponed!!!!	Camp Cook	Tom Doody	Ashbourne
Cook up a storm.....in your camp oven! Shared meal. Stay for the night. Feed the animals with Steve.			
MONDAY 11 th December	Christmas Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
All welcome ~ \$2 champagne for the ladies ~ Secret/Evil Santa			
WEDNESDAY 13 th December	Club night	Gary Light	Diamonds Photographic Rundle Street

2018 TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 8 th January	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Fri 26 th – 29 th January 2018	Long weekend	Tom Doody	Beachport
<i>Day trips to Carpenters Rocks, Robe, the ICECREAM SHOP!!!! And lots more.</i>			
MONDAY 12 th February	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
MONDAY 19 th March	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
28 th March – 5 th April	Extended Long weekend	Don Cameron	NSW Easter Jamboree
<i>Limited to 10 MLR members only so get in quick - \$100 per vehicle Buckenbrow/Batemans Bay</i>			
2/6 – 16/6	Extended trip	Peter & Jo Reed	Finke
<i>800km in the sand – no fuel *Simpson Desert & Birdsville</i>			

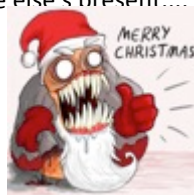
MLR XMAS MEETING – MONDAY 11th December

All welcome – family night

\$2 champagne for the ladies

Kris Kringle / Evil Santa

Bring a wrapped present up to the value of \$15, swap it for a raffle ticket with Kylie on the night. When the tickets are drawn out one by one open your present so everyone can see, then you have the chance to steal someone else's present.... It's always a good night!



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2017 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
School Holidays	Saturday 16 December, 2017

SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017

Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve
 Monday 25 December - Christmas Day
 Tuesday 26 December - Boxing Day / Proclamation Day
 Sunday 31 December - New Year's Eve

2018 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
Term 1	Monday 29 th January
School Holidays	Saturday 14 th April
Term 2	Monday 30 th April
School Holidays	Saturday 7 th July
Term 3	Monday 23 rd July
School Holidays	Saturday 29 th September
Term 4	Monday 15 th October
School Holidays	Saturday 15 th December

SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

Monday 1 January - New Year's Day
 Friday 26th January - Australia Day
 Monday 12th March - Adelaide Cup
 Friday 30th March - Good Friday
 Monday 2nd April - Easter Monday
 Wednesday 25th April - ANZAC Day
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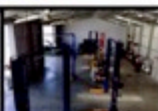
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TRIP REPORT: DUBAI DELIGHTS

Courtesy of Trish Dagri

Rob and myself together with Rob's sister and brother-in-law did a 6 week tour of Europe visiting 12 countries and 22 different cities utilizing 5 modes of travel, these being, plane, cruise ship, self-drive vehicle, train and bus. Our last stopover was a 3 night stay in Dubai and it was a recommendation that we don't miss the Arabian Adventures Sundowner Desert Safari and dinner, so we booked this through our travel agent. Its amazing when you land in Dubai, the sight you see from the tarmac is A380's and triple 7's dotted around the airport terminal, they looked like toys all lined up!

Emirates own Arabian Adventures, a fleet of 85 Toyota V6 Landcruisers. There is an average of 40 vehicles per desert safari dinner tour, 6 passengers in each vehicle @ \$135.00 AUD per head, that's \$32,400.00 AUD per trip. We were provided with an info booklet which we studied and were itching to see what the 5 hour safari was all about.



We were the last on the pick up from the hotel. There was one seat in the front of the vehicle with the driver, 3 in the back seat behind the driver and 2 in the rear seat. We sat in the seat behind the driver with another passenger. The vehicles are fitted with full internal roll bars, a sight that concerned me, oh god are we going to be tumbling down the side of a sand dune? The drivers are obviously professionally trained, and ours gave us a commentary of vast information as we drove from Dubai city to the Dubai Desert Conservation Reserve.

TRIP REPORT: DUBAI DELIGHTS



Once we reached the conservation reserve the driver pulled up to air down the tyres. To our surprise, set up in the desert there were about 20 air compressor stations so the vehicles could air down or up, yes, we're in Dubai remember! Now aired down, our driver set off and took us onto a flat sandy track which lead us to an area dotted with date palms, this was where we were to view a falcon show, bird that is! A couple of us swapped seats but I stayed put as I didn't want to succumb to travel sickness, although I thought ahead and took a travel sickness pill before I left. (We had forewarning that the ride might be a little rough).

So we hit the dunes behind a convoy of vehicles, all seemingly going in the same direction. I really wanted to have a video as a memory but found it extremely difficult to keep my camera upright. All the 4WD's were tracking on the top of the dunes, they weren't massively high though but close together, we were going like a bat out of hell twisting and turning, it felt like we were in a washing machine.

TRIP REPORT: DUBAI DELIGHTS

A couple of 4WD's lost traction and were stuck on the top, the passengers scrambling out to see what was happening. My head was going every which way and it felt as though my stomach had risen up to my throat. One passenger commented that they were relieved that they were in the front seat and had not eaten as yet, I thought, I'm glad I'm not in the very rear. Maybe the urgency was due to the beckoning sun setting. Phew, that was a real sand dune bash! I must say, good old Beachport has a lot to offer, and crossing the Simpson Desert, if you ever get the opportunity, just do it.

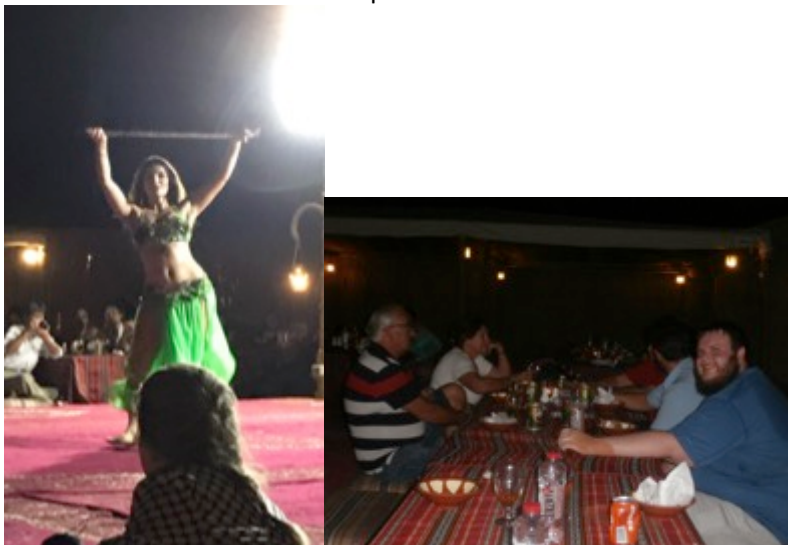


We took some beautiful photos of the sun setting behind soft coloured dunes and the driver took some portrait photos of each couple too. Sun was setting fast and it was back in the 4WD for another short bash to a traditional Bedouin-style camp for a delicious buffet dinner under a canopy of stars, but sadly, although it was a clear night, there weren't many stars shining. At the camp there were a choice of different activities for everyone to experience such as see the desert from the back of a camel, try mini sand boarding, get an ornate henna painting on your hands, or try a shisha pipe.



TRIP REPORT: DUBAI DELIGHTS

We relaxed and enjoyed the Arabic style buffet dinner of grilled meats, meze, desserts and unlimited select drinks which included beer and wine. I was intending on having the henna painting, but time seemed to fly by as we were chit chatting with our other 4 passengers, a couple from Sydney and two young fellas from the U.S. Rob tried the shisha pipe. The next minute the belly dance show started with only 1 dancer, quite entertaining but my impression was a “show” consisted of more than one lonely dancer. We made our way back to the hotel, a nice easy drive, much to the relief of the passengers on a sandy flat track and then the black top.



Just for interest sake, when I arrived back in Australia, I wondered if there was 4 wheel driving in Italy as we did quite a bit of driving there and didn't notice many 4 wheel vehicles on the autostrada.

Tours on offer in Italy are:

4 wheel drive half or full day tour to Mt Etna but you have to get to Sicily.

Chianti Tour with an off road 4WD ride outside of Florence.

Mt Vesuvius 4x4 tour from Sorrento.

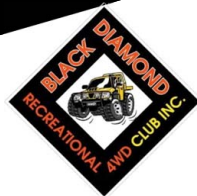
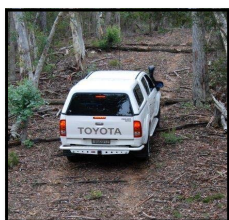
So, if you are travelling to Europe, Dubai is a “must see” stopover. We had a most wondrous European adventure with beautiful memories and lots of photos to look back on.

There is a real possibility we will return again but in the meantime we'll focus on discovering this amazing country “AUSTRALIA”.

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Kylie's set up



Checking out the Brown's set up - Happy Hour in the shade at the Watkin's



The boys looking at Shorty's FJ

Lezbo giving Taz a little push

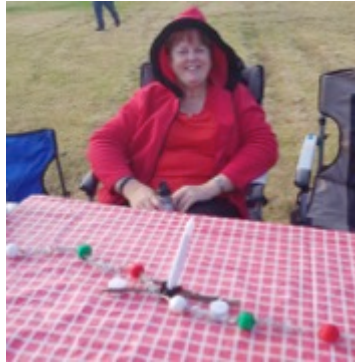
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The dinner truck



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