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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

The weekend just gone was definitely full of YES!

Yes – the weather was superb

Yes – it was a bit frosty at night and in the morning

Yes – there was plenty of wood for the fire to keep warm

Yes – the Tree Sleeping Challenge was successful for those that participated

Yes – there were plenty of MLR members attend the Camp cook at Steve's place

Yes – we helped clean up around the campsite

Yes – there was lots of beverages and bullshit around the fire

Yes – I had a great time

Yes – the food cooked was yummy and no-one went hungry

Yes – you missed out if you didn't attend

Yes – after consultation with Steve, there will be random trips come out through the week for a potential sleep over on the upcoming Saturday night, even if it's just to sit around the campfire and socialise with other members. Keep an eye on your emails!

As you can tell it was an absolute top weekend, I'm sure there will be trip photos and maybe even a trip report somewhere else in this mag?

The AGM was last meeting and thank you to those that either were nominated by someone or by themselves. Please help me to welcome to the committee for the first time, Trevor Light as Trips Officer and Chris Grear and Jason McKendrik for putting their hands up after the meeting to take a couple of the vacant general committee positions, we still have the Training Officer position vacant, so if you're interested please come and have a chat.

As you would have seen by the amount of emails you have been receiving recently, there is lots happening – the biggest thing the change of insurance provider for all the affiliated 4WD clubs in Australia. How it affects you, I hear you ask? Well the club saves \$3.30 per membership and we get a greater coverage. What we need to change? 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.

Our annual club dinner was well patronized with over 45 people attending to enjoy some great food, some socialising with other members, to listen to a great guest speaker – Ron Dunkley who was one of the founding members who talked on a club trip he did to Hidden Valley, which is north of Arkaroola. The MLR Ken Bradey Club Person of the Year, was also awarded and you should read about that close result elsewhere in the magazine. We will be booking the same location for next year, so we will let you know a date soon.

I'm looking forward to hearing you have your say at the June club meeting, can I encourage you to not sit on your hands and keep your thoughts to yourself and to provide some feedback to the VP, so we as your appointed committee can keep driving MLR forward and it will also give us ideas as to what topics you'd like to see from a guest speaker, what kind of merchandise we need, there are other topics as well, if you think of something and are not able to make it, please email Gary your thoughts on vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

With over 35 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 from Horsham. 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? Hope to see you at the club meeting to hear your thought on the direction of MLR....

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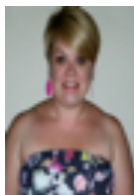
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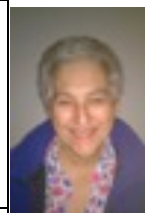
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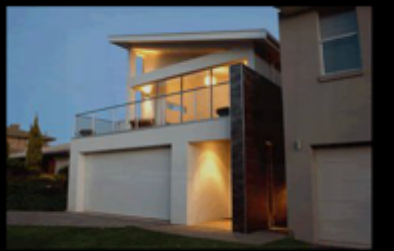
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MERCHANDISE

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

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MERCHANDISE

Jackets and Vests

These are still available to order

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POLO Sizing Chart - NEW SIZES 2016

Emmsee Sportswear

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

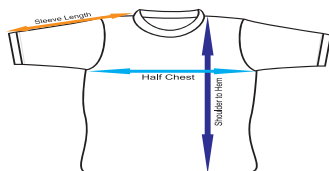
Emmsee sizes	$\frac{1}{2}$ chest	high point of shoulder		$\frac{1}{2}$ chest
Size 6	38	53		kids 6
Size 8	40	56		kids 8
Size 10	43	58		kids 10
Size 12	44	60	ladies 8	kids 12
Size 14	47	65	ladies 10	kids 14
Size 16	49	70	ladies 12	kids 16
Size 18	53	74	ladies 14	mens S
Size 20	54	75	ladies 16	mens M
Size 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

Where to measure



Contact Sheena to place an order:

merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Club equipment for loan!

- Grate mates
 - *Uniden* UHF handheld radios
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 - Car Bra
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Pay Now

*Remember to put your name in the reference field

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.



GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker for June:

MLR Reflections

Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye!

Several years ago the MLR conducted a survey to obtain feedback on what direction the members would like the Club to go.

June will present a timely opportunity for you to provide feedback and direction to your newly elected committee focusing on three key themes:

- What is working well and we should keep doing?
- What can we improve going forward?
- What opportunities would you like us to pursue?

When: 19 June 2017

How can you help: Put your thinking caps on and provide feedback on the themes above.

On the Night: We will be providing pizzas and \$2 champagnes for those at the meeting.

The session will be facilitated by the VP who will be seeking feedback from you across the committee portfolios including but not limited to:

- Guest Speakers
- Trips
- Merchandise
- Property

We will also provide an opportunity for you to provide any general feedback that doesn't necessarily align with a specific portfolio.

If you can't make the meeting and would like to provide feedback please speak with the VP or other committee members at the May meeting or send an email via

vp@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au prior to 19 June.

Bottom Line – It's your club, so why not come along and:

Have your say

Have a couple of slices of pizza (NB – it's not dinner)

Have a glass of bubbles



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

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SAND FLAG COMPETITION

Put in your design for a club sand flag to be placed below the regulation sand flag.

It can be any shape or colour but no bigger than 300mm high and 400mm wide.

The design needs to be printed on both sides and must incorporate the MLR logo.

Submit your entries to merchandise@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au before 14th May.

Winner will be announced at the club dinner and their prize will be a bottle of wine and a free sand flag (if they go into production which is dependent on pricing and demand).



MLR ANNUAL DINNER

Here's a few happy snaps from dinner Saturday night at Three Gums Hahndorf.



Tom, Henry, Keith & Glenn



Lovely ladies Pam, Tania & Jo

MLR ANNUAL DINNER



Kylie, Sharron, Debbie, Kerry & Meredith



Steve, Les, Keith, Henry, Frank & Trevor

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Greg, Craig, Michelle, Scott, Kerry, Jason, Clare, Jenny & Paul



Story time with Ron Dunkley with his trip to the Hidden Valley in 1996

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Phil & Ken delivering the well deserved Club Person of the Year award to Tom Doody



MLR ANNUAL DINNER



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TRIPS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
<i>Sat 10th – Mon 12th June – Long Weekend</i>			
17 th June	Day trip	Lothar Dunaiski	Spoon Whittlin'
<i>98 Murrays Hill Road COROMANDEL VALLEY 8.30am sharp, knives and wood included. Lunch in Blackwood TBC</i>			
MONDAY 19 th June	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
MONDAY 10 th July	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
14-16 th July	Weekend trip	Gary Light	Big Desert
<i>Stay at Big Billy Bore campground. Sand driving varied terrain exploring Big Desert</i>			
22-23 rd July	Weekend training	Steve Townsend	Ashbourne
<i>Join Steve for a weekend of tyre changing and trip planning on his property</i>			
4 th – 6 th 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 Brain, plan an Octoberfest day trip, cut some wood and have a big camp fire and camp cook.</i>			
12 th – 13 th August	Weekend trip	Steve Townsend	Morgan Quarry

TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 14 th August	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
26 th – 27 th August	Reccie Weekend	Paul McGregor	Willangi
<i>Weekend reccie 4WD Octoberfest tracks</i>			
Aug – Sept	Extended trip	Rodger Clayton	The Top End
<i>Adelaide, Cairns, Cape York, Palmer Gold Fields, Normanton, Lawn Hill, Long Beach, Burke, Adelaide</i>			
MONDAY 11 th September	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
29 th Sept – 2 nd Oct	Long weekend	Paul McGregor	OCTOBERFEST
<i>OCTOBERFEST 4WD weekend</i>			
7 th 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 & Sat night. Adventures 4WD club invited</i>			
7 th – 8 th October	Weekend trip	Steve Townsend	Peake
<i>Sand driving with Jeep club & Breakaways</i>			
MONDAY 9 th October	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		

ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR SA PARKS

[From 1 June](#), entry and camping for Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park, Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park, Innamincka Regional Reserve, Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park, Witjira National Park and Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park will need to be booked through a booking system.

Grindell's Hut, Nudlamutana Hut and the Balcanoona Shearers Quarters in Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park will also be available to be booked online before you go. The system has been rolled out across South Australia, and many other states and countries have online booking system for their parks.

The new booking system recognises that there is often high demand for some camping areas during peak periods, and will allow visitors to book their favourite campsites 12 months in advance of a planned visit. For many people it will be a more convenient experience; they can plan and book ahead from the comfort of their home, and they won't have to carry the correct amount of cash.

Over time, self-registration stations (a.k.a. iron rangers) have continually been subjected to acts of vandalism and theft. With the online booking system self-registration stations will no longer be required and cash payments will no longer be accepted.

The Desert Parks Pass that covers entry and camping to the Simpson Desert Regional Reserve and Simpson Desert Conservation Park will still be purchased via normal arrangements. After purchasing your Desert Parks Pass, you will be required to go on-line to book campsites in other parks that are covered by the Desert Parks Pass such as Witjira National Park, Innamincka Regional Reserve, Malkumba-Coongie Lakes National Park and Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park. When booking a campsite, the booking system will ask if you have a Desert Parks Pass, so you will not have to pay twice.

ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR SA PARKS

Park visitors need to visit www.parks.sa.gov.au to make their bookings. Preferably visitors will book before they leave home, however some visitors prefer not to plan ahead. As mobile reception is limited or non-existent in the Region, or if visitors do not have access to the Internet while travelling, a number of businesses in strategic, remote locations have become agents. They will have signage that on-line payment is available before visitors drive out to the park and can assist you. These agents can be found at www.parks.sa.gov.au

It is acknowledged that in the first year, there will be confusion for some visitors but as other States have had similar systems already in place and as word gets around, this will reduce in time.

For further information on this matter please contact the Desert Parks Pass Administration Officer on [08 8648 5328](tel:0886485328) or DEWNRDesertParks@sa.gov.au.

Important note from Jo from Westprint Maps

I am aware that this is not going to be a popular notice. For that reason, I have included the address above as the correct channel for people to express their concerns. From a grass roots level I have not seen this system to be working satisfactorily in Queensland or Victoria but our efforts to have the system modified have come to naught. If you wish to express your thoughts on the above I would urge you to contact the address above. An expression in writing is probably the best way to do this but should you choose to call for more information please remember that the Administration Officer answering your call is not the person who made this decision.

TRIP REPORT: FLINDERS RANGES

Courtesy of Trevor & Lynn Light
May 6-14 2017

When I booked my holidays for this week we were intending to go to Bali and see what it was like but after a bit of research I decided maybe later....lets go to the Flinders instead since this year is about ticking boxes. As embarrassing as this is to say I have not been to Wilpena Pound since I was 7 and Trevor has never been. So with the help of Pam and Neil, Ant and Brenda, and Rob and Trish we headed north to explore, calling into the Crystal Brook bakery for morning tea/lunch where Pam and Neil caught up to us after having trailer light issues. Our trip leading skills were tested already as we temporarily lost Ant and Brenda, but caught up again at Quorn.



Sunset at Stokes look out with Neil Stokes and Pam

First camp was Merna Mora on the west side of the pound staying three nights. They have some nice tracks (we did 3 of them Lake Torrens-full day, Bunbinyunna-full day and Wowee -3 hours), good camps sites and plenty of wood we could collect for the fire. We all cooked on the fire Neil and Pam cooked crayfish for entrée and Brenda made a sweet damper to share...Yum



Camp at Merna Mora

TRIP REPORT: FLINDERS RANGES

After the Wowee track we collected the trailers and headed to Wilpena via the Moralana Scenic Route, setting up again for 3 nights. Wednesday was a BIG day heading off early to hike St Mary Peak (it took 9 hours to complete). The intention was to go up the short but steep side (outside track) then either come down the less steep side (inside track) or the short fast way down depending on how everyone felt. Somehow we missed the turn off to the Outside Track but decided to keep going the long way instead of turning back making the hike 21.5km. It was worth it, the views were amazing. It has been on my to-do list for 49 years; now I have finally ticked it off. We all made it down, with only a couple of blisters and a few sore muscles. Pam and Ant had the fire going and nibbles ready when we got back, just as the sun was setting.



One of many stone creations by Brenda and Trevor

Ant and Brenda led the way on Thursday taking us through Bunyerroo and Brachina Gorges where Ant found a rock with fossils hundreds of millions of years old. On to the Prairie Hotel for road kill burgers and beer then through Parachilna gorge to Blinman and home. Rob and Trish had a chill out day, started the fire and made delicious olive bread in the camp oven. Trevor made an amazing chocolate cake in the camp oven for my birthday. It even had icing.



Lunch at Prairie Hotel

TRIP REPORT: FLINDERS RANGES

The last two nights we spent at Willow springs in a nice bush camp, we did a short track at Upalinna Station which was only opened at Easter this year. On the final Saturday we spent the day doing Skytrek , the track starts in the creek bed and continues between the ranges for a lot of the time, you can no longer access Mt Carnarvon from Willow Springs, which was a bit disappointing but the views are good and the track interesting especially once you go through the locked gate and start the climb .



Convoy on the move

The week was very enjoyable with all sorts of things to do and see, a variety of rock art and cairn repairs carried out mainly by Brenda and Trevor, fabulous creations cooked on the camp fire, and interesting geology and history lessons by Ant.

We had a wonderful week camping hiking and driving with good people and good weather, thanks for coming guys.

DRONES

Drones (properly known as Remotely Piloted Aircraft) are becoming increasingly popular and CASA is responsible for the governing of these aircraft. Below is a list of operating conditions. Please be aware that during bushfire conditions when aircraft may be operating 'If you fly, they can't'.

Below are the standard operating conditions

- You must only fly during the day.
- You must only fly by visual line of sight (VLOS)-close enough to see, maintain orientation and achieve accurate flight and tracking.
- You must fly no higher than 120 metres (400 feet) above ground level.
- You must not fly any closer than 30 metres from other people.
- You must not fly in a prohibited area or in a restricted area without the permission of the responsible authority.
- You must not fly over populous areas, such as beaches, parks and sporting ovals.
- You must not fly within 5.5 kilometres (3 nautical miles) of a controlled aerodrome - one with an operating control tower.
- You must not fly in the area of a public safety operation without the approval of a person in charge of the emergency response. This includes situations such as a car crash or any police, firefighting or search and rescue operations.
- You must only fly one RPA at a time.

Want to know more? For details on the changes and general information on drone operations in Australia, including an eLearning module suitable for all operators, visit: www.casa.gov.au/rpa email rpas@casa.gov.au

TRAINING

MLR offers non-stop 4WD education from our trainers: Tom Doody & Glenn Lawson as well as the assessors: Jeff Morgan, Dave 'Shorty' Willsmore, Mark Curtis as well as Steve Townsend. Email training@mountloftylanders.com.au for more information or to organise one-on-one or group training.

2017 DATES

MLR TRAINING

Sat 22 nd July	Tyre repair	Ashbourne
Sun 23 rd July	Trip Planning 9-1am	Ashbourne
7-8 th October	Sand driving & recovery	Peake (with Jeep club)

DTU TRAINING **STAY TUNED!!!**

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

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

Monday 12 June -	Queen's Birthday / Volunteer Day
Monday 2 October -	Labour Day
Sunday 24 December -	Christmas Eve
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Sunday 31 December -	New Year's Eve

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2017 OCTOBERFEST TRIPS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT	DETAILS
26 – 27 th 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 th September – 2 nd October	OCTOBERFEST	Paul McGregor	Long weekend Event

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TRIP REPORT: HAWKER EASTER

Courtesy of Paul McGregor

Greg and Kalea Healey in their Nissan Patrol met Jenny, James and myself at Caltex Bolivor 8 am Good Friday. Traffic was pretty light early and we made good time north along Port Wakefield Road. We had a short stop at Port Pirie and in that time we copped a load of caravans making their way north, which we just had to sit in and bide our time. We finally got past them as we came into Stirling North and turned towards Quorn. We had lunch at Quorn about 12.30 pm. We drove onto Hawker and refuelled at Hawker. Then proceeded the 15 km out of Hawker towards Flinders Bush Retreat. On our way we came across two vehicles, one of stranded with a flat tyre and flat spare, out with the ARB air compressors and we had them ready to roll in no time. We then met Sharon from Flinders Bush Retreat to get the low down on our camp site. We had camp site No.6, they are set up within the Willow Waters Gorge on the dirt road leading into Worumba Station. A very beautiful gorge with some lovely camp sites but no facilities due to be close to the creek bed. We set up our lovely new camper for its first trip. Camp site 6 was very private, but a bit rocky and a bit of a sloping site. The other sites were probably more scenic and flatter but less secluded. After getting set up we cooked tea and then relaxed over a couple of drinks. It was our first camping trip with Coco our dog as we were not visiting National Parks and the properties we visited had no objections to our dog. Flinders Bush Retreat do not use baits like some stations. Coco had a ball and was worn out by the time we got him home.



Paul, Jenny and James with their brand new Kimberley ready to roll.

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Easter Saturday

We had planned to drive Flinders Bush Retreat (FBR) Brand New 4WD Track, we were their first customers. It was a lovely and very scenic drive that took 2 hours including a couple of stops for photos. It was a moderate to easy track but really was beautiful. Phone coverage at the camp site being a Gorge didn't exist so on the drive the teenagers would go to extreme lengths when on a hill to get that little bit of data they needed for their life to go on 😊.



Above Left, view from Flinders Bush Retreat Look Out.



Above Right, Flinders Bush Retreat track



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Above Left, Greg tackling one of the climbs on FBR track



Above Right, James up a tree on the FBR track



Above left looking back at the cars from the FBR look out

Above right Paul taking his new Pajero on its first off road adventure



Teenagers hunting that elusive internet coverage they crave ☺

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Above the FBR panorama view

We were back at our camp site for lunch. We had made an arrangement with Sharon and Allen from Flinders Bush Retreat to meet them to look over their Shearing Shed and potential large camping area that we might consider using for a future event. They also have a beautiful renovated homestead you can book nearby and plans to do showers, toilets and camp kitchen in this old shearing shed.



Above left, the shearing shed external and the potential campsite area.



Above right, inside the old shearing shed, needs plenty of work to make it into a Camp Kitchen and shower facility.

We then drove into Hawker to review what facilities they had in town if we should chose to host an event in the area. The General Store is not open Sunday but the Mogas Service Station has a very well stocked Shop and Fuel supplies whilst trading 7 days. We then popped around to the Hawker Hotel as it had just reopened for to recon a beer or two. Back to camp site for some dinner before dark.

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Easter Sunday

Got up early and took Coco our dog for a walk near our camp site.



Above left, Cliffs near our camp site at Flinders Bush Retreat in Willow Waters Gorge.

Above right, Coco out on a walk in the gorge with me, he had a ball on the weekend and was no trouble.

Back to Hawker and then drive down to Three Creeks Station Homestead on the Craddock main road, we got directions on how to get to the Three Creeks Station property 4WD track. Again a brand new track with us being their first customers. Simon Hilder the land owner on his birthday had offered to lead us and some other campers on the 3 hour 4WD track. The track started about 20 km up a dirt road from Craddock. Simon had 9 cars including our 2 cars. The track is a station track used to visit the rear property wind mill. It starts out as a friendly farm track. After reaching a very lovely secluded camp site we are told to find low range, sure enough there is a water crossing with a banging and crunching climb out of the creek and up the hill. We then drove for about another hour, through plenty of dry creeks and through typical Flinders Pine Forest and gum studded creeks. We reached the windmill and had a late lunch stop in the wide gum studded dry creek bed. Simon had shot off and we offered to lead the others back. Only one of the other vehicles tag along on our return trip as it is an out and back track at present. They have plans to make it a loop and possibly put some hill top climbs into the trip. A worthwhile drive with a few challenges the stock Pajero as it was banging its way through. We returned to camp via Craddock and was keen for another Recon Beer at Craddock Hotel this time, but the teenagers had other wishes, so the adults buckled.

Back at camp we had a happy hour with plenty of nibbles and few drinks, then started tea a bit later.

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Top, A view from one of the hills on 3 Creek Station

Above left, our lunch spot in large dry creek bed near the windmill
Above right, Greg climbing out of one of the many dry creek beds.

Easter Monday

We packed up and drove home leisurely via Orroroo, Jamestown and Burra. No real traffic issues on our way home leaving camp about 10 am and home after 4 pm. It was very dry up there as they had no rain since December, but the week after they have had plenty of rain since. We all had a really good time, met some lovely people, saw some great country and had a ball. There is other 4wd tracks in the area awaiting someone to explore.

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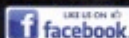
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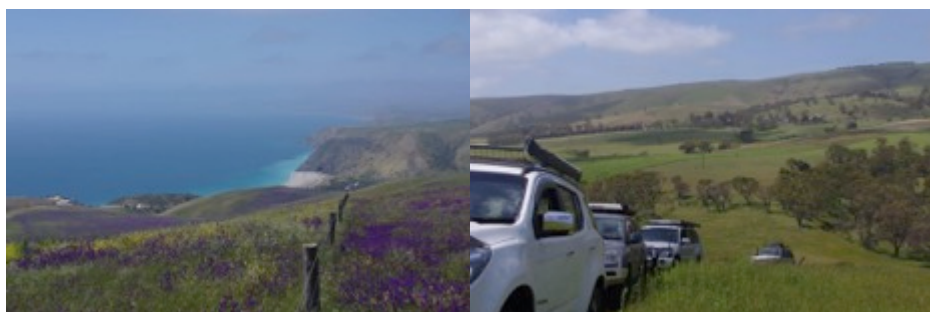
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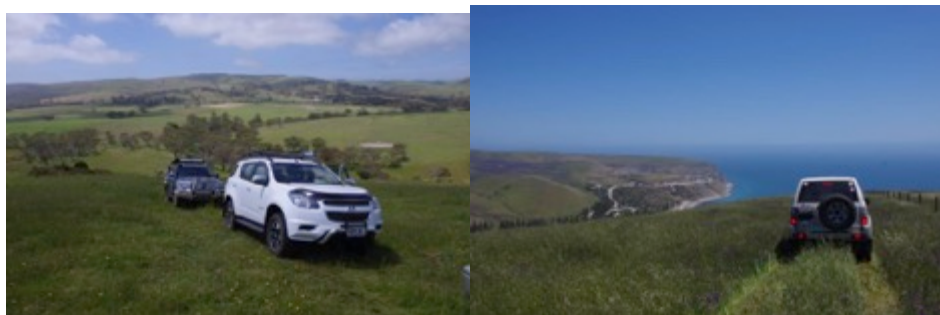
YANKALILLA TRAILS

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.

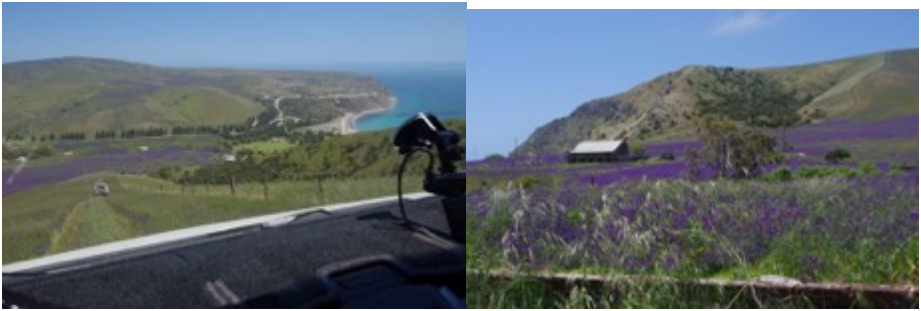
Cost is \$30 per vehicle plus \$10 per adult for lunch. Start is 9am and we finish about 3:30 at Cape Jervis. Funds raised by Lions go towards community projects.



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.

GUIDE FOR SHED MECHANICS

Drill press: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal pieces out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings it across the shed, smashing into the side of your car.

Wire wheel: Cleans rust off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingertips.

Electric hand drill: Normally used for spinning pop-rivets in their holes until you die from old age, or for perforating something behind and beyond the original intended target object.

Pliers: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

Vice-grips: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads.

Hacksaw: One of a family of cutting tools built for frustration enhancement.

Oxy-acetylene torch: Used mostly/entirely for setting various flammable objects in your shed on fire.

Lead light: The home mechanics own tanning booth, it is a good source of vitamin d, 'the sunshine vitamin', which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, its main purpose is to consume 100 watt light globes at about the same rate as machine gun bullets. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

Phillips screwdriver: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids, open old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Philips screw heads.

Straight screwdriver: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws.

Pry bar: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50-cent part.

Hose cutter: A tool used to make hoses too short.

Hammer: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent to the object we are trying to hit.

Mechanic's knife: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund cheques, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially good for slicing work clothes, but only while in use. It is also useful for removing large chunks of human flesh from the hands.

F-tool: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'f****t' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need after a really big hammer.

Random thoughts

- I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.
- Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.
- You know that tingly little feeling you get when you really like someone? That's common sense leaving your body.
- I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row.
- I decided to change calling the bathroom the John and renamed it the Jim. I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.
- Old age is coming at a really bad time.
- When I was a child I thought "Nap Time" was a punishment. Now, as a grownup, it feels like a small vacation.
- The biggest lie I tell myself is..."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- I don't have gray hair; I have "wisdom highlights." I'm just very wise.
- Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.
- Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.
- Why do I have to press "one" for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- Of course I talk to myself; sometimes I need expert advice.
- At my age "Getting lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

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