



# Rangers' Review

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**“Camping is the answer, it  
doesn’t matter what the  
question is.”**



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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](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

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# Prez Sez

With less than six months to Christmas, it's time to start being good if you haven't already – how else do expect to get that new car or new accessory for your 4by?

Although I'm not working and the study does not fill my days entirely, I thought it would be easy to get the list of jobs crossed off, but I've been proved wrong once again! The list is not getting any smaller, I think Tanya keeps adding to it? We have not had a spare weekend since Camp Cook and that seems like ages ago. Our long weekend trip to the Gammon Ranges was excellent (hopefully you'll see a report in this mag), the following weekend we were "home" to Mt Gambier as Liam was partnering a good friend in her Debutante Ball, then we had a weekend in the Barossa with my family for a balloon adventure (thoroughly recommend it you haven't done it). So, it was great to go back to Steve's at Ashbourne for a "veg weekend", the weather was better than the camp cook weekend, the food was just as great but not the same amount of variety, the fire was cranking and there was plenty of room for everyone!

Last Club meeting we had our live survey, run by Gary, which I personally feel was great! Thanks to Gary for the idea and the running of it – there were some great insights as to what you the members want from our club. We have discussed many the points already at the committee meeting and will report back on these soon.

Our trips board seems to have plenty of trips for you to attend, which brings me to a couple of big reminders from last month.....

We need to keep a record of everyone (not just the primary member as we do now) who attends a club meeting, any event, any trip or anything associated with the club. Initially the current trip sheets that go up on the board will not change, BUT we will have an extra sheet for the trip leader to get filled out with all attendee's names, hypothetically even infants as young as 1 day old are on a trip, they need to be included on the attendance sheet. The attendance sheet is then returned to Trips Officer along with the trip sheet, for scanning and storing in our files. We are also working on an electronic sign in form for club meetings.

With over 42 entrants so far for our Redarc 4WD Octoberfest event in October, things are taking shape and the planning is well and truly underway, we even have 5 entries from Wimmera 4WD Club interstate. Are you going to be joining us on this great weekend – there are new properties and new tracks, the ever-popular Strickland Road Band, Movie Night and Camp cook competition, the Redarc 4WD Octoberfest will be an absolute fun weekend for everyone! Need more information, why not hop onto our website for a look?

The initial sites we were allocated for our annual Australia Day Long Weekend trip have all been claimed, and its good to see some new members with their names on the list. If you'd still like to attend I have been able to secure a handful of additional sites, which if no one wants by end of September, we need to hand back so let me know ASAP. If your name is already down please call Southern Ocean Tourist Park at Beachport and pay your two nights deposit.

I think that's all from me this month, I have some Nepal trip to finalise.

Hope to see you at the club meeting....

# YOUR COMMITTEE 2017-18

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# YOUR COMMITTEE 2017-18

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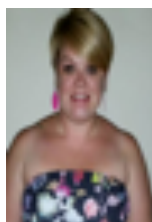
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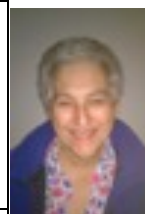
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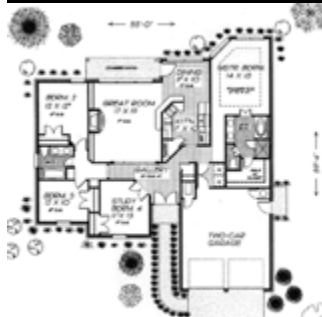
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# MERCHANDISE

We have a new supplier for our merchandise and they have provided better guidance on measuring and choosing the best size garment for order.

**How to measure:** select a similar garment that fits you and lay it flat. Then measure from side seam to side seam under the armhole; this will give you the half chest measurement shown on the sizing guide.

Note the half chest measurement is the *finished garment size* not your body size

## Khaki Shirt

We have new khaki shirts with the MLR logo, available for order, either short or long sleeve for \$40. Add your name for an extra \$7.



### Description

180 gsm  
100% cotton drill work shirts  
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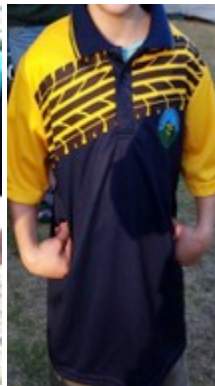
SIZE	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	3XL	5XL
HALF CHEST	55	57.5	60	62	64.5	67	69.5	74

## Polo Shirts

Available for order in the two designs: Tyre print and Flinders print  
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# MERCHANDISE

## Jackets and Vests

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## POLO Sizing Chart - NEW SIZES 2016

### Emmsee Sportswear

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When measuring length start at highest point near neck / shoulder

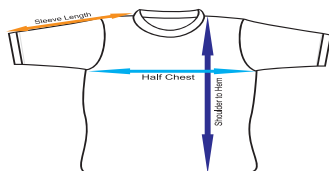
Emmsee sizes	$\frac{1}{2}$ chest	high point of shoulder	$\frac{1}{2}$ chest	
Size 6	38	53	kids	6
Size 8	40	56	kids	8
Size 10	43	58	kids	10
Size 12	44	60	ladies	8
Size 14	47	65	ladies	10
Size 16	49	70	ladies	12
Size 18	53	74	ladies	14
Size 20	54	75	ladies	16
Size 22	58	76	ladies	18
Size 24	60	78	ladies	20
Size 26	63	81	ladies	22
Size 28	66	81		
Size 30	70	81	ladies	24
Size 32	75 hip 79	81	ladies	26
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



Contact Sheena to place an order:

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## **Club equipment for loan!**

- Grate mates
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    - Car Bra
    - Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
  - 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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**If payment is not made by September club meeting (Monday 11th) you will be removed from club mailing list and unable to attend club trips.**

**Please contact Paul (the treasurer) for a confidential discussion if you require a payment plan for your membership fees.**

## NEW CLUB AWARDS

As a result of the feedback night at the June monthly meeting, there was general consensus to introduce two additional awards to the Club.

These include:

**MLR “*Quiet Achiever*” award**

**MLR “*Rookie of the Year*” award**

For further information regarding criteria and process please see the following pages.

These in addition to the “Club Person of the Year” award will be presented the annual MLR awards night commencing 2018.

So over to you... keep your eyes open over the months ahead and place your nominations.



## MLR Rookie of the Year Award

The Rookie of the Year award is given to recognise the dedication and commitment of new / first year members to the Club.

The Rookie of the Year Award will be based on the rookie's performance in accordance with the selection criteria provided below.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the "Rookie of the Year" award each nominee must be:

- A 1st year financial member of the MLR 4x4 Club as defined by the MLR constitution.
- Have completed his/her first year between the dates of October 1 of the previous calendar year and September 30 of the current calendar year.
- Satisfy the selection criteria below.

Members become eligible by performing at least 1 Trip Leader role in the course of a calendar year, AND attend a minimum of 6 MLR events (meetings or trips) in the 12 months.

### Nomination Process

- The nomination period (per club person of the year i.e runs Feb to Jan)
- Qualifying period closes
- The MLR Awards Sub Committee will review the nominations and select the winner for the period.
- The winner will be announced at the annual MLR awards night.

### Selection Criteria

- Primary Criteria:
  - Attendance at Club meetings
  - Attendance on Club trips
  - Attendance at training activities
- Additional criteria used to separate nominees if the result is not clear after assessing primary criteria:
  - Trips Lead (*note this is not compulsory*)
  - Volunteer activities conducted
  - Behind scenes support

### Selection Panel

The MLR Awards Sub Committee will consist of the 7 MLR Directors.



## MLR Quiet Achiever Award

The quiet achiever award is given to recognise the dedication and commitment of members who are value add to the Club without fuss or bother. Often these men and women are quiet achievers who might otherwise not be recognised. No one realises the amount and quality of their work until they are acknowledged or they are away.

The Quiet Achievers Award acknowledges just how much they are valued and appreciated and recognises their important, often behind the scenes, contribution to the fabric of the Club. This is an award that is presented to those special people who go out of their way to do things for others, not because they want recognition but because it comes from their heart to give and serve others.

### Eligibility

All financial members of the MLR 4x4 Club as defined by the MLR constitution.

### Nomination Process

- Call for nominations will be made annually. However any member may nominate another member at any time throughout the qualifying period.
- The nomination period (per club person of the year i.e runs Feb to Jan)
- Nominations are made by submitting a nomination form outlining why the member is considered a quiet achiever with any additional achievements as outlined in the nominee criteria, in no more than one A4 page with font size not less than 10 points.
- Nominations close
- The MLR Awards Sub Committee will review the nominations and select the winner for the period.
- The winner will be announced at the annual MLR awards night.

### Nominee Criteria

- Always friendly and supportive consistently helping others
- Continued fundraising efforts
- Volunteer efforts for the betterment of the Club
- Behind the scenes support

*NB – there is no requirement to have lead a trip to be eligible for this award*

### Selection Panel

Nominations are to be forwarded to the MLR Secretary at [secretary@mountloftyranglers.com.au](mailto:secretary@mountloftyranglers.com.au)

The MLR Awards Sub Committee will consist of the 7 MLR Directors.



# NOMINATION FORM

## MLR Quiet Achiever Award

<b>NOMINEE NAME:</b>			
<b>NAME OF NOMINATOR:</b>			
<i>Nominators contact details:</i>			
<b>TELEPHONE :</b>		<b>EMAIL :</b>	
<b>MOBILE :</b>		<b>SIGNATURE :</b>	

**CRITERIA CITATION** *(Attach one additional A4 page with font size not less than 10 points if required)*

Review Committee Only	
Date Received	
Review Ranking	

# GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker for July:

Beyond Blue



For further information or to book a guest speaker, please email Gary Light, Guest Speaker Co-Ordinator & Vice President at [vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

**CAPTION THIS!**



# SAND FLAG COMPETITION

Final contenders:



Amazing, but unsuccessful applicants:



# TRIP REPORT: CAMP COOK @ ASHBOURNE

Drone photos courtesy of Steve Brown

Thanks to all who attended Camp Cook and especially a BIG thank you to Steve Townsend for letting us dwell on his property at Ashbourne for the weekend. A few camped Friday night and lent a hand as well as a chainsaw to clean up the dead wood fallen around the camp ground area. Using a couple of trailers



**YUM TIME!**



## **Tree bed sleeping competition with Lothar**

Lothar spent time with an initial lesson on how to construct a tree bed to a small group. He made it look so simple, quick and easy to get going. Each participant had their own methods in construction but all were successful. Take a look at some of the pictures captured. The overall winners were Gary Light & Trevor Light. Thanks Sheena & Lothar for taking the time to share their knowledge and bringing all the necessary equipment for the group to make their own tree beds. A fun experience had by all.



Gary Light



Anne-Marie Simes



Lynn Light – success!



Trevor Light – I think you're doing it wrong Trevor!



I think Sheena has done this before!





## HEADS UP...

# Big Desert Trip

Trip Leader : Gary Light

When: 14-16 Jul 2017

Where – Big Desert State Forest , Vic

*(think area East of the Border Track)*

|  
If you are interested put your name on the trip sheet.

Make sure your contact details are correct and readable.

We will catch up and discuss what's happening at the monthly meeting 10 Jul.

If you can't make the meeting , contact Gary via [vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

*Lets see who can conquer the "Big Dune"?*

# TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Extended trip	Lloyd Weaver	Uluru / Alice Springs / Dalhousie / Old Andado
<i>Uluru &amp; Field of Lights via Farina / Oodnadatta Track / Old Andado / Alice Springs / Finke Gorge National Park</i>			
MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
14-16 <sup>th</sup> July	Weekend trip	Gary Light	Big Desert
<i>Stay at Big Billy Bore campground. Sand driving varied terrain exploring Big Desert</i>			
22-23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Weekend training	Steve Townsend	Ashbourne
<i>Join Steve for a weekend of tyre changing and trip planning on his property</i>			
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Weekend trip	Paul McGregor	Bria Glen Park, Wonna Valley, Terowie, Mid North
<i>Meet Brian Sambell the land owner and Gawler Mayor, drive his tracks with Brian, plan an Octoberfest day trip, cut some wood and have a big camp fire and camp cook.</i>			
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Weekend trip	Steve Townsend	Morgan Quarry
MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
18/19/20 August	Fishing Comp	Erik Kalderovskis	Salt Creek
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Extended trip	Craig Watkin	Great Central Road Trip
<i>Alice Springs &amp; drive the Red Centre Way. Head west to Uluru &amp; drive to Laverton. Home via the Bight for whale watching. Permits required.</i>			
26 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Reccie Weekend	Paul McGregor	Willangi
<i>Weekend reccie 4WD Octoberfest tracks</i>			

# TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Long weekend	Paul McGregor	OCTOBERFEST
<i>OCTOBERFEST 4WD weekend</i>			
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Day trip (and/or overnight)	Steve Brown	Yankalilla to Cape Jervis
<i>\$30 per vehicle + \$10 for lunch. Driving on farm land along coast lunch supplied by Lions Club (inc in cost). Can camp Fri &amp; Sat night. Adventures 4WD club invited</i>			
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Weekend trip	Steve Townsend	Peake
<i>Sand driving with Jeep club &amp; Breakaways</i>			
MONDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
MONDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
TBA	Christmas Show	Jordan Ray	TBA
<i>Stay tuned for details</i>			
MONDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		

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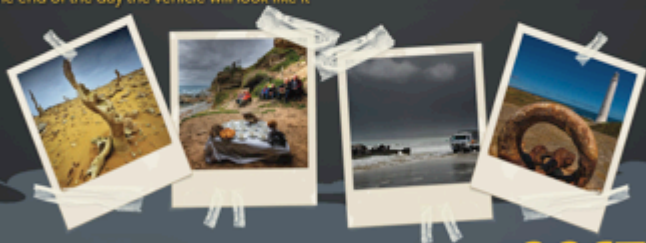
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# TRAINING

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## 2017 DATES

### MLR TRAINING

Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tyre repair	Ashbourne
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Trip Planning 9-1am	Meadows Hall 9am
12-13 <sup>th</sup> August	Rocky undulated terrain	Morgan Quarry
7-8 <sup>th</sup> October	Sand driving & recovery	Peake (with Jeep club)

### DTU TRAINING

### **STAY TUNED!!!**

For further information on training please email  
[training@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:training@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

## 2017 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
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

Monday 2 October -	Labour Day
Sunday 24 December -	Christmas Eve
Monday 25 December -	Christmas Day
Tuesday 26 December -	Boxing Day / Proclamation Day
Sunday 31 December -	New Year's Eve

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## 2017 OCTOBERFEST TRIPS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
26 – 27 <sup>th</sup> August	Trip leader reccie	Paul McGregor	
August	Firewood collection	Paul McGregor	Camp at Willangi Bush Escapes. Chop and collect firewood for Octoberfest. Drive some tracks
September	Reccie weekend	Paul McGregor	Reccie weekend 4WD Octoberfest tracks
29 <sup>th</sup> September – 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	OCTOBERFEST	Paul McGregor	Long weekend Event

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## TRIP REPORT: JUNE W'END @ WILLANGI

Due to work commitments, we weren't able to escape the city 'til after 5:30pm on Friday evening, but after a couple of short stops for Fish and Chips, and a coffee, we were well on our way with only very light traffic once we peeled off onto the Northern expressway. We arrived at Willangi a little after 9pm to find Henry and Kerry, Graham and Coralyn, and Paul, Jenny and James all well setup and settled around the campfire.



After a quick setup, we joined the others around the campfire and soon the working week was a distant memory. The chill in the air was evident if you strayed away from the fire, and was certainly notable when changing to jump into bed! Not sure exactly how cold it got, but Paul unplugged his car fridge one night, to save his battery, and when he plugged it in again the next morning, the temp inside had actually dropped!

Saturday morning was a leisurely start, with coffees and breakfast next to the campfire. It really was a pleasure to get up when we felt like it, cook up a nice breakfast and take the time to chat and enjoy the surroundings.

There was a small issue when I came to make our second cup of coffee, where my gas burners refused to light. It had worked fine earlier in the morning. I left it, a boiled the billy on the fire while I thought about it some more. I changed gas bottles. I re-attached the gas line. But I still couldn't get it to light. I put my ear near the stove and could hear gas. Then..., after I don't know how long, I worked it out!

Apparently, you need to hold the lighter next the same burner as the control you're turning! You know..., lighter next to the left burner, and following the little picture next to the knobs, turn the left burners knob on! Who would have guessed! It took us a minute or two to stop laughing so we could explain to the others what had happened. My excuse is that we quite obviously don't get away camping enough..., and I'm sticking to it!

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Anyway...., somewhere around midday, we headed into Peterborough, wandered through the old theatre (now a coffee shop) and browsed the various bits of trivia that are scattered throughout. On this occasion we didn't stay for a coffee but strolled back along the main street to another little coffee shop. It's set back from the road, just towards the edge of town from the petrol station, in an old stone cottage called the Tinsmiths Cottage, with it's gravel covered yard strewn with old machinery, trinkets and bit and pieces from Peterborough's railway past. We found a comfortable and sunny nook, just out the front of the cottage next to a wonderful water feature made from an old cast iron water pump, old kettles and a tub of old crockery. The Coffee, milkshakes, toasted sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, and cupcakes, were all sensational! We all thoroughly enjoyed our various treats and recommend you try it out if you are passing through. There's various places to sit, scattered around the yard amongst the artworks and trinkets, as well as a few tables inside the cottage. Good coffee and good food. I can especially recommend the honey cupcake and the scones with jam and cream (real cream!).



On our stroll back down the main street, we ducked into the little museum housing a beautiful scale model of the original Peterborough train station. It was painstakingly built using stone from the original quarry and miniature red bricks, all made to scale and housed with old photos and items from Peterborough's heyday.

We returned to camp, with some taking advantage of the coin operated showers before sharing a spread of cheese and nibbles. We got the coal factory going as we watched the clear sky go wonderful shades of blue and mauve as the sun disappeared behind the hill. Roasts and braised steaks cooked in the camp ovens and more campfire chats finished off a lovely, laidback kind of day.

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Sunday had 3 of the 4 vehicles ready to depart camp around 9:30am. Kerry and Henry elected to have another relaxing day pottering around camp. Terowie 4WD park was our destination. Paul hadn't seen it since originally investigating it's potential for Octoberfest about 5 years ago, and I don't think any of us were very surprised to find very little appeared to have changed. Having said that, there is a huge range of tracks to try and there something for everybody including some pretty serious rock hopping options along the creeks. We headed off, weaving between the trees 'til we dropped into the creek. Jenny jumped at the chance to get out of Paul's car and take photo's, instead of riding aboard for the reasonably steep drop in the creek, but the currently un-lifted Paj made it down without any nasty scraping sounds. Maybe just the tiniest 'ting' as the side step brushed the edge. We headed further along the creek, taking the occasional detour up a track on the side bank just for a bit of fun. I still get a pleasant surprise when I point the vehicle at a seemingly impossible climb, only for it to almost effortlessly climb up and over, and then the feeling of hanging in your seatbelt, looking at the river sand coming up towards your front bar, as the gearing and engine braking controls your decent back into the creek bed.



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Another party came idling up along the creek, so we decided to move along and find a pleasant spot for a break but the other group seemed to follow us. When we stopped, a friendly G'Day came from one of them as they walked towards us, which turned out to come from David Lamb, a past MLR member, who was there with some friends. After a quick chat, they continued on their way with us giving them a few minutes head start. We had just started to prepare lunch at a nice spot at the top of a hill, when Paul's phone picked up a signal and managed enough messaging and broken conversation to find out that unfortunately, Jens Dad had been admitted to hospital, so they decided to cut the trip short, to head back where they could get a decent phone signal and decide the best course of action from there.

After admiring the view over lunch, the remaining 2 cars (the Jones' and the Simes') decided to generally head back to camp and catch up with Paul and Jen, but via the scenic route.

And a scenic route it was! A rough track winds it's way up along a ridge then down through a tight turn in a creek bed, before heading up along another ridge, with plenty of opportunity to test your wheel placement and vehicle clearance, over sometimes loose rocks, finishing at a small flat clearing with wonderful views over to the east. There's a couple of options down, but we took the relatively easy one, meandering down between the trees and through a couple of washouts, finding ourselves back on the 'main' track, and back out towards Terowie for ice creams and to use their facilities to air up again.



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Paul and Jen had made some calls and decided to head off in the morning, so we found them back at camp, just getting the fire, and happy hour started. Some of us had showers (boy are they good!) while Henry had a batch of BBQ'd chicken nibbles all ready to go which really hit the spot.

Another night of cooking and chatting around the campfire and a yummy hot butterscotch pudding desert from the Jones' and the Heness' finished me off just nicely! We had another relaxed start the next day, but there were signs of a pretty chilly start for those that arose a little earlier because there was still frost on anything that the sun hadn't hit yet, and the sun was now starting to warm the tents! I made a comment of how we should have planned for another cooked breakfast and next minute Paul was back with a few left over hashed browns and a couple of eggs. Another couple of eggs from the Jones', a few bits of ham and cherry toms from our own fridge, and tadah! We had had ourselves another yummy cooked breakfast. Thanks guys!

It was another beatify sunny day, so a leisurely stroll down the creek finished of a beaut weekend with great company and the perfect mix of activity and relaxing. Thanks to Paul for organising the weekend and to everyone for helping make the weekend so enjoyable.

Now...., when can I next get away? I need to practice lighting my stove!



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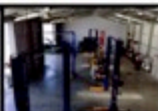
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## TRIP REPORT: SPOON WHITTLIN'

Courtesy of Leonie Womersley

On last Saturday morning about a dozen MLR ers descended on Sheena and Lothar's lovely home excited to try the new experience of spoon whittling (using army pocket knives to shape bits of wood into functional wooden spoons) .

We were toasty warm on their enclosed deck area as Lothar started with a safety demonstration, We were assured Sheena had a senior first aid certificate and there were plenty of bandaids on hand (very reassuring). After choosing our wood and getting us started we started to fashion our piece of raw wood by using our lovingly sharpened by Lothar, Swiss army knives. Sheena dreamily mentioned how "the wood talks to you " and helps you individualise your spoon. Obviously the wood mentioned it liked thinks "kinky" to Trevor as his spoon handle had an impressive curve in it and Garry must have heard the wind over water as now he will never be up the creek without a paddle.

We happily whittled the morning away with encouragement from Lothar and Hilton, Lothar showing us the various techniques to shape different areas of the spoon. Conversation and laughter was in abundance. We shared a lovely morning tea and the "whittled "again. Some of the group made better progress than others and I can confidently say my spoon was the least refined but I had the most laughs.

The end results for most of the group was impressive. The spoons were sanded smooth, oiled and some even managed to burn names / symbols into the wood.

We then shared a unique lunch of a delicious African sausage, (you might need to ask Sheena or Lothar for it's official name) chips and salad.

If you ever have a chance spoon whittling is very relaxing and therapeutic. The group only sustained two splinters (one of them by Lothar) and one small cut. I am sure the whole group would like to pass on our thanks to Sheena and Lothar for their hospitality, great food and fun morning. If any of you have a chance ask Sheena about how Lothar ended up in an ambulance with lights flashing racing to hospital after sharpening blades for his woodwork class.



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## TRIP REPORT: JUNE W'END @ GAMMON RANGES

Courtesy of Sheena Dunaiski

We all agreed to meet at the Hawker petrol station at 10:30am on Friday 9th June. After topping up fuel most of us browsed past the Biggest Morning Tea and after a small donation helped ourselves to a tasty selection of cakes and other treats. Soon we headed up to Leigh Creek and after a final fuel top up and a quick air down we took the dirt road towards the Gammon Ranges. A beautiful wind still day meant that we had to leave a substantial distance between cars to allow the white dust clouds to move on. We stopped for lunch in at Jupiter Creek; a dry rocky creek bed shaded by towering gums. By mid-afternoon we reached Weetootla campground where we found a nice spot for 5 tents and a decent campfire to one side. The first night was quite chilly so we were very glad that we had all brought some wood. After dinner and the usual fireside stories we headed off to our cosy beds. We were woken to a crisp dry morning by the mournful sounds of a lone crow. After brekkie we set off to explore a circular drive through the arid and very rugged landscape. The road took us through frequent floodways and creek crossings lined with round boulders of all sizes and the ever present clouds of dust made it hard to imagine it ever rained here. Often the road passed through gorges with towering ochre and black rocks and as we drove up creek beds lined with majestic red gums the scarring and piles of debris on their upstream sides reminded us of the power of the floods that had raged through here. We stopped for lunch at Grindells Hut and here found the remains of the original hut built by John Grindell one of the landowners in the early 1900s. What a tough place that must have been for those early settlers and there are many tales of courage and determination in the face of great hardship and tragedy. We headed back to camp by mid afternoon to get the fire going so we would have enough time to prepare our shared meals. We started with some cheese, biscuits and a couple of beers and glasses of red to wash down the dust. Tom had brought along a specially cut log called a "Roman Candle" and once lit it provided a tower of glowing coals next to our campfire. Later, we tucked into a delicious campside buffet of Chilli Beef, Spicy Chicken with stir fried veggies and noodles. Then there was Roast Beef with jacket potatoes and Roasted Apricot Chicken Roll. Later, we got to choose a dessert of self saucing chocolate pudding, sticky date or gooey caramel heated by floating in hot water in a campoven. Sooo yummy ....thanks Tom and Tanya!

The third morning dawned crisp and sunny and after brekkie we set off for

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Arkaroola. When we got there Tanya and Pete were hoping for some scones with strawberry jam and coffee, but only custard slice or florentines were on offer; must say they tasted pretty good. While talking to the staff in the office we heard about the Echo Camp Backtrack, an "extreme" 4wd track of some 35km. This self-guided tour took us past several historic sites including old stock corrals built in the 1940s, out of termite resistant mulga wood. As the track wound through rugged gorges and dry rocky creek beds shaded by tall red gums, we descended steeply into Bararranna Gorge and Waterhole. We left the cars and wandered up the gorge to find some deep pools between the towering rock cliffs where earlier water levels had left a line on the rocks well above our heads. We stopped for lunch in a wide sandy creek bed flanked by ancient ochre cliffs and majestic gums. Later, a drive up steep and rocky inclines allowed us to take in the stunning views of Lake Frome in the distance. We were keen to drive to Paralana Springs but after 30 minutes of slow progress on a very rough road Tom decided we would not have enough time to get there and back in daylight so we turned back. On the route out we passed Stubbs Waterhole which has semi-permanent water and the site of Lively's Gold mine, where the richest gold find was made in 1946. We stopped to look at the Ochre Wall, a clay bank where the rich iron oxide tones made it glow in the late afternoon sun. This clay had been used in ceremonies and paintings. We headed back to camp and Pete and I stalked some emus to get some nice photos.

The next morning we broke camp and with only three cars heading back to Adelaide we said our goodbyes and hit the road. We saw several wedge-tailed eagles feasting on the road victims from the night before. After about an hour we pulled into Chambers Gorge and decided to walk up one of the canyons to look at the interesting Aboriginal engravings made during ceremonies held in this sacred place. On the way back to our cars we followed the wider river bed where we enjoyed looking at the rock pools and it was lovely to hear the sound of tumbling water again.

To avoid the heavy traffic at the end of the long weekend we took the back road through Melrose and had a smooth and trouble free trip back to Adelaide

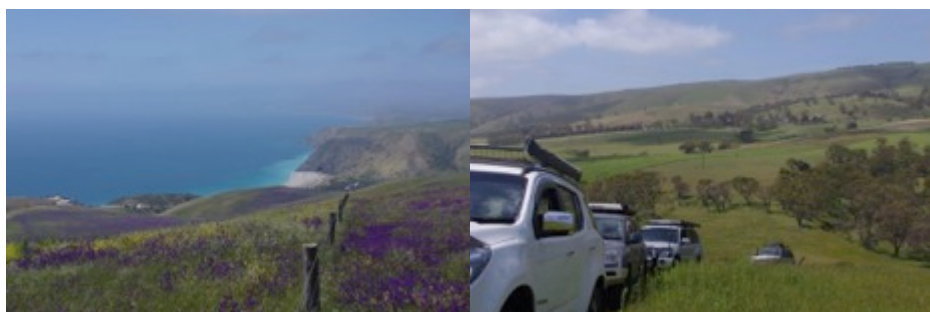
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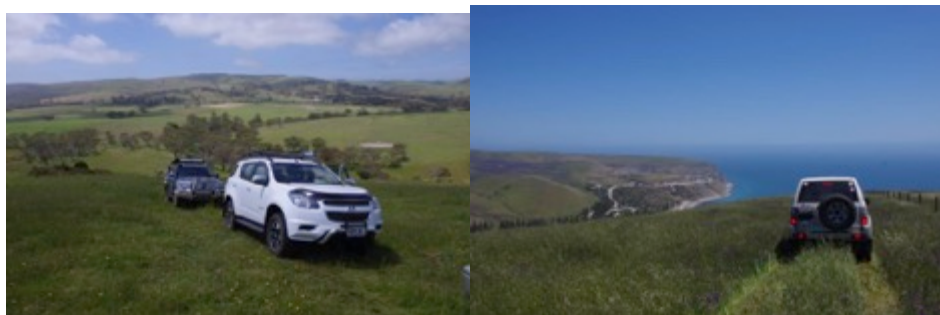
## YANKALILLA TRAILS

Yankalilla Trails is a tour that Lions Club of Yankalilla has run for several years. We take insured 4WD Club members in their 4WD vehicles from Yankalilla to Cape Jervis during a whole day, and provide a big BBQ lunch. Our aim is to show off some of the best country in the southern Fleurieu, using private land for which we obtain one-off access permission. We try to avoid public roads. Access is determined by weather.



Check out MLR trips calendar for Steve Brown's trip on Saturday of 7th October.

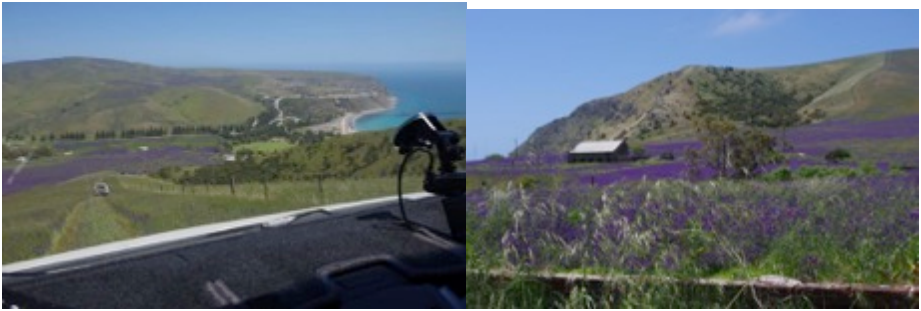
Cost is \$30 per vehicle plus \$10 per adult for lunch. Start is 9am and we finish about 3:30 at Cape Jervis. Funds raised by Lions go towards community projects.



# YANKALILLA TRAILS

An invitation has been extended to The Adventures to join us for this day trip to boost numbers.

Bush style camping with toilets and power may be available at Yankalilla, alternatively book and camp at Wirrina.



These pictures are courtesy of Steve Brown's parents who did this trip last year with The LandCruiser Club.

Happy 4WDing & Camping!

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