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# Rangers' Review

# Merry Christmas!!!



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# Presidential Press

Let's review 2018... Believe it or not, we have provided opportunities for members to attend 34 trips this year (far too many to mention individually). The variety was wide covering extended trips, weekend trips, evening trips, trips within trips, social trips, training/awareness trips. They ranged in duration from multiple months to a few hours. It all started with Beachport in Jan and will finish (as at time of drafting this article) in Dec at Morgan Quarry/Cordolla. A big thankyou to those who ran the trips, the Club wouldn't be the Club without them.

This year saw two new awards get presented at our now annual club dinner. In addition to Trevor Light becoming our third club person of the year, we also awarded our first quiet achiever and rookie of the year to Martin Dunaiski and Ian Mc Farland respectively. Congratulations to all thoroughly deserved. (All - Do you have any nominations for the 2019 Quiet Achiever?)

Our AGM saw a change across several committee positions including that of President... Woohoo. I would like to thank all committee members past and present for their efforts to date. From a personal perspective I think I seem to have a theme developing along the lines "opportunities for all".

Our membership list has been reviewed and updated and we now have over 80 active members.

During our Nov meeting you were given another opportunity to provide the committee with feedback. Thanks to those that put information on the sheets provided and to those who spoke with me in person. In summary feedback covered:

- Trips (all types)
- Learning / Training / Awareness
- Camaraderie / Friendship
- Exposure
- New members need to feel welcomed and fit in



This will now be used to help us plan the way ahead... watch this space...

There was a strong turnout for our annual Christmas show held at Wirrina Cove over the last weekend in Nov. Despite many predictions, we managed to miss the worst of the weather by utilising the newly installed verandah. I would like to pass on a big thank you to Kylie for stepping up at short notice to finalise the planning for the event.

Don't forget our Dec meeting will be the evil Santa meeting. There will be \$4 tap beers and \$2 champagnes available, so bring your better half for a good evening.

Bring a present circa \$10 and get a ticket to receive a present, bring more than one, receive more than one etc. You should go home with as many presents as you brought, however, the quality may have changed☺



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Tickets will be drawn, members can pick a gift from the table (unwrap and show gift to all) or steal a gift previously collected. If you have your gift stolen, you get to return to the table for a second pick.

Oh...Bring a small plate of nibbles to share on your table.

Heads Up - Monthly Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019:

- Show and Shine - Prizes for best [categories will be a surprise]
- Weigh your vehicle - see if you are within your GVM
- You might want to bring a small plate of nibbles to share

We will use this meeting to trial our new event booking system prior to Octoberfest next year being set up by Michelle, more info to follow.

## Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **10<sup>th</sup> Dec**

Next formal committee meeting **25<sup>th</sup> Feb.**

1<sup>st</sup> meeting next year **14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019**

## Word of the Month:

*Interlocutor - a person who takes part in a conversation*

*Finally, thanks to everyone for your contributions during 2018 and from my family to your family, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New. If you're travelling, drive safely as we all want to see you next year.*





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## YOUR COMMITTEE

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.



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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:

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By Gary Light

Cast your mind back to when you first joined the Club, did you join by yourself or were you invited by a friend. If you were invited by a friend, I would suggest that your initial experiences with the club were enjoyable ones from day one. If you attended those early meetings by yourself, as I did, I found it somewhat daunting trying to work out who's who in the zoo, the group dynamics, processes etc.

As part of our continuous improvement program to deliver the Club that you want, your committee continues to provide you with opportunities to offer feedback to help us make decisions and plans to drive the club forward. As a result of this feedback, I would like to introduce a buddy system. What is a buddy system? I'm glad you asked...in our case, it is all about making our new members feel at home...if they feel at home they will stay, and if they stay we will grow as a club, not only in membership numbers but in terms of the personal qualities and new ideas that everyone brings with them...simple.

The buddy system will help members understand our Club's culture and dynamics after all, as I said previously it can be tough being the new kid in the playground. The buddy system emphasises the friendly, non-threatening aspects of our club. If new members feel comfortable, actually if all members feel comfortable, they are more likely to communicate and share their unique perspectives and attitudes and as a result...we will continue to grow.

Acting as a buddy provides a good opportunity for existing members, giving them the chance to develop their communication skills and share their knowledge and experience through the provision of informal support and guidance to a new member.

So, the bottom line...I'm calling for our current members to put their hands up and volunteer to be a buddy to new members. As you can see it's not an onerous task, just be a friend and help guide our new members through the initial few months of their MLR experience.

If you are interested in being a buddy, please speak or email me or any other committee member.

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## TRIP REPORT: JAKEM FARM

### Sunday Nov 18

With the weather doing the right thing for us 5 cars headed off for a days adventure at Jakem Farm.

Trevor & Lynn	Nissan Patrol
Neil Stokes & Pam Wheare	Nissan Patrol
Greg Healey	Nissan Patrol
Marianne Wright	Toyota Hilux
Don Cameron	Toyota LC 200series

Earlier concerns that it might be crowded due to a Drive For Drought fund raising event planned at Jakem for that weekend didn't eventuate and we pretty much had the place to ourselves for the whole day. After the initial formalities at the front office we were pointed in the direction of the 'Training Track' to give ourselves a taste for what we were in for. As is the case sometimes the 'Training Track' was quite an interesting drive in itself! After successfully negotiating the test track we all headed off to explore the property.





## TRIP REPORT: JAKEM FARM

The terrain is mostly rocky/dirt tracks which wind their way up, over and down the hills and occasionally through creek beds. In places its pretty rugged terrain. Tracks vary from easy to extreme and there was plenty of challenges to keep us all on our toes for the day. At any point there was always a number of options to tackle the terrain and so it was up to the individuals to pick which way they wanted to go and how hard they wanted to push it.



The mud tracks at the rear of the property were looking a little on the drier side but that didn't really upset any of us...mud is not my thing!





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## TRIP REPORT: JAKEM FARM

It didn't take us long to find some interesting hill climbs that presented several options of varying degrees of difficulty. Don was particularly keen to put his recently repaired 200 to the test and headed up the more challenging route....no problem at all; the new CV passing the test!



As you wind your way around the property there are some quite nice camping areas down by the creek which would be a very pleasant way to spend a weekend. Maybe another time.



## TRIP REPORT: JAKEM FARM

Some highlights from the day included;

- ❖ Greg Healey putting the Patrol into some interesting positions on one of the tracks with a LH front wheel far enough off the ground to take all the colour out of Don's face. In Don's words "I thought he was over"!! Front passenger door doesn't quite open as well as it used to now.
- ❖ Don and Trevor both doing a tyre side wall on exactly the same bit of track.



- ❖ Marianne's Hilux tackling some of the more challenging terrain...some really solid driving from Marianne.
- ❖ Neil making a tough hill that some of us had to work at look like a walk in the park. Goes to show what a difference a good line makes!



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## TRIP REPORT: JAKEM FARM



All in all a fantastic day out; Jakem certainly impressed with its variety of driving available. Well worth the effort to go and check it out. We all headed back for a coldie at the Prancing Pony to finish up a great day.



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## MERCHANDISE



**\$50**  
 limited sizes - no names

### Yellow Tyre Tracks Design

Ladies: 7 shirts in sizes  
 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 32  
 Mens: 3 shirts in sizes 18, 28,30



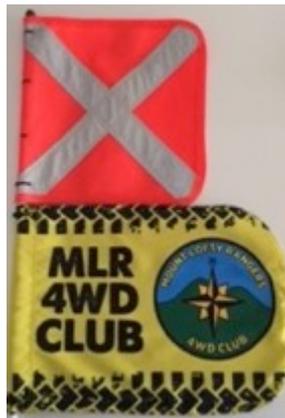
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### Blue 25th Anniversary Design

Ladies: 1 shirt size 26  
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### Sand Flag

\$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.





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Is it your birthday this month???

See a membership officer for a drink!





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## MLR CHRISTMAS SHOW

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November found 65 MLR members down at Wirrina Cove Holiday Park for our annual Christmas Show. Thankfully a large verandah had been constructed that provided shelter for us to eat dinner together. John & Ash from Golden Roast Catering cooked & prepared our dinner on site.





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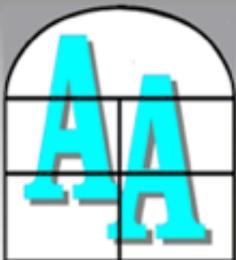
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- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
- *Tifor* hand winch and cable
  - Car Bra
  - Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
  - Bead breaker
  - Drag chains (x 2)

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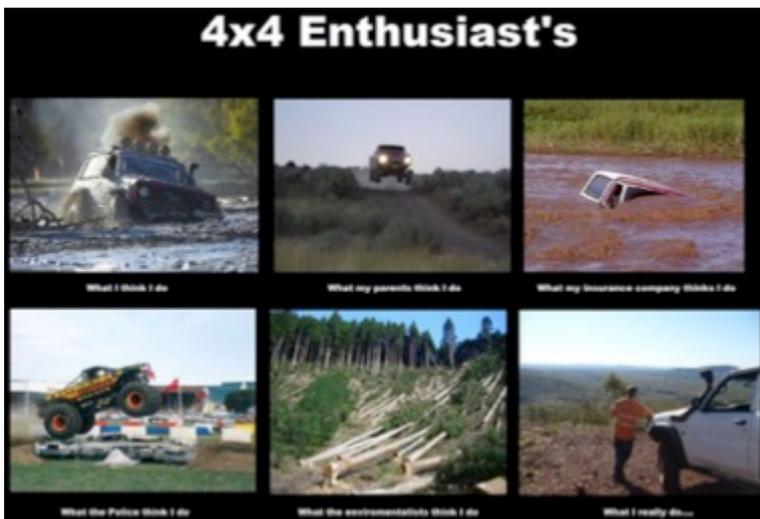
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## TRAINING

**MLR TRAINING CALENDAR:** Courses to be run by Steve Townsend & Tom Doody - Stay tuned for 2019 dates!



**DTU TRAINING CALENDAR:** - Stay tuned for 2019 dates!

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 and Steve Townsend.

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## **CELEBRATION OF 4 WHEEL DRIVING**

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## GUEST SPEAKER

### **MLR XMAS MEETING – MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Dec meeting will be the evil Santa meeting

- ❖ \$2 champagnes available so bring your better half for a good evening
- ❖ \$4 tap beers
- ❖ Bring a present circa \$10 and get a ticket to receive a present, bring more than one, receive more than one etc.  
You should go home with as many presents as you brought, however, the quality may have changed
- ❖ Tickets will be drawn; members can pick a gift from the table (unwrap and show gift to all) or steal a gift previously collected. If you have your gift stolen, you get to return to the table for a second pick.
- ❖ Bring a small plate of nibbles to share on your table





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## GUEST SPEAKER

### JANUARY MEETING

# MLR Show and Shine 2019

**Mon 14 Jan 2018**  
(Jan monthly meeting)



Check your GVM,  
Weigh your vehicle  
loaded or unloaded



*Mystery Judges.*

*Numerous categories, prizes for winners!  
Tart up the truck, come along and see how you go.*

*Feel free to bring a plate of nibbles to share.*

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



## 2018 TRIPS CALENDAR

**“Put up a trip sheet and people will come”**

7 <sup>th</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Weekend trip	Trevor Light	Morgan Quarry / Cordolla
<i>Drive the tracks @ Morgan Quarry. Great place to test vehicle &amp; driver and get to know your vehicle better. Suitable for all abilities. Camping @ Cordolla</i>			
MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
TBA November	Weekend trip	Eric Kalderovskis	Feed/swim with Tuna @ Victor Harbor
<i>Tuna feeding/swimming @ Victor Harbor – cost approx. \$120</i>			

## 2019 TRIPS CALENDAR

### 2019 TRIPS

MONDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
<i>Show n Shine - Bring your trusty fourby along kitted out to be judged in Marianne’s secret categories - Weigh your vehicle – Bring a plate to share</i>			
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> – Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> JANUARY	Long Weekend	Gary Light	Beachport
<i>Dress up party! Day trips to Carpenters Rocks for hot chips! Wander the main street of Robe, visit the ICECREAM SHOP!!!! Local wineries. And lots more.</i>			
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Long Weekend	Gary Light	Merna Morna
<i>Octoberfest reccy weekend *Must lead official Octoberfest trip to attend*</i>			
TBA April 2019 School Holidays	Extended trip	Tasman Hunt	Uluru (Ayres Rock)
<i>Walk up the Rock for the last time. Truck Museum in Alice Springs</i>			

**\*\*\*AUSTRALIA DAY @ BEACHPORT\*\*\***

If you would like to join us you will need to contact Sothern Ocean Tourist Park directly to book and pay.



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## KESAB COLLECTION



### Australia Day Weekend 2019 – Beachport – KESAB collection

The annual pilgrimage to Beachport for many 4WD-ers is a great opportunity to enjoy the fruits of the South Australian coast line. As many who have enjoyed sand driving in this area would also attest to, there is far too much trash on the beaches and it's not going away.

The Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club (MLR) will be undertaking a KESAB clean up during the Australia Day long weekend 2019. KESAB will be providing bags for collection and the local council (Wattle Ranges) will provide vouchers for free dumping of whatever we collect.

At the last 4WD SA Delegates meeting, several clubs indicated strong support to contribute to the collection of trash over the weekend.

It is not intended to assign a part of the beach or a day of the weekend to collect but to offer a random collection. It is proposed that when the trip stops for a comfort break, a Kodak moment, lunch, recover some poor bugger from the sand or just to stretch the legs that we take a few extra minutes to collect trash. It will be at the discretion of the individuals if they want to collect small bits that'll fit in the bags, if they want to collect drift wood or if they're prepared to spend a little time digging a fishing net buried in the sand.

In addition to cleaning up the beach, feeling good about doing the right thing and collecting a few buck's worth of bottle deposits, we will be promoting the 4WD community in a positive light. As such, at the end of the weekend (sometime on the Monday) we'll take the opportunity for a collective Kodak moment. It should be noted that this activity can also be attributed as club community hours.

What I need now, is confirmation of the clubs that would like to participate in this activity. If your club would like to participate, please contact me direct @ [delegate@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au](mailto:delegate@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au) or my mobile [0432 255 477](tel:0432255477)

See you at Beachport

Roger Wilkinson



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## **2018 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Period	Start
School Holidays	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> December

## **SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day

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## **2019 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

Period	Start
Term 1	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January
School Holidays	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April
School Holidays	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July
Term 3	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
School Holidays	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October
School Holidays	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December

## **SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January – New Year's Day  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Australia Day  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Adelaide Cup Day  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Monday  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Labor Day  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Boxing Day



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## HEALTH & WELLBEING TIPS

### Tips to Stay Healthy and Survive The Silly Season



Let's admit it, tis the season to be silly! It's time to relax, enjoy, laugh, eat, drink and be merry! But it's definitely not time to turn our backs on our healthy lifestyles! It's time to enjoy... and SURVIVE the silly season!

We've survived 2 silly seasons paleo style and boy have we learnt a lot! The first year we sort of (definitely) fell off the healthy wagon. Yep, we ate peanut M&Ms and ice-cream, drank coke zero and drank a little too much alcohol for our liking! The next year, we were strict paleo and drank very little.



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This year our plan is to eat 100% paleo (ok maybe some cheese here and there) and we know we're not going to miss out on anything... because we know the best tasting food is in fact paleo food, yes, just real food! SAY WHAT!?! It's true, you know it!

To prepare ourselves we spoke about what we're going to do this fast approaching silly season. We felt oh so excited and positive after talking about this, we just had to share!

Here are our Tips to Stay Healthy and Survive The Silly Season!

- Stay hydrated. Don't forget H2O is literally your best friend during the festive season! Find out why water is super important for us.
- Make BETTER alcohol choices. Go for organic wine and if you like spirits mix it with lime and soda!
- Don't binge drink, take it slow!
- In between each alcoholic bevvy, drink a huge glass of water.
- Exercise! Holidays are NO excuse to stop exercising. You actually have more time to exercise! Make sure you have fun and make it social! Think backyard cricket, bike rides, swimming, mountain hikes.
- Make social outings active! Instead of meeting friends for lunch, what about a morning walk and healthy brunch?
- Assist with organising office/family/friend festive gatherings so you have input into the menu!
- Ensure there are healthy options available for each meal, including starters and nibbles. These tend to be the most dangerous.
- Don't overeat! Just because there's amazing delish food in front of you doesn't mean you have to eat it all (we know... crazy right?). Think of the benefits: there will be more left overs for lunch the next day and you'll stay on the healthy track!
- When you're at the buffet, stack your plate with healthy green salads.



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- Don't go crazy with carbs. Now, carbs are in almost everything (yes, even green veggies), we're not talking about green veggies. We're talking things like sweet potato chips... we pledge TO NOT eat these every day! Instead we'll be enjoying slices of high protein paleo bread. YUM!
- Don't overdo the sweet treats and ensure they're healthy ones! We plan on making lots of paleo and low fructose sweet treats this year.
- Get a friend to be healthy with you! It can be difficult when everyone is eating terribly and drinking lots around you. Find a friend or family member to take the healthy pledge with you. Support is always a good thing!
- If you fall off the wagon at one event or one meal DO NOT use it as an excuse to keep on going! Wake up the next day and make your next meal a healthy one! Don't waste ANY brain space with regrets or being angry at yourself! Get a fresh start with some exercise, drinks heaps of water and eat good, nourishing healthy food. You'll feel amazing in no time!
- Don't forget about mindfully eating!
- Last but not least, get inspired to make healthy meals by trawling Pinterest and Instagram!





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## TRIP REPORT: LOVEDAY

An early start was made so to enable us to arrive at Loveday with plenty of time to set up camp and have a play on the tracks. With Adam and Georgina in one car and me following we hit the sand hills. While not as big as Beachport they were still fun. Specks lakes was next. With several tracks leading up the hill from easy to moderate to impossible.





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Arriving back at camp after getting our fix of 4wheeling we baited our rods with worms and cast out, sitting back in the chairs we enjoyed the view and peace of the river.

After catching a few carp and yellow belly we lit up the campfire, cooked up a feed and relaxed with a few refreshments.

Saturday morning Tasman turned up nice and early in his 80 quickly setting up camp ready for a bit of fun.

Starting in the sand hills we were soon having fun until i crested a hill and bellied out..... Tasman assisted with a gentle snatch out. Georgina was having a drive of Adam's car and also sunk in the soft sand, but a self recovery under Adam's instructions and she was quickly under way. Specks Lakes were next. Well since Adam and I had a practice the day before we got to the top easily. Waiting at the top and Tasman coming up one of the difficult tracks i told Tas that with his 80 series it will be a "Walk in the Park".... famous last words as Tas lifted the passenger side tyre high in the air. Seeing my reaction on my face Tas stood on the brakes and awaited further instructions. With no reverse option and forward momentum not possible the winch was deployed. With Adams car as anchor i was able to get close enough so the rope would not rub on the rocks and Tasman was successfully winched out.



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We took the Tour track that circumnavigates the property with many offshoot tracks. Dropping into a "Easy Hole" i lifted the rear tyre and balanced on 2 wheels looking at hitting the embankment next to me. Recovery number 2.

Adam was next as he got hung up as well at another track. Recovery number 3. Lots of manmade obstacles tested our 4wd's. On one hill Tasman's double locked 80 was the only one able to get up..... Gotta love Lockers. Lunch was calling so off to camp we went.

After lunch we drove to the Loveday man made playground. You can drive easy tracks to some really tuff ones.



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Great fun was had by all driving all the tracks and testing our 4x4's.





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After several hours of fun it was time for dinner so back to camp we went.

Roast cooked in the campfire was on the menu as well as a few refreshments. We were invited to the Loveday Tavern to see some magic from Ron who entertained us with some great card tricks. Time seemed to go so fast that night and it was around 2.30am we called it quits.

Sunday morning was a casual start with Bacon and eggs, coffee and casting our rods in for a final fish. Sitting and watching the river a 6ft brown snake casually swam across the river to the other side.

Not wanting to go home and thoughts of "Can we stay one more day" we decided to pack up around 11 am. All arrived home safe and well.



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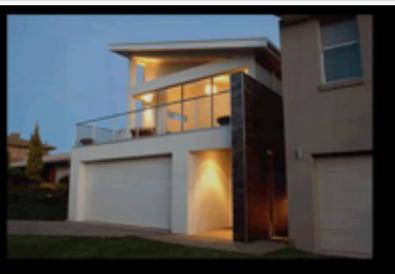
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- Volunteer efforts for the betterment of MLR
- Behind the scenes support



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## NOMINATION FORM

### MLR Quiet Achiever Award

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