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Kylie's idea  
of an African  
Adventure!!!

# **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)

<b>MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27</b>
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## CLUB DINNER

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 3 Gums Bistro, 145A Mount Barker Rd, Hahndorf is the venue which is in the same precinct as the Hahndorf Resort, so accommodation ranging from powered sites, cottages, units or resort rooms are available if you don't wish to drive home afterwards.

Presentations of Mount Lofty Rangers Ken Brady Club Person of the Year, MLR Quiet Achiever of the Year and MLR Rookie of the Year.

The committee are currently working on some form of entertainment, whether its a guest speaker, a band or something out of the box - do you have any ideas?

\$50 per head - Normally there would only be 2 choices of mains for ease of the venue with ordering, but we have managed to get agreement for a choice of three mains, however we need to give them more notice of what we'd feel like eating on the night. So please give Kylie or Tom your menu preference by Monday April 17th to enable the venue to get things organised.

### Entree

Asian snacks to share

### Main Course (choice from 3)

**Roast Breast of Chicken** – wrapped in Prosciutto on a bed of Creamy Mushroom Risotto, Broccolini and Café Au Lait Sauce

**Crispy Skin Pork Belly** – with Potato Gallette and an Apple and Celeriac Slaw with a Red Wine Jus

**Porterhouse Steak** – Chargrilled to Medium with Roasted Baby Potatoes served with Grilled Mushroom and Tomato

### Dessert

Choc Cake with Berry Coulis and cream

If you'd like to join us, please get your name on the trip sheet.

You will need to EFT payment through to Paul:

Payment by Electronic Funds Transfer:

BSB: 065 132

Account No: 1004 4806

Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc

Name in the reference section

\$50 per head

\*\*Indicate your menu preference to Kylie at the next meeting!\*\*





# Prez Sez

It seems like ages ago, but it is only a little over three years ago that Lothar and Sheena did a presentation of their Africa trip at a club meeting. Now there is less than 8 weeks before 5 couples join Lothar and Sheena again on a tour of Namibia, Botswana and Zimbabwe. To say the excitement is brewing would be a huge understatement! It took ages to get down to 12 months, I felt like we'd never get to under 100 days but now we are almost at 50 days and we'll be on the plane before we know it! Most of us know how much work can go into leading an extended trip, say across the Simson, up to Cape York or across to the Kimberlies, sit back, close your eyes and imagine how hard it would be to organise about a six week trip, for six couples with different likes and different requests of activities and must do's and then add in, that the trip will be in three different countries where things happen in their own time. We have been extremely lucky that Lothar and Sheena had offered to again lead a trip of this magnitude, I know I would have given up long ago..... that is where Lothar is different, having been raised in Namibia, he knows the language (has been emailing in German to our go to person), he still has friends that he has asked opinions of and he and Sheena have spent countless hours going over itineraries, going over the booked activities and check lists and then go over them again and again, as well as hosting numerous meetings at their home with an African menu on offer. Now I'm not saying that everything has been easy and things have come up smelling like roses every time but Lothar and Sheena have handled everything like professional tour guides, there have been issues like missing emails, timelines like paying deposits and paying of total trip, what medications/vaccinations will we need, what times the shops are open for grocery shopping once we get our 4wd's, oh but the best one was when our internal flight from Jo'burg to Namibia was cancelled because South African Airways didn't want to fly there that day anymore! Over the last couple of months Lothar seems to have gone more grey, I'm hoping it is from him counting the days to retirement and the end of his teaching days more so than the hurdles of our Africa 2018 trip. On behalf of the 5 couples that are tagging along with Lothar and Sheena – we can't thank you enough for all the time, effort and expense you have put into this trip and we all look forward to sharing with you, some Seswaa or Tomato Bredie washed down with some African beers or wine, sitting around the fire, listening to the wild animals get ever closer.....



# Prez Sez

continued.....

Keeping up the Doody tradition when one or two of us is on an adventure and the others are missing out, its Blogging time! So if you're interested in keeping up with the happening of 6 couples in the wilds of Africa, here is the web address: <https://mlrafrica2018.blogspot.com.au/>. The plan is to share the trip reporting between the couples, so we'll get different viewpoints and different writing styles to add to the blog for your entertainment. We will also hoping to put our location up on the MLR Facebook via eSpot as well as the odd photo when able to via Wi-Fi.

There may be only 50 odd days to go before MLR Africa 2018, but the club calendar is fairly full – The Annual dinner on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April – are you going? The AGM at our May club meeting – are you able to fill a position? Doody's Mystery trip on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May (it is mothers day unfortunately) but we are going somewhere anyway – are you joining us? Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May is Camp Cook and tree bed competition at Steve's place at Ashbourne – are you coming? Following weekend is Peake sand driving and training (and we leave for Africa) followed by Finke Desert Race and Simpson Desert – phew looks like MLR have a busy couple of months! Get your name on the trip sheets now if you'd like to join any of these great trips.

As mentioned above the AGM is on in May and we need your help to fill some vacant positions, if you need more information please see myself or Gary at the club meeting, oops it'll need to be Gary as I'll be away but feel free to email or call me if you need.

Hope to catch up with you all on a club trip or event somewhere soon.....

Cheers Tom

ALL POSITIONS  
AVAILABLE (EXCEPT  
VICE PRESIDENT  
AND SECRETARY)

# YOUR COMMITTEE 2017-18

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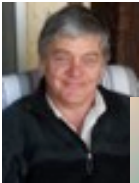
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# YOUR COMMITTEE 2017-18

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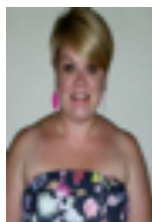
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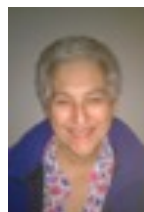
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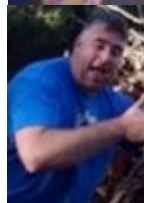
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Chris Gear

COMMITTEE

MEMBER

Jason McKendrick



With the MLR AGM rapidly approaching, it is time to open nominations for numerous committee positions which will be voted on / ratified at the meeting. Committee members are elected by the members for the members. They are volunteers who kindly donate their time to represent the members interest in the day to day running of the Club, are you:

1. Interested in putting your hand up to help this club get even greater?
2. Not sure what role you'd like or what's involved?

Keep reading for a brief description of each role:

**President:** - Convenes all meetings of MLR. Meeting with 4WDSA to push the MLR interests. Sponsor Liaison.

**Vice president:** - Facilitate monthly topic of interest e.g. guest speakers, awareness sessions etc. Becomes acting President when the President unavailable

**Treasurer:** - Looking after club financials. Sponsor liaison.

**Secretary & Public Officer:** - Minute taking for meetings. Correspondence in and out.

**Trips Coordinator:** - Primary point of contact for members trip planning, advice and attendance sheets. Communicates trip calendar to members

**4WDSA Delegate:** - Attends bi-monthly 4WDSA meetings and is the voice of MLR, also reports back on any relevant information from 4WDSA that affects MLR.

**Membership officer:** - First point of contact for visitors that come to MLR, keeps track of criteria for membership acceptance.

**Website officer:** - Looks after MLR website and Facebook administration

**Merchandise officer:** - Organises clothing and other club approved merchandise for sale to members.

**Property Officer:** - Looks after club property and trailer, by maintaining where appropriate and lends equipment out to members.

**Education Officer:** - Organises club training and awareness days. Liaises with 4WDSA Driver Training Unit for wider training opportunities.

**Magazine editor:** - Collates all material to go into club magazine – photos, trip reports, jokes, interesting 4WD related stories sourced elsewhere. Facebook administration.

**Committee Member:** - Supports other Officers of the committee, and helps with club events and trips where needed.

If you would like to share your experience and contribute to the running of the club, please speak to a current committee member to obtain a nomination form.



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON  
14th MAY 2018 AT 7.30PM AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB,  
BLACKWOOD.**

Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted no later than one week prior to the AGM (Monday 7th May).

Nomination Forms will be available at the preceding Club meetings, or register your interest by replying to this email.

**Please note that:**

All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.

*All positions except for Vice - President and Secretary, are open for nominations* as below:

President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Membership Officer, 4WDSA Delegate, Trips Officer, Training Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor, Property Officer, Merchandise Officer, General Officer (5 positions)

If you require any information on any of the positions please do not hesitate to contact Tom on 0475 404 891



# MEMBERSHIPS

2017/2018 membership fees

**\$70 for continuing member**

**\$80 for new or returning member**

EFT payments are encouraged

For payment by EFT:

BSB: 065 132

Account No: 1004 4806

Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

\*Remember to put your name in the reference field

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## 😄 My Next Life by George Carlin

I want to live my next life backwards: You start out dead and get that out of the way.

Then you wake up in a nursing home feeling better every day. Then you get kicked out for being too healthy. Enjoy your retirement and collect your pension.

Then when you start work, you get a gold watch on your first day. You work 40 years until you're too young to work.

You get ready for High School: drink alcohol, party, and you're generally promiscuous.

Then you go to primary school, you become a kid, you play, and you have no responsibilities. Then you become a baby, and then... You spend your last 9 months floating peacefully in Spa-like conditions - Central heating, room service on tap, and then...

You finish off as an orgasm.

## **Club equipment for loan!**

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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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For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer: [property@mountloftylanders.com.au](mailto:property@mountloftylanders.com.au)



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# TRIP REPORT: CORDOLA

Courtesy of Garry

Fri 9/3/2018 - Mon 12/3/2018

I went to this trip for some, not all of it. My erratic commitments meant that I wouldn't arrive until around Saturday, or perhaps not at all, but Steve went out of his way to keep me well informed, telling me where they were in case I should turn up while they were in the winery.

I arrived Saturday around 1600, to find over a dozen people roughly divided into the swimmers, in the lagoon, and the shade seekers, under a tent. There were about 8 caravans and cars scattered through the trees and scrub, with an amazing array of toilets & showers, fridges, freezers, multi-burner stoves, a pizza oven, sinks, music systems, knives & forks & plates & spices. And there were pipes, tubes, wires and electrical gear spreading all over the landscape. I'm used to keeping everything for 4 days in a 15kg pack and walking, so this was extraordinary to me.

I'd been half expecting to see some you-tube sort of action, with massive tyres and roll bars, going up cliffs and under water, but no, just a bunch of people sitting around eating and drinking. Three different people told me about the high point of the day - a trip to the winery. I was also informed that because I was the new person, I'd have to do the trip report, so this is it.

After tea I chatted with Lothar from Namibia about his forthcoming trip to Africa, and about schools, teaching & kids, until I noticed everybody else had gone to bed - it was 2230. Still warm, but tolerable in my little hiking tent, I almost went to sleep, bang, almost went to sleep, bang, almost went to sleep, bang - bloody bird scarers. But I eventually slept till daylight.

On Sunday we went to a local quarry and creek bed that Lothar seemed familiar with, and scratched out cars going up & down steep bumpy things. I found that a diff lock makes an amazing difference, and a long wheelbase, long tray and number plate scrape a lot.

Later after lunch, I came home.

Thanks to everybody for welcoming me.

# TRIP REPORT: CORDOLA

Photos courtesy of Les Toomer





# Big Desert 2018

Trip Leader: Gary Light

When: 15 – 17 June 2018

Where: Big Desert State Forest, Vic *(think area east of the Border Track)*



*"On top of Big Dune 2017"*

If you are interested put your name on the trip sheet or contact Gary Light at:

[vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

*When completing the trip sheet please make sure contact details are complete and readable.*

**Will you conquer "Big Dune"?**



# MERCHANDISE

\$25 - MLR Sand Flag to be used under the the orange flag as required in the Desert Parks, Beachport as well as other places we 4WD like Peake and Morgan.



## Khaki Shirt

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



### Description

180 gsm  
100% cotton drill work shirts  
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## Jackets and Vests

These are still available to order  
Softshell jackets - Ladies \$70; Mens \$75  
Softshell vest - Ladies \$55; Mens \$60  
Add you name for an extra \$7.00





# MERCHANDISE

## Polo Shirts

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

Short sleeve \$55

Long sleeve \$58

Add your name for an extra \$5.50



Come to the next club meeting and try on a size!!!!

Contact Sheena to place an order: [merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

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Is it your birthday this month??? Come and see Kylie for a drink!



## GUEST SPEAKER

From 6.30pm for a sausage sizzle put on by the guys at Tyre Power Blackwood and have a chat



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)



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FIRE BAN DISTRICT	START DATE	FINISH DATE
Adelaide Metropolitan	1 December 2017	30 April 2018
Eastern Eyre Peninsula	1 November 17	15 April 2018
Flinders	1 November 2017	15 April 2018
Kangaroo Island	1 December 2017	30 April 2018
Lower Eyre Peninsula	1 November 2017	15 April 2018
Lower South East	22 November 2017	30 April 2018
Mid North	1 November 2017	30 April 2018
Mount Lofty Ranges	1 December 2017	30 April 2018
Murraylands	15 November 2017	15 April 2018
Riverland	1 November 2017	15 April 2018
Upper South East	15 November 2017	15 April 2018
West Coast	1 November 2017	15 April 2018
Yorke Peninsula	1 November 2017	30 April 2018



# 2018 TRIPS CALENDAR

“Put up a trip sheet and people will come”

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Club social	Lothar Dunaiski	Spoon whittling
<i>98 Murray's Hill Road Coromandel Valley 2-6pm</i>			
MONDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> April	School holiday trip	Tasman Hunt	Lake Bonny (Barmera)
<i>Anzac Day, kayaking, siteseeing &amp; LoveDay 4x4 day trip</i>			
WEDNESDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> April	PUB HOL	ANZAC DAY	PUB HOL
SATURDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Dinner	Tom Doody	Hahndorf Three Gums Bistro
<i>Lucky door prize ~ Free 18/19 membership!!!! Why not book and stay the night</i>			
SUNDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Day trip	Tom Doody	Mystery Trip
<i>Join Tom for a random day trip of fun and adventure!</i>			
MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> May	AGM Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
18 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Weekend trip	Tom Doody	Camp Cook @ Ashbourne
<i>Make your best meal in your camp stove cooked on coals to be shared</i>			
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Camp cook fun	Lothar Dunaiski	Tree bed sleeping
<i>Make your bed for the night in a tree!</i>			
26-27 <sup>th</sup> May	Sand driving weekend	Steve Townsend	Peake
<i>Sand driving training weekend – or just a weekend having fun in the sand!</i>			
28/5 – 6/7	Extended trip	Lothar Dunaiski	Africa!!!!!!
<i>6 couples heading overseas for an adventure of a lifetime</i>			
2/6 – 16/6	Extended trip	Peter & Jo Reed	Finke
<i>800km in the sand – no fuel Simpson Desert &amp; Birdsville</i>			

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15 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Weekend trip	Gary Light	Big Desert
<i>Camp Big Billy Bore (Vic)</i>			
June TBA	Extended trip	Rob Dagri	Cape York
<i>Adelaide to Birdsville, Charters Towers, Cairns, Cooktown. Development Road to Cape York. Visit Bat Falls, Elliot Falls etc etc. Back home via coast.</i>			
MONDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Day trip	Gary Light	Diamonds photography course & dinner
<i>Saturday in CBD &amp; end the day with dinner at the pub. Cost TBD</i>			
TBA School Holidays	Extended trip	Tasman Hunt	Uluru (Ayres Rock)
<i>Walk up the Rock for the last time. Truck Museum in Alice Springs</i>			

## WHO NEEDS TYRE GLITTER!?!?!?!?!?!?



## 2018 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
School Holidays	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April
School Holidays	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July
School Holidays	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October
School Holidays	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December

## SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Labour Day  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day

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# TRAINING

## DTU TRAINING CALENDAR

<del>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> April</del>	Basic Theory <b><u>CANCELLED</u></b>	\$20	Cavan	9.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> /15 <sup>th</sup> April	Training Advisor	\$40 \$60	Morgan	9.00am
26 <sup>th</sup> /27 <sup>th</sup> May	Trainers & Assessors – Skills update (TBC)		Morgan	
16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Training (TBC) – Mud & Water	\$40	Ashbourne	9.00am
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Trip planning & leading	\$10	Cavan	9.00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> November	Training	\$45	Peake	9.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> November	GPS & OziExplorer		Cavan	9.00am

MLR offers non-stop 4WD education from our trainers:

Tom Doody & Glenn Lawson as well as the assessors: Jeff Morgan, Dave ‘Shorty’ Willmore, Mark Curtis as well as Steve Townsend.

Email [training@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:training@mountloftyrangers.com.au) for more information or to organise one-on-one or group training.





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Salt & Pepper Brisket Burger





1. Do you like taking photographs?
2. Would you like to get to know your camera?
3. Do you like good company?
4. Do you fancy a meal out one night?

If you answered yes to the above, can I do a deal for you...

Lindsay from Diamonds Photographic who many of you will remember from his guest speaker spot and the Diamonds store visit last year, runs numerous courses and has offered to run one just for us.



If you are interested the details are as follows:

- When – **Saturday 25 August 2018**
- Starts – **1000am**
- Where – Meet at the Diamonds store (165 Rundle St, Adelaide) then around the CBD
- After – A meal somewhere
- Cost – we are getting a significantly discounted rate, normally \$129 our rate for the day **\$69**
- Numbers – in order to get the discount I need a minimum of 8 people to attend.
- Due to cost and number constraints, I will be asking individuals to pay up front by the week prior (payment details later). If I can't get the numbers I'll have to cancel and refund monies.

If you would like to attend make sure you put your name on the Trip Sheet at a monthly meeting or contact me [vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au)





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## Feedback on the Feedback

By Viktor Papa

With the MLR AGM rapidly approaching, I thought this would be an opportune time to provide members with some feedback on what has been achieved as a result of the feedback session conducted in June last year.

You may recall that the aim of the session was to provide members with an opportunity to contribute to how the Club is run. This was done by providing additional guidance to the newly elected committee identifying areas / things we do well so we can keep doing and identify areas for improvement including any opportunities that may be presented. As a result, feedback was collected re all aspects of the club e.g. trips, speakers, committee direction, merchandise etc. So what has happened so far...

- **VP** :
  - We now have more social nights scheduled
  - A photography expert was invited to speak at the Club which in itself resulted in additional activities
  - Awareness sessions, similar to formal training have been placed into the guest speaker calendar.
  - An MLR camp cookbook may be produced subject to the number of recipes provided for the magazine – over to you – members to provide recipes
- **Trips**:
  - Type of trips
    - More day trips occurred during the year
    - Some extended trips were presented
  - Trip leaders
    - We saw members take up the challenge to become 1<sup>st</sup> time trip leaders. Thank you.
    - Some members have shared knowledge and advice to new trip leaders as “Mentors”. Thank you.
  - Trip sheet changes
    - We introduced a “sign in” sheet at the start of trips in order to comply with our insurance obligations. Please continue to complete the information.
  - Monthly meeting format was revised :
    - Summary of the trips that have taken place in the last month.
    - Get someone to give a brief trip report from each of these trips.
    - Update the meeting with any new trips that have been put up.
    - Get the trip leader to give the meeting a brief overview of the proposed trip as required

- **Merchandise:**
  - New cloth logo badges were provided so members could choose any clothing and put a badge on it
  - Investigations into additional types of clothing continue e.g. hoody option
  - Nametags or lanyards for all members are a work in progress
- **Property:**
  - Investigation into Sat phone options commenced
- **Magazine**
  - Magazine continues to be produced monthly black and white
  - Number of magazines physically printed is reviewed periodically
  - Requires ongoing members input e.g. trips, photos etc
- **Website:**
  - Investigating members only section – Work In Progress
  - Drop Box access for photos – is now available
  - MLR Logo was updated
- **Membership:**
  - Fee structure was reviewed
  - Several non-financial members were removed from Club, and any future correspondence
- **Training:**
  - a combination of both formal and awareness training was initiated
- **General:**
  - Office bearer reporting format at monthly meetings was reviewed
  - Conducting an annual awards dinner was agreed with the second one to be held during April.
  - Two new awards were initiated and will be awarded for the first time at the next dinner.
    - Quiet Achiever
    - Rookie of the Year

So...as you can see we have listened. Notwithstanding this, there are always opportunities to improve, if you identify any, please don't hesitate to bring it to the committee's attention for further consideration.

Remember, this is your club and as with any club, you will get out of it what you put in.

## New Club Awards

By Viktor Papa

For those that may not be aware, we have initiated two new awards to be presented alongside the “Club Person of the Year” award at the MLR Club dinner later in April.

These are the Club “Quiet Achiever” award and the Club “Rookie of the Year” award.

### “Quiet Achiever”

The quiet achiever award is given to recognise the dedication and commitment of members who value add to the Club without fuss or bother.



This award depicts the view of an individual in the background walking through spinifex who leaves a big impression hence the big foot.



### "Rookie of the Year"

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



This award is made from Huon Pine that is over 2000 years old and depicts representations of both Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas).

On behalf of the Committee and MLR members, I would like to express my appreciation to both Lothar Dunaiski and Greg Healy who kindly donated time, materials and artistic flair to design and build the two trophies. I would also like to express my appreciation to Lloyd Weaver for doing the same for the accompanying certificates, which will provide the worthy recipients with a keepsake once they return the trophies the following year.

Many thanks to you all.



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