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# Rangers' Review



**Rangers do lunch on the beach at Nora Creina**

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# Presidential Press

Seems like only yesterday that we were all saying happy New Year, now its February.

We have already managed to hold our show and shine thanks Margaret for coordinating that and congrats to all of the category winners including the series 1 Jag.

Beachport has come and gone with the weather being quite pleasant. There were a couple of interesting recoveries over the weekend and I understand one may be utilised as part of a discussion for the next monthly meeting. The biggest downer for the weekend was the sand-fly bites. Was anyone else hammered, I stopped counting at 100 and looked like someone with some tropical skin disease.

The end of our Beachport trip also signifies the end of our qualifying period for our tree main awards. The trips and entries will now be tallies / collated followed by voting for club person of the year. A survey with the five nominees should be out shortly.

The Club's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary activities progress with a shirt(s) now selected. Chris is hoping to bring a sample along to the next meeting and talk about the ordering process.



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# Presidential Press

Saturday 1 Feb saw 20 club members congregate at Jordan and Lainie's for a working bee. It was a fantastic response and I know that both Jordan and Lainie were very grateful for the efforts everyone put in. We managed to rip up the majority of fencing, poly pipe irrigation, cut up mountains of firewood and pulled down an old tank. Ironically, this was done in the rain. Marianne Sag generously provided 3 cakes for morning tea and we had a sausage sizzle for lunch. Once again a big thanks to all those who helped directly or indirectly.



## Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Next committee meeting

**24<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

## Word of the Month:

In keeping with the current theme (check out the previous months, can you remember them)...

***Uncopyrightable and Subdermatoglyphic** - Longest examples of Isograms  
i.e. words that do not repeat letters.*



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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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## **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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## NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

### INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020

**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 Lamerook. 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 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March 20. 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 Tailem Bend cross the railway overpass, turn left onto the Mallee Highway, drive through Lamerook, 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.

#### 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 "campfire" 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, sunscreen). Bring high visibility vests or clothing and possibly share them with your fellow workers.





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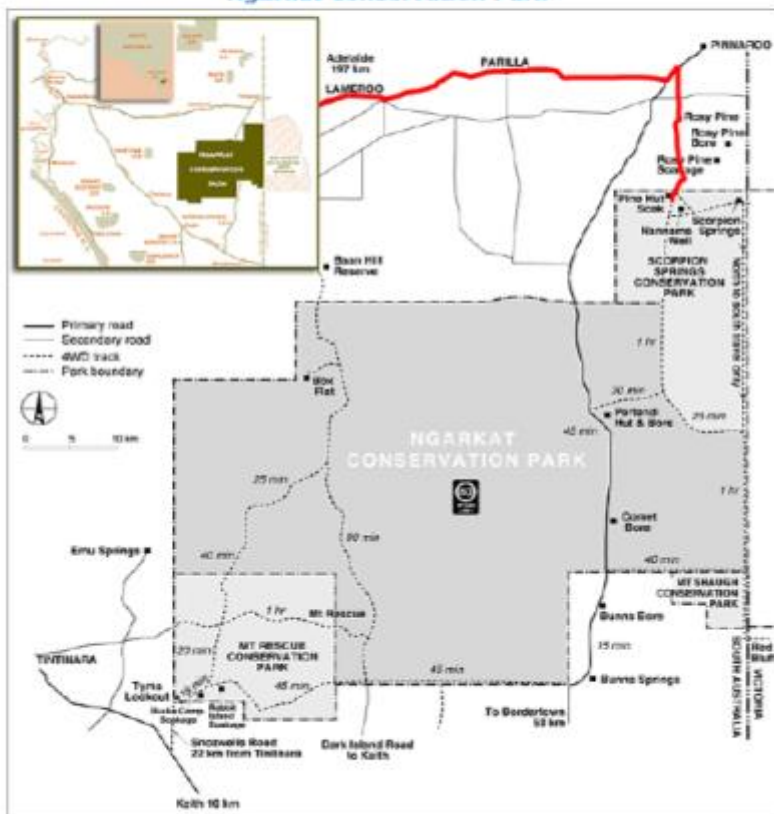
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**Important Note - let us know in advance:**

- 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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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

**Courtesy of Lloyd Weaver**

After all the Christmas festivities it was a nice early start on 27th December for our drive to the West Coast. We met up with Don and Jutta at Bolivar and hit the road straight away expecting a pretty hot drive with the temperature forecast of 45 degrees at Wudinna for the day.

We stopped at Kimba for lunch which was very hot and windy so after a quick photo of the giant galah it was time for some food, unfortunately the food was pretty average but with our stomachs full we made our way towards the coast and camp.

Camp for the first 2 nights was a place called Point Brown in-between Streaky Bay and Smoky Bay. As we approached the coast at around 4pm we were very pleased to see the temperature drop approx. 13 degrees to a much more comfortable 32 degrees.

After a bit of discussion it was decided to camp in the dunes right on the beach, as part of this discussion Don wanted to turn his van around so he was facing the beach. Well that's when the fun started and things didn't quite go to plan. After a few failed attempts the Pajero managed to pull the 200 Series LandCruiser with a fully loaded van behind it out of the soft sand. Once set up it was time for a drink and some dinner before an early night for all.





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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

We woke up to a beautiful morning with stunning views of the bay and after a walk along the beach we seen a pod of dolphins swimming in the bay. After a cruisy morning we headed to Smoky Bay to get some oysters, unfortunately nothing was open but we still managed to have some excellent hot chips from the general store and then a walk on the jetty before heading back to camp.



We spent the afternoon relaxing watching the locals dive for some fresh seafood before we spotted a few dolphins thrashing around in the water doing some fishing of their own. We also managed to upset some of the locals with a few looks/comments directed towards us despite us not doing much wrong, we came to the conclusion that we stole their camp spot on the beach so they had to camp elsewhere and weren't very happy about it.





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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

There was a lovely breeze blowing back at camp but seeing as we were planning on a BBQ on the fire the amount of sand blowing around meant we had to wait for the wind to die down before cooking dinner as sand and sausages aren't a good mix.

Another beautiful morning on the beach and it was Jutta's birthday so the morning was spent enjoying the views and unwrapping presents. We packed up and plotted our exit route off the beach and were on the road by around 9:30am. It was basically straight through to Ceduna for lunch at the pub where we stocked-up on supplies including the all-important oysters.

We then drove onto our next camp for 2 nights which was another great spot overlooking the Southern Ocean. We were facing west so once some shade was set-up we settled in for the afternoon where oysters, French champagne, cheese, crackers & an assortment of other nibbles were enjoyed before a beautiful sunset over the ocean. Just as it was getting dark Paula noticed some flashes off in the distance and not long after that we were treated to a spectacular lightning storm out over the ocean which was making its way closer to us and was very impressive to see. Once it started to rain we decided bed was the best option after such a great show.







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The wind was pretty strong this morning so after wrestling with Don's awning for a while it was off to the Head of The Bight, the drive out there was approx. 150kms from camp so not too far. Once there we were surprised to find there was an entry fee to go to the look-outs so we paid and went for a look, the wind was getting pretty strong at this stage so it was a case of hang onto your hats. The scenery, water colour and views were great so once we had a look around we sheltered behind a building for some lunch before a quick detour out to the Nullarbor Roadhouse, life would have been pretty harsh out there in the old days.





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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

We then made our way back to camp to find most things sand blasted due to the strength and direction the wind had been blowing all day, the temperature was still very pleasant so we sheltered on the other side of the camper trailer and enjoyed a lovely roast for dinner before a relatively early night as we were all a bit tired from being out in the sun and wind all day.

Another relaxing start to the day and we were on the road by 8:30ish heading for Point Bell via some sightseeing along the way. The first stop was Fowlers Bay where we had coffee and read up on some history. For a very small, sleepy fishing village there is a lot of history associated with the place. It was then onto the windmill museum in Penong where they have a windmill all the way from William Creek. After asking for directions, Cactus Beach was next on the list and despite the beautiful weather and plenty of people camping we couldn't see anyone in the water having a surf. The coastline and scenery along here was stunning and we found a great spot up on the cliffs for lunch overlooking a beautiful bay.





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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

From here we headed for camp and after trying to follow some wayward signs that lead us down a track that had Don nervous about his brand new VX 200 series we found a spot to turn around and then followed our noses to camp. The original plan was to drive along the beach and camp amongst the dunes but a combination of high tide, soft sand and our previous experience meant camping back off the beach amongst the scrub was the best option. We put out the party lights for New Year's Eve and had pizza for dinner and with a short stroll up the dunes we seen another great sunset. It was quite a bit cooler today so long pants and jackets were required before the party poopers were all in bed well before midnight.

Next stop on the trip was to find a camp spot around Streaky Bay, we had a few options to check out so after stopping again in Smoky Bay for some more yummy hot chips we stocked up on fresh oysters straight from the boat that morning and went searching for camp. Our first option was on some nice hard packed sand right on the beach overlooking the lovely turquoise/blue water, but with no protection from the wind decided to move on. Option 2 being Speed Point was full with the Christmas/New Year crowds so we went for a short drive and found a nice flat clearing overlooking Yanerbie Beach. With only a couple of campers half way around the beach it was nice and quiet and peaceful.





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## TRIP REPORT: WEST COAST

The initial plan was to only spend one night here and then move onto Sheringa Beach for 2 nights. After looking at the weather forecast with a strong northerly predicted for Friday it was decided to spend 2 nights here and then travel home on the hot and windy day instead of camping in those conditions.

Dinner tonight was some beautiful fresh oysters followed by some salmon with chilli and cucumber salad and bread and butter pudding for dessert. It was another lovely night temperature wise with a beautiful sea breeze blowing through the tent all night.

Our last day before heading home was spent having a look around the stunning Streaky Bay coastline with lunch in Streaky Bay and a beverage at the pub. While in the pub we seen some footage of the fires in Victoria and were hoping that Les and his fellow campers were OK and not in any danger, after a quick text he said all was good. It was then back to camp for a chilled out afternoon reading/sleeping/walking. The water around here was crystal clear and looked very inviting, it was warm enough for a swim so I went for a walk and found a little secluded beach to have a quick cool off.

After Paula, Jutta and I went for a walk to watch another nice sunset it was time to pack up a few things ready for our drive home in the morning. A few more drinks later and it was time for bed with a relatively early start planned for the morning.





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Despite our initial plans to leave by 9am we were all packed up and ready to go by 8:30am. After a stop at the Wudinna bakery for coffee and cakes it was onto Port Augusta where it was very hot and windy which made us realise we'd made the right decision to spend the day driving home.

We made good time all day without too much traffic. We had a fantastic week with great camping, great company, great weather and despite it being Christmas/New Year we managed to camp in some great spots all week with no-one around. After nursing the Pajero up the freeway on a 43 degree day whilst towing I watched the engine coolant temperature max out at 112 with the needle heading towards the red section on the gauge. I was relieved to get to the top where it cooled down pretty quickly and we pulled into home just after 4pm and enjoyed a nice cool shower with plenty of time to sit down and plan the next adventure/trip.



Cheers, Lloyd





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## GUEST SPEAKER

No guest speaker this month but a shake down on good Australia Day Beachport stories and slide shows.



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





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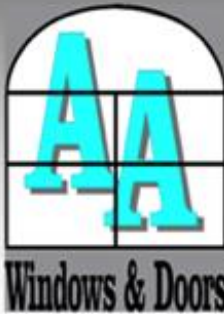
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- Tifor hand winch and cable
  - Car Bra
  - Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
  - Bead breaker
- Drag chains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

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## 25<sup>TH</sup> JUBILEE CELEBRATION

*Save  
the  
date*



Where : The Mannum Club

Date : Saturday 2 May 2020

Time : Arrive 6 – 6:30 PM for dinner...Happy Hour runs 5-6pm  
\$5.50 schooners \$7.00 pints \$6.50 house spirits

Music: In house band 60's music.

Menu : TBA – please advise of specific dietary requirements

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## 2020 TRIPS CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Ladies Day	Ann Morris	Jakem Farm
<i>By request a ladies day at Jakem Farm. Drive the tracks and gain experience in our vehicles. \$50/car</i>			
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Training/Awareness weekend	Steve Townsend	Goolwa
<i>Trip planning from Meadows to Goolwa</i>			
<b>MONDAY</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Day trip	Ann Morris	Jakem Farm
<i>Drive the tracks and gain experience in our vehicles. \$50/car</i>			
9 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> April	Extended Easter Trip	Shorty (Dave Willsmore)	Pyrenees Ranges Vic
<i>Travel &amp; stay at Glen Patrick campground. Explore tracks in Pyrenees State Forest (6 hr drive from Adelaide)</i>			
<b>MONDAY</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner	Chris Grear	The Mannum Club
<i>Celebrate MLR's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in style with dinner at The Mannum Club. Menu/cost TBA. Why not make a weekend out of it!</i>			
<b>MONDAY</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Training/Awareness weekend	Steve Townsend	Peake
<i>Sand driving – snatch recovery – winch recovery</i>			
<b>MONDAY</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting 7.30pm Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood		
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Camp Cook	Steve Townsend	Ashbourne
<i>Bring your finest meal cooked in camp oven to share! Back up date 5<sup>th</sup> July.</i>			



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## TBA TRIPS CALENDAR

TBA	Weekend trip	TBA	Loveday 4WD Park
<i>Camp at Loveday and drive the 4WD track. Interested??? Put your name down and lead the trip!</i>			
June/July 2020	Extended trip	Eric Kalderovskis	Simpson Desert
<i>East to West</i>			
TBA – end of fireban season	Weekend trip	Rob Stevens	Border Track
<i>Drive the border track from north to south along SA/Vic border. Camp @ Red Bluff. South Boundary Track Baan Hill Track &amp; Jimmy's Well Track. Home via Tintinara</i>			
TBA	Day clean up trip	Trevor Light	Scott Creek Conservation Park
<i>Assist Friends of Scott Creek Conservation Park with rubbish clean up</i>			

Is it your birthday this month???

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Peter Reed  
Pam Wheare  
Tom Sag



**See a membership officer  
for a drink!**





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## MERCHANDISE

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.

### **Current Range**

- Khaki shirts (long or short sleeve)
- Sublimated Polo shirts- Tyre print and Anniversary Flinders print (printed logo)
- Soft shell jackets in black or navy
- Soft shell vests in black or navy
- Beanies
- Baseball caps
- Bucket hats
- Stubbie holders

All items come with club logo either embroidered or printed

You can add an additional \$7 to embroider your name on any item except the polo shirts which have a printed name for an extra \$5.50.

### **Orders and Payment**

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 orange flag as required in the Desert Parks, Beachport as well as other places we 4WD like Peake and Morgan.

To place an order contact:

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## TRAINING & AWARENESS

### **MLR TRAINING/AWARENESS CALENDAR:**

Courses run by Steve Townsend on his property at Ashbourne

#### **Trip planning**

1st March: Start at Pik-a-Pie Bakery Meadows 9.30am for theory. Then drive back roads and apply convoy procedures to Goolwa for lunch

#### **Peake** Sand driving & recovery awareness

23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May: Sand driving – snatch recovery – winch recovery

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#### **Australia Day @ Beachport: 40m recovery up Jeep Hill**



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# When is your next trip?

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2020**

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Adelaide Cup Day  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Anzac Day  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – Proclamation Day

## **SOUTH AUSTRALIA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2020**

School Holidays	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April
Term 2	
School Holidays	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July
Term 3	
School Holidays	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September
Term 4	
School Holidays	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December



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## TRIP REPORT: BOURNE'S BIRD MUSEUM

### Courtesy of Paul & Margaret Parsons

Saturday morning saw the gathering of MLR members at the BBQ area at 0800 ready to select their chosen trip. The Bourne's Bird trip sheet was filled in by Maryanne, Sina and Ayden, Anne, Malcolm and Alby, Neil and Pam, Rob and Trish, Les, Michelle, Emily and Isabel with trip leaders Paul and Margaret. The convoy formed up outside the Park and set off at 0915 for the 90k journey to Bool Lagoon. We travelled through some interesting country with areas of Blue Gum and Radiata Pine plantations, open grazing with Phalaris in some areas as high as the backs of the Black Angus cattle and journeyed past Kangaroo Inn Area School out in the middle of what seemed like nowhere. The South East has had a better season than most of SA and it was evident with the amount of feed.

Arriving at Bourne's Birds at around 1030 we were met by Kerry and Fleur who opened up and showed us through. With over 600 specimens it was difficult to know where to start. This was Jack Bourne's "hobby" that got out of hand and is now a museum open to the public by appointment. Each specimen was mounted in a life like pose and in a way that encouraged you to look from several angles to appreciate the colourful display with each having its respective name below. From the magnificent Giant Petrel and Wedge Tailed Eagles to the tiny Fairy Wrens, and just about everything in between, you were able to compare sizes and learn names of birds you had seen but not known its name. Photography was encouraged and most of us took advantage.





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Also on show were Koalas, Wombats, Echidnas, Sugar Gliders, Bats and some reptiles, with drawers full of eggs and skeletons. A lifetime of work for the late Jack now carried on by his daughter Marion.







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After everyone had seen enough Sina and Ayden departed while the rest of the crew drove to the adjacent DeGaris property, Killanoola, where Kerry showed us through the historic woolshed. Of mainly random limestone construction with massive red gum uprights (read tree trunks) the shed once had 20 stands when hand shears were the tools of choice. It was later equipped as a ten stand shed powered by a single cylinder Lister engine, still in operating condition, but now is a three stand electric shed.

The smell of lanoline greeted us as we walked through the massive red gum portal to see the old hand powered wool press alongside the more modern hydraulic press now also made redundant by the recently installed electric powered unit.



We then were shown through the Shearer's Quarters now converted to a B & B and available to hire from \$165 per night for a couple and \$30 per night for additional guests. Reflecting its past use, the table is a huge glass topped wool classing table, the old kero fridge is a pantry and the wood stove ready to warm the large area during the colder months. Historic reproductions of past broadsheet papers are on the walls along with murals depicting the forgone era. This was an added bonus to our trip and may be a suitable base for a future MLR expedition to the region.



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After thanking Kerry and Fleur we headed off to Penola where the Bakery was located and lunch purchased, followed by a walk through Petticoat Lane and the cottages on display. Once we were “historicked out”, Pam and Neil, Anne, Malcolm and Alby took their leave heading back to Beachport while the remainder adjourned to the Balnaves Winery after refuelling and taking advantage of the slightly cheaper diesel.



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While Emily and Isobel lounged in the easychairs facing the pond, seven of us had a tasting in the very well presented tasting room overlooking the deck and manicured gardens.



Alas the day was drawing to a close and despite the comfy seating overlooking the above pond, we knew the Clay Wells Road beckoned, so the journey back to camp was commenced. All vehicles arrived back at Beachport with no damage or sand to wash off.

An enjoyable day was had by all.





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## ARB 4x4 CULTURE LIVE 2020

On the 21<sup>st</sup>-22nd March 2020 ARB is hosting a national off road event open to all ARB customers and friends. 4x4 Culture LIVE will be based around all the diverse aspects of 4WDing covered in the pages of the 4x4 Culture magazine: family travel, new products, vehicle set-ups, education, camping and everything that goes along with it. Hosted at Loveday 4x4 Adventure Park in South Australia, attendees will be spoilt with a weekend full of adventure including tag-along tours of the 8,000-acre park, scavenger hunts, prize giveaways, camp cooking, fishing classes, special guests, product experiences and industry experts.

As night falls, the park's licensed tavern will come to life with live music, catering and hours of socialising with other campers. For those with young tackers, a grassed yard adjoining the tavern will keep the youngsters entertained with a host of kids' activities and entertainment.

**As a first-of-its-kind event, the number of tickets available is limited, so get in quick to avoid disappointment! While children under five can attend the event at no charge, you can purchase a ticket to suit the meal requirements of your child.**

**Adult (18+) \$150 (Sat & Sun dinners inc)**

**Teen (12-17) \$60 (Sat & Sun dinners inc)**

**Child (5-12) \$35 (Sat & Sun kid friendly dinners inc)**

**Child (under 5) FREE (no meals inc)**

*Please note that a 75c booking fee applies per ticket.*

Your ticket to adventure will include:

- > Park access and camping fees
- > Saturday night tapas and dinner (kid-specific meals available)
- > Sunday night tapas and dinner (kid-specific meals available)
- > Access all areas (classes, demonstrations, tours, etc)
- > Evening entertainment
- > Kids' entertainment

Attendees will be responsible for their own camping equipment, fuel and meals (outside of included meals).

Find out more information here: <https://www.arb.com.au/4x4culture-live/>



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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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## TRIP REPORT: BEACHPORT

### Sunday Trip lead by Neil Stokes and Pam Wheare

After a sluggish start, six cars assembled to head south for the day. A beach run to Southend, was a first for a few of the group, although there were no incidents, it was agreed it was better with less air in the tyres. Following a sightseeing trip around town, we headed down the coast through Canunda National Park. Along the way we called at Boozy Gully Lookout and McIntyre Beach. There were several Aboriginal shell middens and there was discussion about their ability to collect so many shells in the swell that is usually there. Following the track though the park took us across the sand dunes on a marked trail.



As we gathered to marvel at the dunes while eating Chris's ice-creams for morning tea, we saw the Park Rangers in action. At first a spotter plane flew over and within 10 minutes the rangers arrived just as a vehicle from another club returned over the top of the dune. As they were being chatted a second car appeared on the dune and was stuck on the ridge. The rangers had to wait for him!! They were booked and would await the magistrate's decision on whether they were fined or warned. A lesson on reading signs as you enter the park.



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## TRIP REPORT: BEACHPORT

We Travelled on to Coola Outstation for lunch. Unfortunately, the local farmer has restricted access, so it is a much longer trip in now on a single lane track. Luckily, we didn't meet any traffic as there were limited areas to pass. Very little remains of the outstation, but the information board explains that even over 100 years ago the farmers realised the soils lacked the minerals for healthy sheep, so they needed to be regularly rotated though other pastures. We didn't get to Lake Bonney, which has picnic facilities, but was a further 5km away. We drove back via Millicent and the black top after a pleasant day of 4WDing and sightseeing without any damage to vehicles.







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## FEEL GOOD FUNNIES

### RETIRED HUSBAND

After I retired, my wife insisted that I accompany her on her trips to Target. Unfortunately, like most men; I found shopping boring and preferred to get in and get out. Equally unfortunate, my wife is like most women - she loves to browse. Yesterday my dear wife received the following letter, from the local Target:

Dear Mrs. Harris:

Over the past six months, your husband has caused quite a commotion, in our store. We cannot tolerate this behavior and have been forced to, ban both of you from the store.

Our complaints against your husband, Mr. Harris, are listed below and are documented by our video surveillance cameras:

1. June 15: He took 24 boxes of condoms and randomly put them in other people's carts when they weren't looking.
2. July 2: Set all the alarm clocks in Housewares to go off at 5-minute intervals.
3. July 7: He made a trail of tomato juice on the floor leading to the women's restroom.
4. July 19: Walked up to an employee and told her in an official voice, 'Code 3 in Housewares. Get on it right away'. This caused the employee to leave her assigned station and receive a reprimand from her Supervisor that in turn resulted with a union grievance, causing management to lose time and costing the company money. We don't have a Code 3.
5. August 4: Went to the Service Desk and tried to put a bag of M&Ms on layaway.



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6. August 14: Moved a, 'CAUTION - WET FLOOR' sign to a carpeted area.

7. August 15: Set up a tent in the camping department and told the children shoppers he'd invite them in if they would bring pillows and blankets from the bedding department to which twenty children obliged.

8. August 23: When a clerk asked if they could help him he began crying and screamed, 'Why can't you people just leave me alone?' EMTs were called.

9. September 4: Looked right into the security camera and used it as a mirror while he picked his nose.

10. September 10: While handling guns in the hunting department, he asked the clerk where the antidepressants were.

11. October 3: Darted around the store suspiciously while, loudly humming the, 'Mission Impossible' theme.

12. October 6: In the auto department, he practiced his, 'Madonna Look' using different sizes of funnels.

13. October 18: Hid in a clothing rack and when people browsed through, yelled 'PICK ME! PICK ME!'

14. October 22: When an announcement came over the loud speaker, he assumed a fetal position and screamed;  
'OH NO! IT'S THOSE VOICES AGAIN!'

15. Took a box of condoms to the checkout clerk and asked where is the fitting room?

And last, but not least:

16. October 23: Went into a fitting room, shut the door, waited awhile; then yelled very loudly, 'Hey! There's no toilet paper in here.' One of the clerks passed out.



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