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Rangers' Review



**Mad March is upon us –
What do you have planned to get out and about in Adelaide?**

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Presidential Press

Wow, having to draft an entry for this month's magazine really snuck up on me. I hope you all managed to find a place to keep cool during the recent spell of hot days. Don't worry though...winter is coming.

A big thank you to all who contributed to the recent "let's go caravanning and camping show" a significant effort in the prep and setup, then manning the stand selling Redarc Octoberfest raffle tickets etc. I have asked those involved for their feedback as to what worked well what could be improved and if we should indeed consider future events at Wayville. The next similarly flavoured activity we have committed to is the Celebration of 4WD at the Birdwood Motor Museum during May.

Talking about the Redarc Octoberfest raffle, we have some great prizes on offer, see ad in the magazine and seek out one of the committee members for a ticket or book.

Feb also saw us farewell Lyssa, with several club members along with a building full of other friends and colleagues attending her memorial service at Mount Barker where we heard Rory deliver a fine eulogy.

I draft this article the week prior to the long weekend so hopefully you managed to get away somewhere nice. I will be heading to Merna Mora with nine other vehicles to commence our component of track reconnaissance for Octoberfest. Check out our trip calendar, there are a few trips already on offer in the next few weeks, there are even weekends where you will be spoilt for choice. (That's a good thing).

Talking about trips, I've been consulting with the ladies and you may have seen a recent email from me where I have decided to run two ladies centric trips. One being an awareness style session at Ashbourne on Sun 31 March details further in mag so look out for the trip sheet. The other is a drive down the Border Track in May.

Our 2018 awards season has now closed and we are in the process of tallying up the data to determine the Club Person and Rookie of the Year. You should see an email / survey shortly re club person of the year voting so keep an eye out for that one.

Anyway there is a lot going on so come along to the meetings, look at our Facebook page and check your emails.

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **18th Mar** (public holiday on 11th)

Next committee meeting **25th Mar**



Word of the Month: *Deja moo [exp.] - The nagging feeling that you've heard this BS before*



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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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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. MLR club registration officer

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 officers (1 lead & 2 x assistants): - First point of contact for visitors that come to MLR, keep track of member attendance at club meetings and criteria for membership acceptance, welcome visitors and link them with a buddy, run the club night raffle and pay for any birthday drinks.

Website officer: - Maintain and update 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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MLR Ladies Day

Get to know your 4WD

- When – Sunday 31 March, 9-00 AM arrive for 9-15am start
- Where – Steve’s Place - Ashbourne
- What –.



- Group session (simple but informative):
 - SAFETY - PPE, Vehicle, Equipment, Personnel, Attitude. (Theory)
 - VEHICLE - Daily vehicle check in the bush.
 - DRIVING - Hill ascent, descent, winding bush track, creek crossing.
 - TERRAIN - slopes, creeks, rock, tight tracks.
 - RECOVERY - Types of recovery, Processes, Equipment ratings. (Theory and product display)
 - COMMUNICATION - on / off and change channel, Emergency Channel.
 - One on One with Steve alongside to talk through the exercise then have a go.
- Cost - \$40-00 fee per car for the Training Track to cover Ins. and track maintenance
 - Bring cold lunch (sandwiches, wraps or the like) and water
 - Fancy camping – Contact Steve directly

Please Note –

1. *Specific sessions relating to Sand - Mud - Water will be considered for a date TBC.*
2. *Partners can attend, however, it will be preferred that they hang out in the campground whilst the driving activity on the property is being conducted.*



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NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 30th & 31st March 2019

WHAT: Each year a group of volunteers from FWDSA affiliated clubs meet at the Ngarkat CP to undertake a number of tasks that have been developed in conjunction with the Senior Ranger, Natural Resources (SA Murray-Darling Basin, DEWNR) from Lameroo. These tasks assist DEWNR in maintaining, sustaining and enhancing the Ngarkat CP for all park visitors.

This year the work to be undertaken is again generally on or near the one-way and two-way section of the Ngarkat CP Border Track and includes trail marking & clearing, fencing (repair, replacement or installation), fireplace & rubbish clean-up, track maintenance, signage, vegetation trimming and painting. DEWNR will be providing materials and specialist tools needed for the work and the volunteers will need to provide all the basic hand tools and labour.

The one-way section of the Border Track is closed to public traffic until the first weekend of April and therefore will be closed to public traffic during the working bee.

Note: DEWNR will be providing an evening meal for volunteers at the Pine Hut Soak campground on the Saturday evening of the working bee.

WHEN: Weekend of 30th & 31st March 2019. Work starts at 9am on the Saturday, but you may setup camp on the afternoon or evening of the preceding Friday.

WHERE: Meet at the Ngarkat CP Pine Hut Soak campground (S35° 25' 24.7" E140° 52' 46.2").

See the map overleaf.

Overflow if necessary to the nearby Nanam Well and Cox's Windmill campgrounds.

Directions: Heading south from Taillem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway; drive through Lameroo, Parilla and past the T-Junction to Bordertown (do not turn), then after ~1.9km turn right on to Rosy Pine Road (Ngarkat Park sign at this point), continue south for ~14.7 km to the Park Entrance (there may be one or two gates near the end of this road). 250m on from the Park Entrance is the visitor information shelter and a further 70m is the turn left to the adjacent Pine Hut Soak campground.



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WHAT TO BRING:

Camping: Camper trailers and caravans can be accommodated. The Pine Hut Soak campground has one long drop toilet but you need to bring everything else (water, food, shelter). Please note that the working bee dates will still be in fire danger season so the "camp fire" will need to be artificial (a gas stove will be OK).

Equipment:

Tools Post hole digging tools, pruners, loppers, bow saw, handsaw, shovel, rake, hand tools, battery powered electric drill / angle grinder with a range of drill sizes and spade bits.

UHF In car and handheld UHF radios will be useful, Channel 16 will be used initially.

Personal Working gloves and footwear, drinking water, sun protection (hat, long sleeves, long pants, sun screen).
Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.

CONTACT:

Darryl McManus - e-mail darryl_4wd@ddaajmcm.com.au, Mb. 0488 275 300

Satellite phone: 0424 212 534 for Emergency incoming & outgoing calls during the working bee.

Important Note - let us know in advance:

- Contact details for your group.
- When you plan to arrive.
- The number of people and vehicles in your party.
- If you can bring a trailer that could be used to transport materials from the campground.

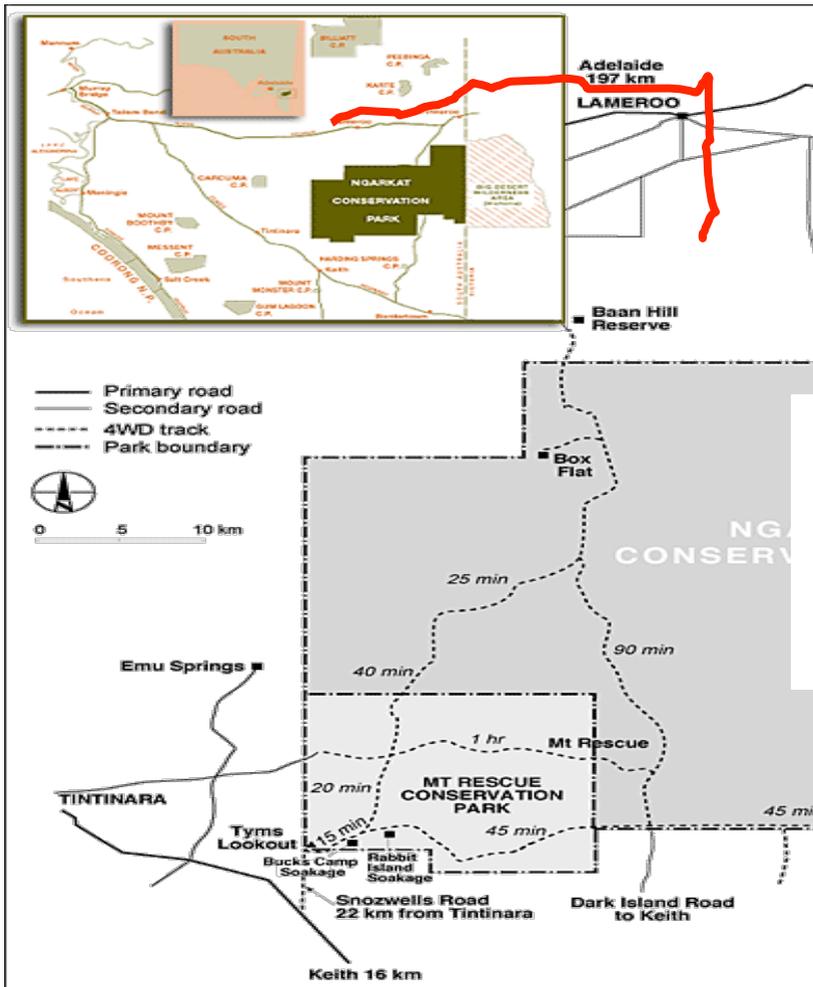


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CELEBRATION OF 4WDING

PRESS RELEASE FOR 19TH MAY 2019.

CELEBRATION of FOUR WHEEL DRIVING, National Motor Museum, Birdwood SA.

Officially called, **The ARB and Battery World, Celebration of Four Wheel Driving.**

Over 100 “used and bruised” 4x4’s in full camp mode, “as if we are going to cross the Simpson”?? Not just cars, but off road campers/vans/rigs! Camping overnight on the Saturday to prove we are in the “zone”! Special guests, Roothy and Karen, the hand break! Doug Sprigg, owner of Arkaroola, who was, as a kid, a passenger in the first 4x4 to cross the Simpson. Helen Hamp, nee Kruse, daughter of the famous Birdsville Mailman, Tom. Valmai Hankel, who travelled around Australia with her late husband, and then keep travelling by herself after his passing. (An absolute character that is often on the ABC and the reason for the Parkinsons fundraising) Kristin Weidenbach, author, and particularly of “The Last Mailman” which is Tom Kruse’s story.

Cooking demos, damper, camp ovens, etc,

Some campers will demonstrate their rigs during the day, and a Band, “Western Branch” will entertain. A local craft brewery (Lobethal Bier Haus) will be on hand, plus a winery, and a coffee van.

A list of trips taken by the Club members, and a list for the vehicles will be on display so the public can talk to members about their experiences. Vehicles have nominated from SA 4x4 Clubs and some rigs are coming from Tasmania via the National Pajero Club, which is based in SA.

A large raffle, over \$8000 worth will be running raising money RFDS and Parkinsons SA. \$5/ticket, to be released for sale early 2019.

Normal admission and concessions apply to the NMM, and full access to the Museum.



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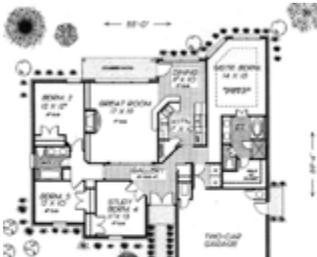
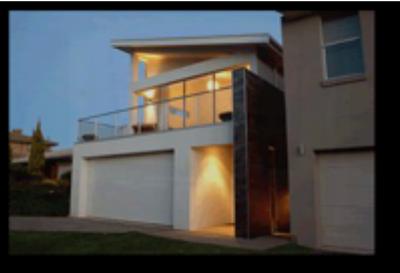
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JOINT CLUBS TRIP

2019 June Long Week End

GHOST MUSHROOM LANE- Glencoe in the South East.

June Long Week End 7/06 to 10/06/2019. An educational and photographic opportunity that can only be experienced at this time of the year if conditions are right. How many times do clubs try for a trip for this LWE and in the end nothing eventuates for any number of reasons.

NORTH TO ECHUCA TO CONNECT WITH THE COBB HIGHWAY AND UP TO BROKEN HILL.

Tour the length of THE LONG Paddock.

If you look at this touring route there have been several itineraries prepared to suit individual tastes. I understand there is only about 80km of well-maintained non-sealed road at the final run in to Wilcannia. Across to Broken Hill, and back to Adelaide via Jamestown.

Progress will be dependent on weather conditions and the group.

My aim will be to finish on Friday 21st June.

Please forward expressions of interest from Clubs or individuals to:

BOB PAGE: suebobpage@optusnet.com.au or phone [73242994](tel:73242994).

Once we have numbers, we can then look at firming up an itinerary and arrangements. It would be appropriate prior to the event to meet and perhaps have a weekend away at a location closer to Adelaide.

This will need to be recorded as a club trip by all clubs with members attending, and that those attending shall all be financial members at the time of the trip for insurance purposes.

BOB PAGE, Club Delegate Holden 4WD Club.



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TICKETS \$5 EACH



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1000 tickets @ \$5 each. Raffle to be drawn at Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club general meeting to be held on Monday 12th August 2019 at 7:30pm at the Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood, SA. Winners will be notified by phone call and results will be published on the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club website (mountloftyrangers.com.au) as well as the 4WD South Australia facebook page.



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MERCHANDISE



\$50

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Yellow Tyre Tracks Design

Ladies: 7 shirts in sizes

14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 32

Mens: 3 shirts in sizes 18, 28,30



\$50

limited sizes – no names

Blue 25th Anniversary Design

Ladies: 1 shirt size 26

Mens: 2 shirts in sizes 26, 28



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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MERCHANDISE



Khaki Shirt

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Is it your birthday this month???

See Kylie or a membership officer for a drink!





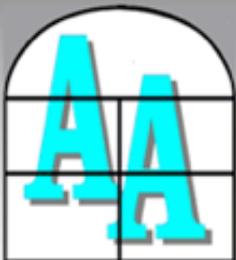
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 - Car Bra
 - Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
 - Bead breaker
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TRAINING

MLR TRAINING CALENDAR: MLR offers non-stop 4WD education.

Courses to be run by Steve Townsend & Tom Doody -

1 Day Theory and Practical Awareness - **24th March at Ashbourne 9am Start**

- Drive down a hill stop/controlled forward descent - Auto and Man.
- Drive up a hill stop/controlled reverse descent - Auto and Man.
- Drive a vehicle across a sloping terrain

1 Day Theory and Practical Awareness - **5th May at Ashbourne 9am Start**

- Change a wheel on a 4WD - includes jacking procedures
- Perform emergency tyre repair - tube and tubeless (incs. removal & replacement of tyre on rim)
- Use of Hi-lift jack

2 Day Theory and Practical Awareness - **25th-26th May at Peake inc sand driving 10am Start**

- Recovering a 4WD using a Recover Strap
- Recovering a 4WD using a Winch

DTU TRAINING CALENDAR: -

Mud Driving / Training - **22-23 June @ Ashbourne 9am start**

- \$50 per vehicle



Email training@mountloftyrangers.com.au for more information or to organise one-on-one or group training.



TRIPS CALENDAR

“Put up a trip sheet and people will come”

Sat 9 th – Mon 11 th March	Long Weekend trip	Gary Light	Merna Morna
<i>Octoberfest reccy weekend</i>			
<i>*Must lead official Octoberfest trip to attend*</i>			
Sun 17 th March	Park support Day trip	Tom Doody	Scott Creek – Park Support
<i>Clean up old corrugated iron, fencing, tree guards, drug growing debris. BYO lunch/beverages. BBQ supplied on completion.</i>			
Sun 17 th March	Day trip	Chris Gear	Henley – Grange
<i>Walk or run from Henley to Grange and back. Meet at Henley Beach SLSC 8am</i>			
MONDAY 18 th March	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sat 6 th April	Park support Day trip	Tom Doody	Onkaparinga River – Park Support
<i>Tree guard removal from Onkaparinga Gorge via 4WD access on fire tracks through NP. Free camping. Pink Gum Campground (Sat night). Reasonable fitness due to steep</i>			
MONDAY 8 th April	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
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>			
Sat 4 th May	Club Dinner	Gary Light	Hahndorf
<i>Annual club dinner & awards night @ 3 Gums Bistro. Menu & details TBA</i>			
MONDAY 13 th May	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Fri 17 th – Sun 19 th May	Ladies only trip	Gary Light	Location TBA
Sun 19 th May	Club event		Celebration of 4x4
<i>National Motor Museum at Birdwood</i>			
Sat 15 th – Sun 16 th June	Camp Cook	Gary Light	Ashbourne
<i>What secret recipe do you have to cook and share all from your camp oven/bedourie \$20 per vehicle to camp on Steve's property.</i>			



TRIPS CALENDAR

“Put up a trip sheet and people will come”

MONDAY 17 th June	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
MONDAY 8 th July	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sat 13 th – Sun 14 th July	Camp Cook	Gary Light	Ashbourne
<i>Back up weekend in case of inclement weather</i>			
Sat 19 th – Sun 21 st July	Weekend trip	Gary Light	Big Desert (Vic)
<i>Camp ‘Big Billy Bore’, drive the sand trails & hills in the state forest. NB camper trailers – only if you are prepared to drag them through sand.</i>			
MONDAY 12 th August	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sat 24 th – Sun 25 th August	Park Support Weekend trip	Tom Doody	Fleurieu - Park support
<i>Trail/Track trimming in Fleurieu Parks. Vehicle access to fire management tracks. Stay tuned for camping details.</i>			
MONDAY 9 th September	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
TBA	Reccie weekend	Gary Light	Merna Mora
<i>Octoberfest firewood collection</i>			
Sat 5 th – Mon 7 th October	Club event	Gary Light	Merna Mora
<i>~ Long Weekend ~ Octoberfest event ~</i>			
MONDAY 14 th October	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
MONDAY 11 th November	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sat 23 rd – Sun 24 th November	MLR Xmas	Gary Light	TBA
<i>Stay tuned for location & menu details!</i>			
MONDAY 9 th December	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		



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No: 9.2 Date: 19/09/2016

Caravan & Camping Bushfire Safety

If travelling during the bushfire season, you could be affected by a fire. Bushfires can start suddenly and spread quickly - without warning.

Before setting off on your caravan or camping trip make sure you have all the information you will need to keep safe



CHECK BEFORE YOU GO

- Fire Danger Ratings and bushfire information on the CFS Website, Bushfire Information Hotline (1300 362 361), Alert SA mobile phone app, Facebook or Twitter
- Weather conditions on the Bureau of Meteorology website
- Where the local Bushfire Safer Places are close to your travel route and destinations
- Emergency Survival kit is packed, including a working battery operated radio
- Protective clothing, woollen blankets and water are packed
- Caravan has a smoke alarm, fire extinguisher and fire blanket
- Electrical and gas equipment is secure, appropriately fitted, in good working order, and turned off while travelling

ON THE ROAD

- Always carry maps and know where you are
- Be prepared to change your travel plans on hot windy days
- On Fire Danger days avoid visiting high bushfire risk areas. Some parks and attractions may be closed due to bushfire risk
- Watch out for smoke while you are travelling and listen to local radio
- If you do see smoke or flames, drive away from the fire and ring 000
- If its smoky, slow down, turn on your headlights and watch out for people, animals and other vehicles

On Total Fire Ban Days, don't travel through remote or isolated areas

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AT YOUR CAMPSITE

- Plan good access and escape routes
- Find a flat site with a cleared area that is not on a hilltop
- Identify your nearest safer location to go to in case of a fire
- Avoid driving over long grass as hot exhaust pipes can ignite grass
- Familiarise yourself with parks fire safety plans and the location of fire-fighting equipment if available
- Monitor local conditions. Watch for signs of smoke and ACT EARLY

SAFETY WHILE CAMPING

- Don't cook or smoke in tents and use electric or battery operated lights
- Caravans must be well-vented before using gas
- On Total Fire Ban days you must not use a portable barbecue. Stoves can be used inside caravans
- Turn off lanterns and extinguish fires and candles before bed



IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN A FIRE CALL 000

- Unhitch the caravan if you are driving and if there is time
- Park off the road in a clear area away from trees, scrub and tall grass
- Face the front of your car towards the fire and Turn off the engine and turn on headlights and hazard lights
- Stay in the car below the windows to protect yourself from radiant heat
- Close windows and air vents and cover yourself with a woollen blanket
- Cover your mouth with P2 rated face mask or cloth and drink plenty of water. Stay down until the sound of the fire has passed, carefully leave the car (it will be hot)





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Recreational Vehicles

The term Recreational Vehicles (RVs)

is used to cover caravans, camper trailers, motor homes and all other forms of mobile accommodation

Before you leave on holiday

Please note that in some states RVs must be fitted with a smoke alarm by law, regardless of where they are registered. In South Australia if an occupied RV is on-site for 60 days or longer a hard wired or 10 year, long life, non-removable, non-replaceable battery powered smoke alarm is required by law.

- The SA Metropolitan Fire Service (MFS) strongly recommends that you install a smoke alarm in your RV.
 - The MFS recommends that you use a photo-electric type smoke alarm with a hush button that desensitises the alarm for a short period during cooking. **Note:** *Ionisation type smoke alarms are not suitable for use near cooking facilities.*
 - The MFS recommends that the smoke alarm be powered by a 10 year life, non-removable, non-replaceable battery so that you have protection even when you are not connected to power.
 - Test the smoke alarm before leaving on holiday and once a week when the RV is in use.
- Gas
 - Check that LPG connections on the cylinder and gas appliances are tight and that they are not cross-threaded
 - Ensure that the cylinder and appliances are properly secured to the RV.
 - Check visually for any damage or wear and tear to pipes.
- Check electrical appliances for frayed cords and any other visible damage.
- Fire Extinguishers and fire blankets
 - Australian Standard 2444 (Portable fire extinguishers and fire blankets) recommends that the minimum fire extinguisher you should fit is a Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher 1A:5B. The MFS recommends a larger Dry Chemical Powder fire extinguisher with an E rating for electrical hazards - 1A:20B:(E).



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- Larger RVs with multiple compartments require a minimum of two extinguishers with a minimum rating of 1A:5B. Consideration should be given to all extinguishers having an E rating for electrical hazards.
- Check the extinguisher pressure gauge before using the RV. If the needle is in the red section of the gauge, have the extinguisher serviced by a recognised servicing organisation or replace it.
- Fire extinguishers should be pressure tested by a recognised servicing organisation every 10 years.
- Maintain the extinguisher by inverting it regularly and shaking it to prevent 'compacting' of the powder extinguishing agent. Check the pressure gauge and the expiry date on the cylinder when you do so.
- Fit a fire blanket in the RV.
- The extinguisher/s and fire blanket should be located near an exit where they are easily accessible and where escape is also an option.
- Have an escape plan for the family in case of fire. Your plan should include ensuring all others are awake, an assembly location outside the RV and a means of calling the fire service.
- Make sure exits and exit paths are not obstructed.

While on holidays:

- Turn off the gas cylinder valve before travelling.
- Cook with care; never leave cooking unattended.
- Ensure that the RV is well ventilated when using any gas appliances.
- Keep gas or electric heaters well clear of internal fittings. Turn heaters off at the power point or gas cylinder before going to bed.
- Dispose of cigarettes carefully. Provide deep-sided ashtrays. Never smoke in bed.
- Switch off all electrical appliances at the power point and unplug when not in use.
- Store flammable liquids in approved sealed containers and keep well clear of the RV. Never transport flammable liquids in the RV.
- Position the RV in a clear area away from long grass and never accumulate rubbish around or under the RV.
- If possible, have a garden hose attached to a tap on site for fire fighting.



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GUEST SPEAKER

MARCH MEETING – **Natasha Huber**, Community Engagement Officer
South Australian Country Fire Service



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

2019 SA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Period	Start
School Holidays	Friday 12 th April
Term 2	Monday 29 th April
School Holidays	Friday 5 th July
Term 3	Monday 22 nd July
School Holidays	Friday 27 th September
Term 4	Monday 14 th October
School Holidays	Friday 13 th December

SA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2019

Monday 11th March – Adelaide Cup Day
Friday 19th April – Good Friday
Monday 22nd April – Easter Monday
Thursday 25th April – Anzac Day
Monday 10th June – Queen’s Birthday
Monday 7th October – Labor Day
Wednesday 25th December – Christmas Day
Thursday 26th December – Boxing Day



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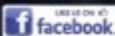
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LET'S GO CARAVAN & CAMPING SHOW

MLR had a stand in the Stirling Pavilion from Wednesday 13 – Sun 17th February. It was festively decorated with new MLR corflutes, banners and brochures promoting the club to potential new members. Thanks to our stand ambassadors for volunteering their time over the weekend. Feedback received has been positive so far, time will tell on the success of the event.





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ON THE ROAD | ROAD RULES QUIZ

01

Who gives way in this situation?

A. The blue car, as it's at a give way sign
 B. The green car, because it's at a stop sign
 C. The blue car, because it's turning right

02

You're walking across the road, phone in hand, sending a text to a friend. Have you committed an offence?

03

In what order should these road users go?

A. Green car, blue car, pedestrians
 B. Blue car, pedestrians, green car
 C. Blue car and pedestrians at the same time, green car

04

When do you need to keep left on a multi-lane road?

A. Always
 B. When the speed limit is over 80km/h
 C. Never
 D. When there's a keep left unless overtaking sign
 E. In scenario B and D

05

The red car and blue car both want to merge into the centre lane at the same time. Which car do you think can move first?

A. The red car
 B. The blue car
 C. Neither

06

What's the default speed limit on country roads?

A. 100km/h
 B. 130km/h
 C. 100km/h
 D. 90km/h

07

In which order should these cars go?

A. Red, blue, yellow
 B. Blue, red, yellow
 C. Yellow, blue, red

08

You must cross at a designated crossing if you are within:

A. 100m of the crossing
 B. 20m of the crossing
 C. 50m of the crossing
 D. 70m of the crossing

09

In what order should these road users go?

A. Blue car, red car, pedestrians
 B. Pedestrians, red car, blue car
 C. Red car, blue car, pedestrians



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ON THE ROAD! ROAD RULES QUIZ

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In which of these scenarios can a motorist cross to the other side of the road?

A. 4 and 5
B. 1, 2, 4 and 5
C. 1, 2, and 5
D. All of them

2

3

4

5

11

Who has to give way when cars are parked on the side of the street?

A. The blue car
B. The red car
C. Neither

12

Can you be fined for being more than 3m away from your car without removing the key from the ignition or locking the door?

13

In SA, what speed do you need to slow down to when passing a school bus that's picking up passengers?

A. 45km/h
B. 30km/h
C. 25km/h
D. 15km/h
E. 10km/h

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In what order should these cars go?

A. Yellow, red, green, blue
B. Green, blue, yellow, red
C. Red, blue, yellow, green
D. Blue, red, yellow, green

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ANSWERS

ON THE ROAD | ROAD RULES QUIZ

ANSWERS

1. C
Contrary to popular belief, a stop sign isn't more powerful than a give way sign. The signs therefore cancel each other out and the blue car needs to give way to the green car as it's turning right, and must give way to oncoming traffic.

2. Yes
It's an offence for pedestrians to walk without due care or attention, or without reasonable consideration for other people using the road. You can be summonsed to court and receive a maximum fine of \$2500.

3. C
In this scenario the green car is turning left using a slip lane and must give way to the blue car that's turning right onto the same road. The green car must also give way to any pedestrian or bicycle entering the slip lane. This means the pedestrian and blue car can go at the same time followed by the green vehicle.

4. E
Motorists need to keep left on a multi-lane road when there's a keep left unless overtaking sign or the speed limit is more than 80km/h. Driving in the right lane of a multi-lane road can result in a \$258 fine, \$60 Victims of Crime Levy and two demerit points.

5. C
Both cars need to indicate for a sufficient amount of time before changing lanes to ensure other road users are aware of their intended actions, and are aware of any other vehicles entering into the same lane. After that, courtesy takes over.

6. C
It's a common misconception that the default speed limit on South Australian country roads is 110km/h. Unless a road sign indicates otherwise, the speed limit outside of built up areas in SA is 100km/h. In built-up areas the default speed limit is 50km/h.

7. A
The give way sign at the modified T intersection means the red car is travelling on the continuing road, which curves to the right. The yellow car is facing a give way sign and must give way to all other traffic. Therefore, the red vehicle goes first. The blue car is next as it's effectively turning right off the continuing road, and the yellow goes last.

8. B
Pedestrians must not cross a road, or part of a road, within 20m of a designated crossing (unless of course it's at the crossing). If the designated crossing is more than 20m away you can cross the road at any point, but you must take the shortest, safest route.

9. C
Drivers don't have to give way to pedestrians at roundabouts, but of course drivers need to be aware of pedestrian activity around roundabouts.

10. B
In situation one, the motorist can cross the solid white line to park as long as it's parallel with the car's current position. The motorist in example two can cross the white line to enter or leave a road or a driveway.

It's illegal for the driver of the vehicle to overtake the car in front in the third example. The driver should wait for an overtaking lane or a broken white line to attempt the manoeuvre. The car in the fourth illustration can only overtake the parked emergency services vehicle, seen as an obstruction in this instance, if it's safe to cross to the other side of the road.

In the final scenario, the driver should give the cyclist a gap of at least 1m when travelling on roads 60km/h and under and 1.5m on roads over 60km/h. The motorist can therefore cross the centre dividing lines if it's safe to do so to ensure they leave the required gap between the vehicle and cyclist.

HOW MANY DID YOU GET CORRECT?

1-4
You need to brush up on your road rules

5-8
You're still got a bit to learn

9-13
Your road rule knowledge is top notch

14
Congratulations, you're the ruler of the road!

11. C
Neither. Courtesy applies in this situation as both vehicles are coming to the centre of the road.

12. No
You can't be fined in SA for leaving your car unsecured, however in some other states it's an offence to walk away from your vehicle if it's unlocked, the keys are left in the ignition, or the parking brake is not applied.

13. C
Drivers need to reduce their speed to 25km/h when passing a school bus that has stopped to pick up or drop off children.

14. D
This situation could be tricky for some motorists as they may confuse the left turning lane for a slip lane. It's for this reason that the blue car goes first, followed by the red one. From there, usual give way rules stipulate the yellow car goes third, and the green car last.

HAVE A ROAD RULE QUESTION?
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HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club

Honorary Life Membership

Life membership is an honour bestowed on individual club members who's exceptional, loyal and outstanding service and contribution has provided measurable benefit to the club over an extended period of time.

Honorary Life Membership is recognized by the Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club (MLR or the Club) as the highest recognition that can be awarded onto a member in acknowledgement of exceptional service and contribution; as such it should retain its prestige and not be awarded easily.

Nomination Process

- Any full or retired member can be nominated by any current full member with the nomination seconded by at least one other full member.
- Nominations for Life Membership must be submitted in writing and signed by the nominating members and passed to the secretary to be tabled at the next MLR committee meeting.
- Life Membership cannot be nominated by or supported by an immediate family member.
- All Nominations are to be treated with the strictest of CONFIDENCE.

- On receiving a nomination the Secretary must present the nomination to a Committee meeting which consists of at least 5 directors to assess the nomination.
- In the event that the nominee is serving on the committee at the time of nomination, that person *must be disqualified from any deliberation* on the nomination.
- The Committee will prepare a report on the nomination summarising the successful or unsuccessful outcome of the deliberation.
- The report is required to be presented to a meeting of club members (can be verbally presented) e.g. a monthly meeting for ratification. Endorsement by a 2/3 majority of members present will be considered successful providing a quorum representing 50% of the membership is present.
- Successful Nominees' will be presented with their MLR Life Membership at the next available annual MLR awards.



HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership criteria:

- Length of membership alone is not appropriate. The Nomination must articulate the reasons why Life Membership is considered appropriate and where possible, specify examples of work or involvement which has **significantly** progressed the Club.
- Life membership should not be considered as a competitive matter and nominees must be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements and not in comparison to others. While it is inevitable that comparisons will be made with past recipients, direct comparisons should not be made.
- Granting life membership is a balancing exercise. Selection criteria within this document is provided as guidance, however, it is the overall contribution of the nominee that must be evaluated. There is necessarily some subjectivity in the granting of life membership, nominees strengths against the various criteria will vary.
- For any of the relevant criteria, the nominee should have demonstrated an exceptional contribution beyond the ordinary for an extended period of time, which has a measurable benefit to the club and membership.
- To assist with the nomination, some or all of the following criteria should be considered:
 - Club founder or
 - 20 years continuous membership
 - Must be or have been a financial member
 - Minimum 10 years in specific roles that contribute to the benefit of the club, these roles may include but not be restricted to – service on the committee, coordinator roles, fund raising activities, promotional and marketing, committee and/or event coordinator roles, committee and/or event support roles.
 - Has the nominee represented the club with distinction on regional committees, association s councils etc?
 - Has the nominee demonstrated attitude and demeanour that reflects dedication to the values of the club?
 - Has the nominee provided valued leadership around the club and is considered a role model?

Presentation

- An Official Life Membership Framed Certificate and Name Badge (Life Member) will be presented at the annual MLR awards
- The Life Members Name will be displayed on the MLR Website.
- The Life Members Membership fee will be waived indefinitely.
- A free invitation (including spouse) will be provided to all major events within the Club.

Forfeiture of Life Membership

- Life Membership is absolutely forfeited upon any failure to observe any by-laws or constitutional requirements and will be forfeited upon the passing of a special resolution for the removal from Life Membership for reasons not limited to but as bringing the name of the MLR into disrepute.



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HOW TO PICK A TENT SIZE DOES MATTER

Just as the perfect boat will never be made as everyone has different preferences, I believe the same to be true for tents. What suits for an easy overnighter for one person or a couple is obviously not suitable for an extended family holiday. Perhaps two tents, or maybe a larger long term tent and a couple of swags may suffice? I regularly enjoy a night in a swag camping under the stars at a free campsite when covering long miles on the road, but many feel insecure about that prospect and will go to more established, private or governed camping areas.

There's five main considerations to buying a tent: strength, weather resistance, ease of erection, accommodation and size.

Tents come in all manner of sizes and styles. A tent for a push bike or motor cycle adventure must be compact and lightweight. Yet it's worth remembering that your tent most often not only covers the campers, but also provides space for your clothes, boots and other essentials. Tents with small vestibule areas are particularly good as you have an outer area to remove often wet and muddy boots and sleeping with your stinky Blundy's can be a real passion killer!

The size of your tent is almost unlimited, but often your patience in assembly isn't. Yet if the family is camping for a longer period they will need some separate spaces and perhaps some bug proof sheltered area to ward off those bites, creepy crawlies or inclement weather. I always add at least one person to the size ranking. If it's nominated a two person tent I reckon it's good enough for one, a three for two and so on – and that is only for sleeping area.

Head height and ventilation are important considerations. You won't mind slipping into a small abode for an overnighter but low head heights make undressing and climbing into the sack very awkward – particularly when nature calls in the middle of the night. Taller tents have more air usually generating less condensation, but it's always worth considering air flow when purchasing. Tents with a separate fly allow you

to leave a window open providing it has mesh protection. And it's worth checking the size of the mesh to ensure it's midge-proof.

It often seems that we have our worst weather events during the children's holidays so your tent must be worthy of withstanding wind and rain. Most modern structures are nowadays very strong in their design with lighter weight synthetic poles becoming far more common. Arches or domes are generally more wind resistant than square frames however many of the late model self-erecting frames make it worth carrying some added size and weight with some offering 30 second assembly. Whatever your choice a tent must be easy to erect no matter the duration of your stay. I've seen divorces in progress when people get to campsites with a tired and hungry family only to be confronted with the prospect of sorting out a million tent poles and the Taj Mahal of tents. Use the KISS principle – Keep it Simple Stupid!

Be careful of quoted standards particularly in canvas quality, as international ratings are different to Australian Standards and we often see great confusion and misleading advertising. Australian canvas is premium in most cases, however there are some excellent 'rip-stop' style synthetics that are strong, lightweight and very weatherproof. Nowadays many tent manufacturers are actually exporting Australian canvas and returning the manufactured product. As with most things in life you generally get what you pay for! The quality of stitching, zippers and poles can make or break your camping holiday.

The type and quality of tent pegs and ropes are most often overlooked when purchasing a tent but can be the difference between success and failure. Cheap tents are generally just that – cheap! Many have tent pegs that seem

to melt when they see a hammer! It's rare to find ideal soft ground in any campsite, and even if you do the tent pegs are often not long enough to withstand a decent storm.

They tell me tent pegs should be like an old friend – reliable and have the ability to hold you down during stormy times! But seriously tent pegs are a primary consideration as you will undoubtedly find rocky ground and tree roots obstructing their path on most bush campsites. You may need a separate pair of sand pegs when camping in the desert or the dunes. Many have taken to carrying long galvanised screws with hex heads to campsites nowadays. They are simply terrific in rocky terrain and can be screwed in and out with a portable drill.

All of this pales into insignificance without the least common item of all – common sense! Plan your trip to allow time to build your camp and check the weather before you go. Camping in tents can be one of life's great pleasures and adventures, but it can turn sour very quickly in extreme weather events. There is plenty of online information about campsites, weather forecasting, features and facilities so plan ahead to ensure happy campers.





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NAME BADGES ARE HERE!!!!!!

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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



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NOMINATION FORM

MLR Quiet Achiever Award

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

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

Review Committee Only	
Date Received	
Review Ranking	



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AGM

Please be advised that our annual AGM will be held on **Mon 13 May**, I encourage as many as possible to attend.

All committee positions less President and Treasurer (at this stage) will be open for nomination. Multiple committee members have indicated they will not be renominating and as such will require filling. Nomination forms will be available from our next monthly meeting along with brief descriptions of each role (which can also be found in our magazine).

If you want to drive the direction the club forward please nominate for one of the roles. Please feel free to speak with me or any other committee member if you have any questions about any of the roles.

Please be advised prior to the AGM we will hold an extraordinary meeting Mon 13 May to seek endorsement of amendments to our constitution. More info will follow once the actual wording and process has been confirmed, however, the amendment relates to changes to the criteria required to be satisfied in order to become a member of our club.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions re any of the above.

Gary



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Nomination Form for Annual General Meeting 2019/20

I,

hereby nominate.....

for the position of (tick one only)

Vote in 2020 President 2 year term Vice President 2 year term

Vote in 2020 Treasurer 2 year term Secretary 2 year term

All Officer positions below are for 1 year terms

Membership Officer Trips Coordinator

4WDSA Delegate Merchandise Officer

Magazine Editor Website Officer

Property Officer Education Officer

General Committee Officer

Accepted.....



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