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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





HAPPY NEW YEAR to all!

It looks as though I missed some excellent events while I was away – with the stories I've heard from the MLR Christmas Show and the December meeting being well attended by members and great times had by all!

A huge thankyou to Gary for stepping into my President's shoes (was it work experience to become the next president?) and also to Jordan and his band of helpers who pulled the Christmas show together.

I know some of you may have seen my updates on either the blog or on Facebook while I was away, so I won't go into too much detail here, but will say that Gary has allocated me some time at the January meeting after the Show n' Shine for a quick show and tell of my Nepali adventure. I have fallen in love with Nepal and its people and have promised my host family that I'm going back........

Kylie posted onto the MLR Facebook site that there aren't many trips up for this year yet? Apart from January long weekend at Beachport we have March Long weekend, Easter, Anzac Long weekend and June long weekend before the halfway point of 2017! Lots of chances to get away – lots of places to go....... Who is putting trips up? Tanya and I have started our annual mystery trip planning today, so put 12th February in your diaries then get your name on the trip sheet at the January meeting. I can't give too many details as I need to keep the mystery – but it will be a day trip meeting time at 8:30am for a 9:00am leave, you'll need to bring lunch and we'll aim to finish by 3:30ish with a social beverage or two. There is a potential opportunity that there could be an opportunity to sleepover at the meeting point on Saturday night for those that would like to – I'll let you know more at the club meeting.

I can't wait for Beachport, the Doody's will have 2 cars there this year, I'll have the Patrol and Liam will be on his first official club trip in the Ferocious, no doubt there'll be a little competition as to who can go the longest or the furthest without getting stuck – the heavier more powerful patrol or the lightweight ferocious? Who is your money on? Hope to catch up with you all soon.....



Not too many people can say they've seen Mount Everest with their own eyes.....

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PLEASE NOTE: $\frac{1}{2}$ chest measurement is finished garment size **NOT BODY SIZE** When measuring length start at highest point near neck / shoulder

Emmsee sizes	½ chest	high point of shoulde	er ½	chest
Size 6	38	53		kids 6
Size 8	40	56		kids 8
Size 10	43	58		kids 10
Size 12	44	60	ladies 8	kids 12
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



Contact Sheena to place an order:

merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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 - Car Bra

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 - Bead breaker
 - Drag chains (x 2)
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TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
2017 MONDAY 9 th	Show 'n' Shine Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
January	Blackwood Football Club, Frevor Terrace, Blackwood		

Show your wares! Categories to be announced! Prizes to win!





Thurs 26 th - Sun	Extended long	Tom Doody	Australia Day @
29th January	weekend		Beachport

Sand & dune driving / ladies trip / ice cream / wine tasting / quiz night and more!





12 th February	Day Trip	Tom Doody	Mystery Trip	
MONDAY 13th		Club Meeting 7.3	30pm	
February	Blackwood Fo	otball Club, Trevo	r Terrace, Blackwood	
	Sat 11 th – Mon 13 th	March - Long Wee	ekend	
MONDAY 20th		Club Meeting 7.3	30pm	
March	Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood			
MONDAY 10 th	Club Meeting 7.30pm			
April	Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood			
14 th – 17 th April – Easter *SA school hols begin				
TUESDAY 25th April – Anzac Day				
(Take the Monday off and make an extra long weekend out of it!)				
29 th April - 20 th	Extended trip	Paul & Kay	Red Centre	
May		Martin		
Uluru, Kings Canyon, East/West MacDonnell Ranges				

2017 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
Term 1	Monday 30 January, 2017
School Holidays	Friday 14 April, 2017
Term 2	Monday 1 May, 2017
School Holidays	Saturday 8 July, 2017
Term 3	Monday 24 July, 2017
School Holidays	Saturday 30 September, 2017
Term 4	Monday 16 October, 2017
School Holidays	Saturday 16 December, 2017

SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2017

- Sunday 1 January New Year's Day
- Monday 2 January Additional Day*
- Thursday 26 January Australia Day
- Monday 13 March March Public Holiday
- Friday 14 April Good Friday
- Saturday 15 April Easter Saturday
- Monday 17 April Easter Monday
- Tuesday 25 April ANZAC Day
- Monday 12 June Queen's Birthday / Volunteer Day
- Monday 2 October Labour Day
- Sunday 24 December Christmas Eve**
- Monday 25 December Christmas Day
- Tuesday 26 December Boxing Day / Proclamation Day
- New Year's Eve Sunday 31 December**

TRAINING

2017 DATES TBA

For further information on training please email Steve Townsend training@mountloftyrangers.com.au

GUEST SPEAKER

January Guest Speaker:

Tom's Nepalese Adventures



For further information or to book a guest speaker, please email Gary Light, Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator & Vice President at

vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

TRIP REPORT: MORGAN QUARRY

Courtesy of Sheena Dunaiski

On Friday 2nd December Sheena and Lothar headed off for the riverland. Our son, Martin was taking his new Jeep out on its first trip and our daughter Ellen and her partner Mike were in their Jeep. We arrived at Cordola about 4pm on Friday afternoon and joined up with Brenda and Anthony who had travelled there the day before and had already set up their camp overlooking the lagoon. The water level was really high with the track at the edge of the lagoon flooded. After setting up our tents we went for a paddle on the boards and swimming in the cool water was a welcome relief. Trevor and Lynn arrived a little later in time to join happy hour and watch the sun setting over the lagoon. That evening the wind picked up as the sun set but helped to reduce the flies and mozzies.



The next morning, we set off for the quarry where we spent a bit of time trying out the different inclines and descents. Roger kindly gave Martin and Mike some tips as this was their first 4wd experience – lucky they all speak "JEEP". Then we headed off in search of fresh challenges and found our way up a dry creek bed where we tackled the various rocky steps. With a little help from other group members, by putting rocks into strategic places and guiding the best line of approach we all managed to get to the top. Mike and Roger climbed one of the larger rock steps, but the Prado was too long and got stuck. Roger came to our rescue as he and his Jeep provided a steady anchor for our winch and the Prado soon joined the Jeeps at the top (it's a JEEP thing!)

TRIP REPORT: MORGAN QUARRY

After lunch under the shady trees in the wide riverbed we headed off to the northern areas and the road we were exploring soon disappeared under water. Roger cautiously tried the crossing and we watched with some anxiety hoping he wouldn't float away! A loud cheer went up when he reached to opposite bank. On the way back he was more adventurous and hit the water with some speed causing a big splash and bow wave in front of his Jeep.



The next challenging climb was steep, rocky and rutted, with patches of loose sand. Roger was the first to attempt it and was almost at the top when we saw his back tyre spinning out in clouds of dust, and then he stopped in a precarious position, announcing on the radio that he had broken something and would need help. Trevor and Lynn had driven up by a different route and were soon in position to help winch Roger to the top. His Jeep had broken the front universal joint on the driver's side. He limped back to camp to assess the damage and fortunately his knowledge of his vehicle enabled him the make enough repairs to allow him to drive back to Adelaide the next day, although he had lost 4wd.

The rest of the afternoon was very warm and humid so swimming and paddling on the lagoon was great. We enjoyed a long lazy "chill session" with the nibblies and warm weather taking a toll on our appetites.

Sunday morning saw Brenda and Anthony leave soon after breakfast while the rest of the group headed back to the quarry for a bit more play. Roger joined Martin in his Jeep and both Martin and Mike enjoyed this time and noticed how their skills and confidence had grown over the two days. We all agreed that this was a great trip and that the quarry still has enough hidden challenges to entice us back.



OCTOBERFEST 2017

It's that time of year and we need to get cracking on Octoberfest 2017 planning.

Paul has already had some initial discussions in regards to other club assistance, new properties and sponsorship proposals.

If you are interested in helping out please do not hesitate to let Paul know on treasurer@mountloftyrangers.com.au or 0408 900 889.

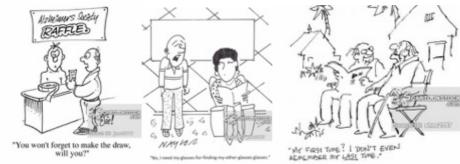
2017 OCTOBERFEST TRIPS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
August	Firewood collection	Paul McGregor	Camp at Willangi Bush Escapes. Chop and collect firewood for Octoberfest. Drive some tracks
September	Reccie		Reccie weekend 4WD
	weekend	Paul McGregor	Octoberfest tracks
29th September	OCTOBERFEST		Long weekend Event
- 2 nd October		Paul McGregor	

FUNNIES

Recently, I was diagnosed with: A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests: I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the table that I collected from the letter box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car. I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the rubbish bin under the table, and notice that it is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the rubbish first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the post-box when I take out the rubbish anyway, I may as well pay the bills first. I take my cheque book off the table, and see that there is only 1 cheque left. My extra cheques are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the cup of tea I'd been drinking. I'm going to look for my cheques, but first I need to push the tea aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The tea is getting cold, and I decide to put it in the microwave to warm it up. As I head toward the kitchen with the tea, a vase of flowers on the bench catches my eye - they need water. I put the tea on the bench and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers. I set the glasses back down on the worktop, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote control. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realise that tonight when we watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote control, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the front room where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers. I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote control back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a cold cup of tea sitting on the bench, the flowers don't have clean water, - there is still only 1 cheque in my cheque book, I can't find the remote control, I can't find my glasses and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. Then, when I try to figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired. I realise this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail





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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 25th & 26th March 2017

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEWNR) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors. This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking, track matting, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, signage, vegetation trimming, painting and rubble placement. DEWNR will be providing materials and specialist tools needed for the work and the volunteers will need to provide all the basic hand tools and labour.

The one-way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

Cox's Windmill Campground "Official" Opening

DEWNR is recognising the efforts of 4WDSA volunteers by providing a BBQ dinner, salad & drinks to the weekend's volunteers at the "official" opening of the new Cox's Windmill campground on the Saturday evening of the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 25th & 26th March 2017. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campground (S35° 25' 24.7" E140° 52' 46.2"). See map. Overflow if necessary to nearby Nanam Well/Cox's Windmill campgrounds. Directions: Heading south from Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn), then after ~1.9km turn right on to Rosy Pine Road (Ngarkat Park sign at this point), continue south for ~14.7 km to the Park Entrance (there may be one or two gates near the end of this road). 250m on from the Park Entrance is the visitor information shelter and a further 70m is the turn left to the adjacent Pine Hut Soak campground.

WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The Pine Hut Soak campground has one long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the working bee dates will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill / angle grinder with a range of drill sizes and spade bits.

UHF In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful; Channel 16 will be used initially.

PersonalWorking gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, and sunscreen). Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

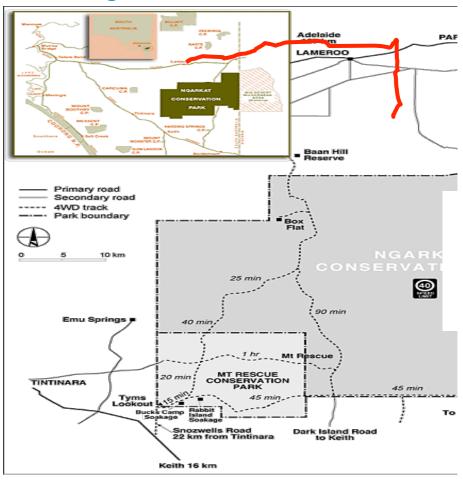
CONTACT:

Darryl McManus - e-mail ddaajmcm@bigpond.net.au, Mb. 0488 275 300 **Satellite phone**: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

Important Note - let us know in advance:

- Contact details for your group.
- When you plan to arrive.
- The number of people and vehicles in your party.
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Happy New Year to one and all! Please stay safe travelling and celebrating with family and friends.



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

Cheers Kylie

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