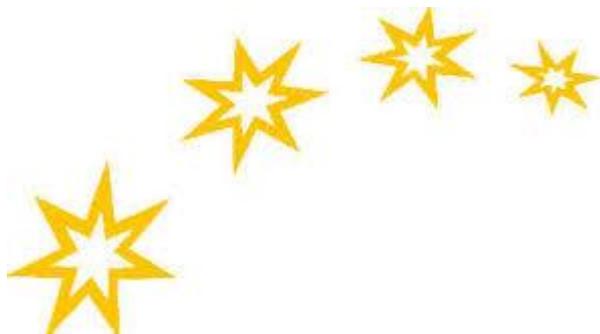


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Christmas

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RANGERS' REVIEW



PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

G'day Rangers,

"*INTERESTING*"... is the word I would use if I had to describe 2020 in one word. Interesting is a versatile word and can be used in a variety of contexts. So, as 2020 draws to a close I reflect on the year that was. 2020 presented numerous challenges from fires to viruses, both of which have influenced MLR in some form. The MLR calendar commenced full of promise with numerous activities displayed on our trip board in what has been (believe it or not) our 25th anniversary year. Then the lockdowns commenced, which resulted in many of these activities being either cancelled or postponed and the club go into a form of hibernation. June saw the easing of restrictions and key activities rescheduled. It also saw the introduction of new activities and a couple of new trip leaders (thankyou). Our anniversary dinner was a success and our first Loftyfest went well, thanks to all who were involved in assisting in the coordination of these. Planning for the 2021 dinner, and Loftyfest has already commenced. We managed to run our AGM , all be it a few months late and the new committee has commenced work, thanks to the current and previous members for your support throughout 2019 / 20.

With only our Dec evil santa meeting to go, we turn our attention to the Christmas season, family and friends. It looks like the gods will smile on us and restrictions will be minimal permitting us to do what we would normally do during the period.

A few key things to note:

1. Our next club meeting is Mon 14 Dec. This will be evil santa meeting
2. We have an updated covid plan, so, as well as the usual signing in we are asking folks to scan the QR reader (per the plan) Best way is to download the my sa gov app if you haven't done so already.
3. Jan meeting Mon 11 Jan will be "Show and Shine" for those interested, with prizes awarded for winners of mystery categories.
4. Beachport 21 - Aust Day long weekend. Re Beachport... I'm looking for a volunteer ASAP to tow the club trailer to Beachport so we can hold a BBQ (per last year) Please contact me ASAP if you can help.

Don't forget to keep an eye on our electronic media, email, Facebook page and club website for club info particularly leading up to the end of the year.

Take care of yourself, and those around you – stay safe!

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **14 Dec 2020**

Next committee meeting **10 Jan 2021 (TBC)**

Word of the Month:

Interesting - Someone or something that is interesting keeps your attention because he, she, or it is unusual, exciting, or has a lot of ideas.



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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 member's 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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About us

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

Membership

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

Club Outings

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

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

Experience and Training

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

Meetings

Club meetings are the second Monday of each month* and are held at the **Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood Time: 7:15 pm for 7.30pm start**

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

For more information on the Club please check out our website at: www.mountloftrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27

TRAINING REPORT

WINCH AWARENESS

By Steve Townsend

11th October 2020 Clear blue sky seven club members including some new members arrived at Ashbourne between 9-15am and 9-30am for a 9-30 start.

After introductions and paper work done we moved down to the 4WD Training Track to the creek crossing that we use for winch training. With the assistance of Tom Doody and Jeff Morgan, we spoke about the recovery equipment required and how it is to be used and does it comply with Australian Standards, With Tom and Jeff to assist with the training we set up the first car supplied by Jim Bletas and went through the procedure of a single line pull out of a deep creek crossing using a large tree as the anchor point.

Next Rob Dagri supplied his vehicle for us to demonstrate a double line pull. After a short discussion and the winch cable attached we commenced winching, all be it a lot slower than a single line pull, as the cable leaves the winch drum goes around a snatch block, attached to a tree trunk protector around the tree, and back to an equalizer strap attached to the front of Rob's car. This process halves the load on the winch but takes twice as long. We also demonstrated a 90 degree pull using another vehicle as the anchor point to demonstrate how to winch a vehicle out if you are unable to get in a direct line to extract the immobilized vehicle.

Time for a break and some lunch under the shade of the trees at the camp ground.

After lunch back to another steeper creek crossing to go through the procedure of an Advanced winching process. Again Rob Dagri supplied his car and 2 volunteers were called for to perform the Advanced technique with verbal direction from Tom and Jeff. Richard Stanley and Clinton Alcock put their hands up, after a little encouragement, and Rob's car was driven into position for the process to commence.

It took about 1.5 hours to shift Rob's 4WD about 60 metres up out of the creek and further up the hill changing direction 3 times. The process involved winching the 4WD, by using a tree base as the anchor point, until it could not go any further, secure the 4WD with a winch extension strap and chain to secure the 4WD. Then move the winch cable further up the hill, also changing the direction of the 4WD by placing the anchor point around a tree in the direction you require the 4WD to travel. This process was done several times and is quite exhausting work for those lugging the chain, winch extension strap, shackles and tree trunk protectors up the slope ready for the next pull and giving directions to all spectators to stay back and to Rob inside his 4WD controlling the winch.

Thanks to all who attended especially to Tom and Jeff for helping out and Pete Reed for looking after the BBQ.



Winch Awareness
Single Pull



Winch Awareness
Single Pull



Winch Awareness
Double Pull



Winch Awareness
Double Pull



Winch Awareness
Advance Pull



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Spectators!



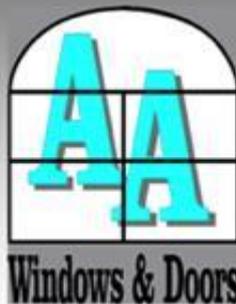
CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN

- Grate mates
- *Uniden* UHF handheld radios
- 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)

*All club equipment is securely stored within the club trailer @ Lonsdale

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer:

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2020/21 TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER

MLR CHRISTMAS MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood



EVIL SANTA meeting

MONDAY 11th JANUARY 2021

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood

FRIDAY 22nd – TUESDAY 26th JANUARY

BEACHPORT @ Southern Ocean Tourist Park

Contact:

Gary Light

MLR Show and Shine 2021

Mon 11 Jan 2021

(Jan monthly meeting)



Mystery Judges.

Numerous categories, prizes for winners!

Tart up the truck, come along and see how you go.

2021 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

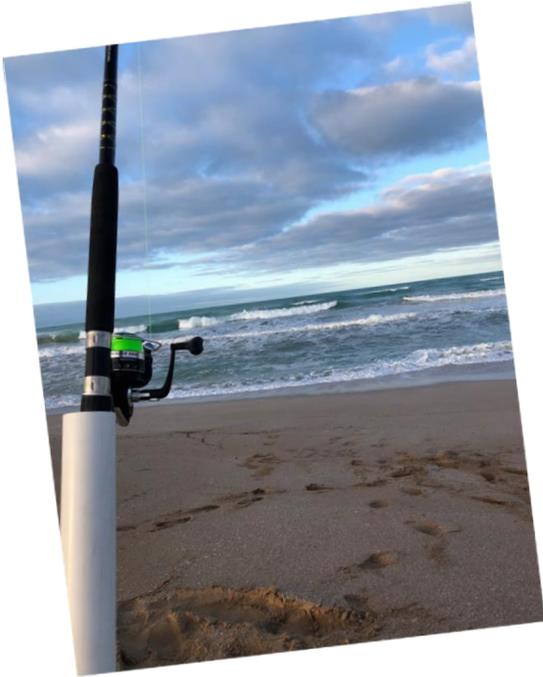
SUNDAY 21ST FEBRUARY JACKEM FARM – ADVANCE 4 WHEEL DRIVING	\$50.00 per vehicle
SATURDAY 20TH MARCH MEADOWS - TRIP PLANNING	9.30 a.m. start PICK A PIE BAKERY
SUNDAY 18TH APRIL ASHBOURNE – LADIES DAY	9.30 a.m. start \$20.00 per vehicle
SATURDAY 22ND – SUNDAY 23RD MAY PEAKE – SAND DRIVING & RECOVERY NOTE: MINIMUM OF 10 VEHICLES OR WE WILL LOSE OUR PERMANENT BOOKING	\$20.00 per vehicle per night
SUNDAY 20TH JUNE ASHBOURNE – WHEEL & TYRE CHANGE & REPAIR	\$20.00 per vehicle
SUNDAY 18TH JULY ASHBOURNE – VEHICLE PRE TRIP CHECK & DRIVE WINDING BUSH TRACKS & CREEK CROSSING. HILL ASCENT AND DESCENT	9.30 a.m. start \$20.00 per vehicle
SUNDAY 22ND AUGUST ASHBOURNE – MUD AWARENESS	9.30 a.m. start \$20.00 per vehicle
SUNDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER ASHBOURNE – WATER CROSSINGS	9.30 a.m. start
SUNDAY 17TH OCTOBER ASHBOURNE – WINCH AWARENESS	9.30 a.m. start \$20.00 per vehicle

NOTE: The above is an indication of the training schedule and is subject to change

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

TRIP REPORT

Salt Creek Fishing Competition: Eric Kalderovskis November 13-14th 2020



This trip could almost be called the Meningie Bakery trip as we congregated at the same point on Friday morning and again 2 and a ½ days later. Needless to say coffee, pies, pasties and cakes were consumed on both occasions. I would say it passed the Bakery test.

The actual fishing trip consisted of 16 intrepid souls: Eric, Tasman, Serge, Josh, Neil, Ian, Les and Sue, Ron and Amanda, Jimmy & Nickolas, Adam, Paul, Dewi and myself.

Cozied in tents, swags and 270 degree Falcon awnings.



In a convoy of 9 cars, travelling south on the “black top”, we left the misty rain about 10 km further south. Unfortunately, Tea Tree crossing had water over it so we continued south another hour to 42 mile crossing. Then a quick left turn into the picnic area where we all lowered tyre pressures to 15 psi, and headed off in 4H, 4 km to the track alongside the Coorong and Southern ocean.

Eric, a veteran of the track since 1987, advised us of the best methods to counter natural instinct and stop the “snow plough effect”. We headed on up the beach safely to camp site 25.

Salt Creek Fishing Competition Trip Report Cont....

Three and half hours later, most of us had not finished setting up when, sneaky Adam, who had not bothered to set up, began screaming "Fish On", from the beach. He was fighting hard as we ran/jogged up the track and down to the beach. Eric grabbed the gaff and eventually landed the first fish of the day, not before becoming rather immersed in salt water.

It was a beauty. A 1.2 m, 38lb Mulloway.

The first fish of the competition.
Using a gaff hook to drag it up the beach.



Eric caught in a wave.



Dreaming of catching a big one!



Adam's winning catch.
A 1.2 metre 38 lb Mulloway!



Ouch – INJURIES!



Salt Creek Fishing Competition Trip Report Cont....

Game on for the rest of us novices, as Eric generously a trace line with 3 jolly big hooks, surf poppers and sinkers for our various beach rods. "Just a little essential" he had produced earlier to ensure our weekend was a great success. Once again we traipsed up the track, across the beach to the fishing line. We stood or sat, some 20 metres apart, up and down the beach from Camp 25. We did that a lot over the 2 days.

By the end of that day we had 4 mulloway, (one under Sized returned), 1 gummy shark and 1 shovel nose ray. Given the drop off, the heavy lines and fish (38, 33 and 25 lb mulloway), not to mention the run up and down the Beach with the gaff hook, there were a few tired people, Particularly Adam and Eric who manned the gaff and Filleted all the fish. THANKS AGAIN GUYS.



For those of us who hadn't seen a Mulloway, let alone been "big" fishing, it was amazing to see such huge fish with big gills and a stripe down their body. Learning the concept of the "flick" to cast past the surf and even the sheer act of reeling the line in was a great experience.

The Mt Lofty Rangers group eventually tired out before sunset but there were still over 30-40 4WDs further along the coast camping and fishing for the night. In true MLR fashion we retired to the camp fire for refreshments and food.

Saturday morning, at 5am, the enthusiasts were out. Others followed more slowly. Eric's weather forecast was slightly off. Seaweed and wind prevailed rather than the delightful off shore breeze perhaps he was "slightly off", after his brush with the fish hook in his finger. Even the drone didn't help us land a fish prior to lunch. However, persistent Ian struck gold at 1 pm and somehow managed to snag and land a 1 metre, 22 lb Mulloway single handedly whilst we were all eating lunch. Naturally that was just the bait we all needed and inspired we once again trudged up the sandy track to the beach. The last and smallest catch was at 1.30 pm, weighing in at 18lbs.



Auburn's catch
Shovel nosed stingray



Dewi – with
his legal
size catch



Persistent Ian and
his trophy



Paul – fierce
competition.
What a beauty!



Well caught
Amanda
Go girl!

CLUB MERCHANDISE – our existing range

A variety of club items are available for purchase. By wearing them we support and promote our club to the wider community.

Clothing comes in a range of sizes and the best way to get correct fit is to come to a club night and try before you buy.

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- Stubbie holders

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Orders will be placed by Merchandise when minimum order quantities of 5 have been received.

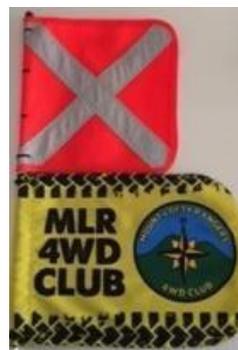
Sand Flag

\$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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Soft-shell Vests

Ladies

Men

- 12 – navy
- 14 – navy
- S – navy
- XL - black

\$30



Also clearing out a random selection of shirts and bucket caps \$10 each.

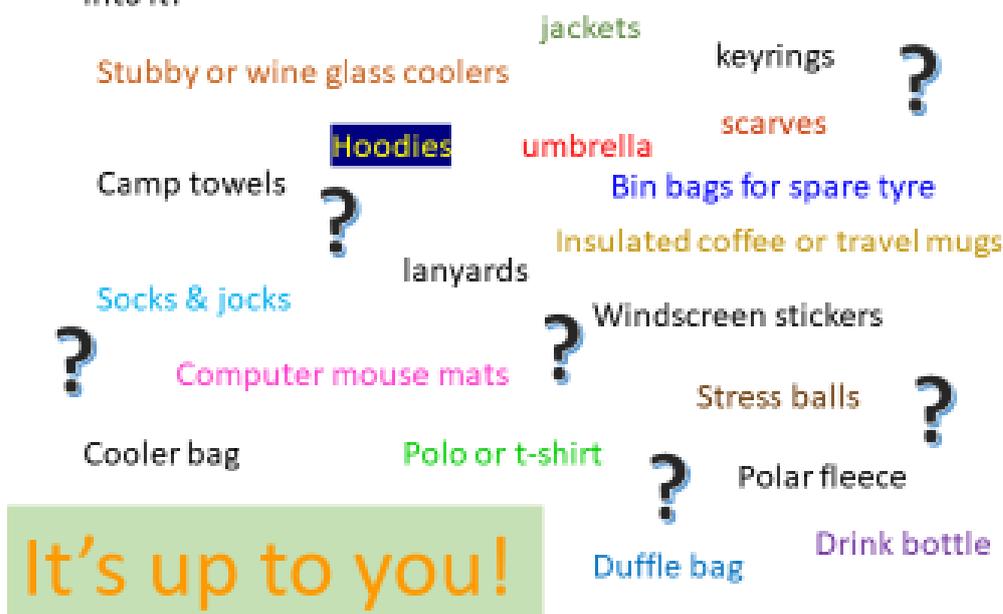
All available at December meeting, or contact Tom prior....

Merchandise – what do you want?

You may or may not have heard, but we are undergoing a revamp of our merchandise and need to know from you, our valued members, what you'd like us to look into as far as merchandise goes?

We are also looking at moving to an on-line purchasing system through a nominated supplier (once they get back to me), so hopefully there should be no need to wait for minimum quantities.

The possibilities are endless, come up with your ideas and email them to me at merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au and we'll look into it!



Merchandise – what do you want?



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1. Inspect vehicle and make sure it meets the criteria for Club Registration. If previously registered bring current registration information including current permits for modified vehicles.
2. Complete MR334 form and original to owner and copy retained by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club
3. Log book supplied to vehicle owner and explanation of the use.
4. Record and retain a copy of MR334, Certificate of Exemption and Statutory Declaration if needed.
5. Record the Log book Serial Number on the Certificate of Registration along with the date of issue, the Club Stamp and sign the certificate. Retain Copy of Registration papers as proof car was registered at log book issue.



If you require more information or would like to proceed with a Club Registration check our Website

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or contact **Chris Grear** vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au



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Anniversary



I look forward to receiving your stories and photos – send to:

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