

Rangers' Review

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June 2018

What are you planning for the Queen's Birthday long weekend in June???

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Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.

About Us

The Club's aim is for its members to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooking and a great social scene on and off track.

Membership

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD (regardless of its make or model) and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (FWDSA).

Club Outings

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee which also organises regular events that complement the club trips.

Experience and Training

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

Meetings

Club meetings are the <u>second Monday of each month*</u> and are held at the **Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood**

Time: 7:15 pm for 7.30pm start

*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the third Monday of the month.

For more information on the Club please check out our website at:

www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27

Presidential Press

Well...this is my first official "Prez Sez". It's only been a few weeks since the AGM and it already seems a lot of things have happened. Transitioning from VP to Pres has been interesting, trying to get access to information, sort out applications permissions and email links etc. Hmmm, what did I get myself into?

There have been several opportunities this month for members to get away on these. Peake, camp cook including the experiencing the joy of sleeping in a tree, a trip to Finke followed by a crossing of the Simpson, and after what seems to be years in the planning, we have several couples on safari in Africa. I look forward to the Africa trip report/ pictures later this year. There is also a trip to the Big Desert the weekend before the next monthly meeting if you're interested in going and haven't put your name on the trip sheet contact me ASAP. Likewise there is an extended trip circa 8 weeks to Cape York being conducted by the Dagri's.

The new committee has had its first meeting where we discussed numerous things at a high level with a focus on "as a Club where do we go from here". Over the next few months we will start to flesh out details, and as I said on the AGM, you will have opportunities to contribute.

The AGM also signalled the end of the Club membership year. That means our membership fees are now due. I have sent out numerous communications indicating how this can be paid and you can also find details in the this magazine. Please renew your membership ASAP, your continued contribution to this Club is greatly appreciated.

We have a silent auction running for a \$100 Goggleman voucher; see the flyer on later pages for more info. Latest bid at time of drafting this was \$20.

Our next monthly meeting is **18 June** which is after the long weekend with the next committee meeting being the week after on 25 June. Hope to see you all then. Oh, one last thing, please check your contact details i.e. phone and email with one of our three membership officers. If your details are incorrect, it makes it difficult for us to let you know what's going on.

Word of the Month:

Ludic - full of fun and high spirits



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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:

<u>President:</u> - Convenes all meetings of MLR. Meeting with 4WDSA to push the MLR interests. Sponsor Liaison.

<u>Vice president:</u> - 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.

<u>Secretary & Public Officer:</u> - Minute taking for meetings. Correspondence in and out. <u>Trips Coordinator:</u> - Primary point of contact for members trip planning, advice and attendance sheets. Communicates trip calendar to members

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

<u>Membership officer:</u> - 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

<u>Merchandise officer:</u> - Organises clothing and other club approved merchandise for sale to members.

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

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

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

Tom's Final Report



2018 President's Report

Firstly, I'd like to thank all members of Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club for their help and support in continuing to keep MLR moving forward, a huge thanks to our 2017 committee of which some have elected to stand down after a number of years of service. Sometimes all the kudos are given to those at the top, in most cases the president however I don't see it that way, this club is bigger than any one person so this presidents report is that only by name, it is a committee report, everything that we have accomplished, every trip that goes up on the board, every new member or visitor we get through those doors is not because of one person, it's because of the total committee that drives our club forward.

As I've said numerous times over the term of my presidency – the aim if you take a role on any committee is to leave that role in a better position than when you accepted the role in the first place, I'm sure you'll agree with me that the outgoing committee have accomplished that!

Members come, and members go, but we seem to always have visitors coming along to our meetings which most times turns into new members – this sees us maintaining almost 90 + members for the fourth consecutive year.

Our financial position continues to be healthy.

Trips are why most of us join a 4wd club, this year we have had 35 official club trips including the side trips at Beachport or events with over 220 attendees While talking trips the Octoberfest was again a huge success with the Octoberfest Committee ably led by Paul McGregor, again working hard to the standard of the 2017 event and they have started working on plans to make it bigger and better yet again in 2019. The third MLR Ken Brady Club Person of the year was awarded at the Annual club dinner a couple of weeks ago—so congratulations again to Trevor Light with an amazing 21 trips with 5 trip leading roles out of the possible 35 club events. Congratulations also to Martin Dunaiski for winning the Quiet Achiever of the year, well done to the other nominees for this award, you all are worthy nominees and congratulations to Ian McFarland for winning the Rookie of the Year Finally, I feel that MLR although we have been in existence for over 21 years, we are continuing to attract new members, continuing to put new trips up and we are one of the top 3 clubs for member numbers and definitely the best club in the 4wd club scene in SA.

I look forward to supporting both the new comers and the returning members of the committee in continuing to grow and making MLR an even better 4WD club.

Club equipment for loan!

- Grate mates
- Uniden UHF handheld radios
- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
 - Tifor hand winch and cable
 - Car Bra

- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- · Hot water urn and kettle
 - Bead breaker
 - Drag chains (x 2)
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
 - *All club equipment is securely stored within the club trailer @ Lonsdale

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer: property@mountloftyrangers.com.au



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.

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



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

Contact Sheena to place an order: merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Big Desert 2018

<u>Trip Leader</u>: Gary Light <u>When</u>: 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: president@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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

Will you conquer "Big Dune"?

GUEST SPEAKER

JUNE MEETING!!!!!



Australian Government

Australian Maritime Safety Authority

Topic: EPIRB

(Emergency position indicating radio beacon)

It would be good to get any questions a few weeks prior to the meeting to make sure the speaker has time to answer them. Please direct any questions to vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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

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If you are interested in the voucher you are encouraged to take part in a silent auction.

Rules:

- The auction will close Sunday 8 Jul 18 with the winner being presented the voucher at the July meeting on Monday 9 July 18.
- You can place as many bids as you like.
- The latest winning bid will periodically released so you have an idea if your still in the running or not.
- All bids via email to president@mountloftyrangers.com.au
- · All funds raised will be donated to the RFDS

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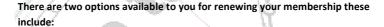
MEMBERSHIPS



Memberships are due, time to renew

If you haven't done so already, we ask that you please renew your membership today! If you renew your membership prior to the end of August 2018, you will receive a \$10 discount after which the fee increases to \$80. In today's climate this is good value for money. It should be noted that the fee has not changed for at least five years. Don't forget your membership is linked to your vehicle, which means all of your immediate family are also members. By renewing you will be able to:

- attend more trips, see new places, meet new people and share the experiences
- . be eligible for Sponsor discounts (with participating sponsors)
- Purchase a wide variety of MLR merchandise
- Have a say in how your club develops.



- Electronic funds transfer:
 - o BSB: 065 132
 - o Account No: 1004 4806
 - Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.
 - Reference on transaction, [name] and membership renewal
 (Bendigo bank does not show their customer's name on account transfers unless it is the in reference)
- · Face to face with the treasurer

Should you have any questions relating to membership I encourage you to direct them to one of our three membership officers via Membership@mountloftyrangers.com.au or alternately any other committee member.

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



2018 TRIPS CALENDAR

"Put up a trip sheet and people will come"

28/5 – 6/7	Extended trip	Lothar Dunaiski	Africa!!!!!!
6 couples heading overseas for an adventure of a lifetime			of a lifetime
2/6 - 16/6	Extended trip	Peter & Jo Reed	Finke
800km in the sand – no fuel Simpson Desert & Birdsville			
FRI	DAY 8 TH – MONDAY	11 TH JUNE - LONG \	WEEKEND
15 th – 17 th June	Weekend trip	Gary Light	Big Desert
		Billy Bore (Vic)	<u> </u>
23 rd June	Extended trip 8 weeks	Rob Dagri	Cape York
	le, Charters Towers, (isit Bat Falls, Elliot F		Development Road to Cape ome via coast.
MONDAY		Club Meeting 7.3	
18 th June	Blackwood Fo	otball Club, Trevo	r Terrace, Blackwood
MONDAY		Club Meeting 7.3	
9 th July			r Terrace, Blackwood
13 th July	Weekend Trip	Gary Light	Murray Sunset NP
	Explore e	astern section	
MONDAY		Club Meeting 7.3	
13 th August			r Terrace, Blackwood
Saturday 25 th August	Day trip	Gary Light	Diamonds photography course & dinner
Saturday	in CBD & end the da	y with dinner at th	e pub. Cost TBD
FATHER'S DAY SUNDAY 2 ND SEPTEMBER			
MONDAY 10 th		Club Meeting 7.3	30pm
September	Blackwood Fo	otball Club, Trevo	r Terrace, Blackwood
FRIDAY 28 TH – MONDAY 1 ST OCTOBER - LONG WEEKEND			
MONDAY		Club Meeting 7.3	30pm
8 th October	Blackwood Fo		r Terrace, Blackwood

2018 TRIPS CALENDAR

TBA	Extended trip	Tasman Hunt	Uluru (Ayres Rock)	
School Holidays				
Walk up t	Walk up the Rock for the last time. Truck Museum in Alice Springs			
Expression of	Day trip	Tom Doody	Uni SA Planetarium @	
interest - August			Mawson Lakes	
Saturday afternoo	on viewing full dome	– night sky & movie	e. Approx cost \$10/adult.	
	Potential for pub lunch/dinner before or after			
Expression of	Day trip	Tom Doody	Stockport Observatory	
interest -				
November				
Saturday night looking through telescope. Camp over out close to Stockport. Sausage				
sizzle for tea?? Approx cost \$15/adult plus camping				
TBA - August	Weekend trip	Eric	MLR Fishing Comp.	
		Kalderovskis	Salt Creek	
Saturday night looking through telescope. Camp over out close to Stockport. Sausage				
sizzle for tea?? Approx cost \$15/adult plus camping				

2018 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start	
School Holidays	Saturday 7 th July	
Term 3	Monday 23 rd July	
School Holidays	Saturday 29 th September	
Term 4	Monday 15 th October	
School Holidays	Saturday 15th December	

SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2018

Monday 11th June – Queen's Birthday Monday 1st October – Labour Day Tuesday 25th December – Christmas Day Wednesday 26th December – Boxing Day



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MLR RECIPE BOOK

Chocolate Brownie Cob Loaf - (great for a camp cook dessert!!!)

INGREDIENTS

3 Cups Self Raising Flour

3 tbsp Cocoa

2 tbsp Caster Sugar

1 tbsp Golden Syrup

100 grams Chocolate Melts

3 tbsp Butter

100 grams White Chocolate Melts

1 Cup Milk

You can make this Chocolate Brownie Cob Loaf the night before. It is easier to 'scoop out the middle' if it is cold.

Sift the self-raising flour, caster sugar and cocoa into a bowl. Add the butter and use your fingertips to 'rub together' the mix until the mixture comes together like breadcrumbs. Add the chocolate melts and golden syrup. Fold in the milk and knead lightly until it comes together. Line a large cake tin with baking paper. Place the Cob Loaf into the cake tin, heaping it up in the centre to give it the 'cob loaf' shape. Bake for 30 minutes or until the outside has formed a hard crust. Allow cooling in the pan.

Caramel Sauce:

1 tin "Top n Fill" caramel filling

1 tbls butter

½ cup cream

100 grams white choc buttons

Melt all ingredients together in a saucepan until combined and butter and choc. Melted.

Either scoop out centre of cake (without going through the bottom) and fill with caramel sauce. Wrap in a couple of layers of alfoil and reheat through. Or, just re-heat cake whole and serve caramel sauce on the side with icecream.

Send your favourite camp cook recipe into the Magazine magazine@mountloftyrangers.com.au to start compiling an MLR Recipe Book!

TRAINING

MLR TRAINING CALENDAR

Courses to be run by Steve Townsend & Tom Doody

Sun 22nd July Trip Planning & Leading Course Meadows to Goolwa

(including theory)

Sun 12th Aug Tyre repair & changing Ashbourne

DTU TRAINING CALENDAR

16 th / 17 th	Training (TBC) - Mud &	\$40	Ashbourne	9.00am
June	Water			
27 th October	Trip planning & leading	\$10	Cavan	9.00am
3rd/4th	Training	\$45	Peake	9.00am
November				
10 th /11 th	GPS & OziExplorer		Cavan	9.00am
November				

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.

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- 3. Do you like good company?
- 4. Do you fancy a meal out one night?

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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.<u>vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au</u>



MLR CHRISTMAS SHOW

After 2 positive years we have decided to hold the MLR Christmas Show again at Wirrina Cove with catering again provided by Texas Bull Machine. Dates & menu TBA as we get closer so stay tuned!











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Something funny

If you can start the day without caffeine,

If you can be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,

If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,

If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,

If you can understand when loved ones are too busy to give you time,

If you can overlook when people take things out on you when, through no fault of yours, something goes wrong,

If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,

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MLR QUIET ACHIEVER AWARD

Votes can be submitted at any time of year for members acknowledging how much they are valued and appreciated, recognising their important (often behind the scenes) contribution to the fabric of MLR. This is an award presented to those special people who go out of their way to do things for others, not because they want recognition but because it comes from their heart to give and serve others. Quiet achiever may contribute in numerous ways including:

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



NOMINATION FORM

MLR Quiet Achiever Award

NOMINEE NAME:			
NAME OF NOMINATOR:			
Nominators contact details:			
TELEPHONE :		EMAIL:	
MOBILE :		SIGNATURE :	
CRITERIA CITATION (Attach one additional A4 page with font size not less than 10 points of required)			

Review Committee Only		
Date Received		
Review Ranking		

DISCOVER THE FLINDERS RANGES

Hello fellow four wheel drive enthusiast.

As a member of the Toyota Landcruiser Club I am pleased to share details about a new free app which may be of interest to your members.

The app titled *Discover the Flinders Ranges* was developed during 2017 by one of our members with the assistance of other TLCC members. They were all wearing their Friends of Flinders Ranges National Park hats when pulling the app together so they had the benefit of input from the Friends members too.

The app provides detailed driving tours within the national park, unfortunately only on tracks currently open to the public. Nevertheless for 4 wheel drive club members visiting the Flinders there is plenty of helpful information to make their trip more interesting especially if travelling with children. There is also a guide to birds commonly seen in the Flinders and a list of service providers in the Flinders Ranges offering complimentary vouchers to visitors. More tours and guides on reptiles, plants and animals are being added during this year, and we hope to have an Adnyamathana culture tour too.

The app is available for free download from both Google Play and Apple Store. There are no in-app costs.

Please let your members know it is available and encourage them to try it.

Happy driving, Vince Monterola

DISCOVER THE FLINDERS RANGES

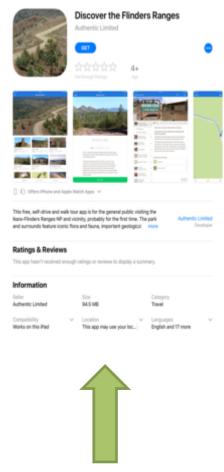
Google Play Store:

Take a look at "Discover the Flinders Ranges"

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Big thanks to Steve Townsend for letting us stay at his place at Ashbourne over the weekend of Friday 18th – Sunday 20th May. Bit of rain overnight Friday and a couple of drizzly showers on Saturday morning but nothing to keep us away (someone might have taken shelter under an awning). Two amazing nights of toasty fires, tree bedding, feeding the animals, great company, sensational food and a couple of astronomy lessons on the side thanks to Tom and Phil!

FRIDAY NIGHT FIRE SAT MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB



AMAZING WEATHER "Not a cloud in the sky"



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KYLIE'S SPOT!



CHECKING OUT THE TREE BED SLEEPING

Someone has done this before! Trevor & Lynn Light are pros!



Thumbs up from Trevor







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Greg & Kalea Healey giving it their best shot



Rangers Review 33

Gary Light building the new White House!



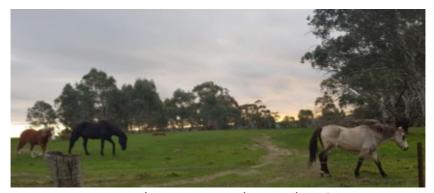
Sabotaging the new president's crib!



FEEDING THE ANIMALS WITH STEVE!!!!



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Rescue horses Barney, Ebony and Lassie



Bill the sheep!



Bill the Alpaca

Bobby & Scooter



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Colonel Nuggets the white rooster and his ladies Goldie & Gloria!









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Trevor & Lynn's yummy curry with naan bread

Lezbo's winter stew

Phil's slow cooked roast Lamb



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Rangers Review



Do you know a lady who needs these charms?



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