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Rangers' Review



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Presidential Press

This month I am taking the opportunity to provide some “food for thought” relating to “Cliques”. Cliques are a small group of people, with shared interests or other features in common, who spend time together and do not readily allow others to join them.

Excessive togetherness is bad for a club because those on the outside become distracted and dissatisfied with the environment. They may even expend more energy trying to cope with the clique than they do on being involved in the club. What's more, cliques can become more about the group than they are about the club.



Cliques can be positive as they help people figure out who they are. Even though cliques may help people find themselves, they can also tear you down. Being in a clique, you rarely let new people join. This can affect your ability to change. You will not be able to adapt to change easily or you will not be very good at making new friends and being around new people.

Additionally, cliques can affect self-confidence. If you are different and you cannot find a specific clique to fit in with, then you could feel like you do not belong. This is a very big issue that comes with cliques and one that has a significant impact on Clubs whether it be at monthly meetings or relating to trips. Many people begin to feel unwanted and that is never a good feeling to have so they leave.

At the end of the day, people should be able to bond with everyone and make everyone feel loved and cared for. With that being said, it is okay to have your friend group or “clique”, but it is also okay to be friends with people that do not fall into your cliques' category...Food for Thought.



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As the Club's 25th anniversary activities progress we have now updated the website. After the March meeting you will be able to register for the 25th anniversary / annual Club dinner via our webpage. You will also be able to view the shirts and place an order with Chris. We now know who the Rookie of the Year and Quiet Achievers are and you will receive a survey shortly to vote for the Club Person of the Year, these awards along with anniversary certificates will be presented on the night.

With the end of the Club year quickly approaching, we will be holding our AGM at the May meeting. All positions less VP and Secretary will be open. If you are passionate about or club and want to help drive it forward, please consider nominating. Alternately, if you think someone may be a good fit, have a chat with them and encourage them to accept a nomination. Look out for nomination forms in the upcoming weeks. If you need any info regarding specific committee positions, please contact me or speak with any of the current committee. I will definitely be seeking nominations for Merchandise and Magazine as these will be vacant.

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **17th March 2020**

Next committee meeting **23rd March 2020**

Word of the Month:

In keeping with the current theme, here is the last one in the set...

***Tsktsk** - someone, you indicate your disapproval by the tsktsk sound or by some other means. Tsktsks is the longest word that doesn't contain a vowel.*



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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:

www.mountloftyrangers.com.au



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"KEEPING IN TOUCH"

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08 Jan 2020

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK

INTERCLUB WORKING BEE 28th & 29th 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 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 28th & 29th 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 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.

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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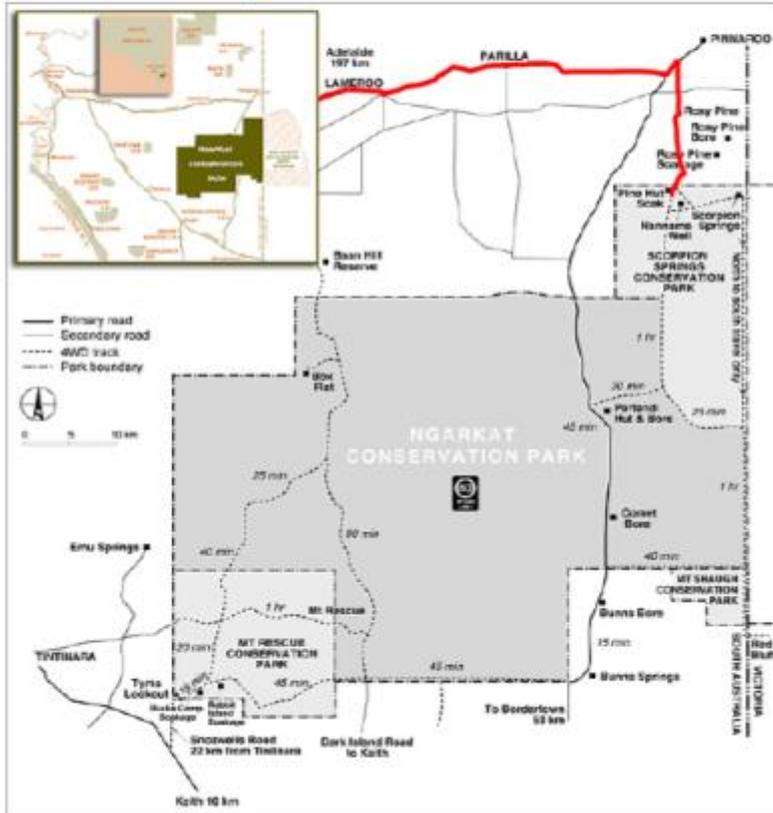
MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL NO 27

Peter Harper - e-mail peter_harper@bigpond.com, Mb. 0410 523 617

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.

Ngarkat Conservation Park



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GUEST SPEAKER



Not forgotten from MLR January meeting the winners of the Show n Shine night. Thanks to Margaret Parsons for the random categories and volunteer assessors on the night.



Category	Winner
Largest aggregate letter/number combination	Richard Stanley
Most interesting feminine touch	Trevor Hill – Clothes line WITH pegs
Dirtiest number plate	Jeff Morgan
Cleanest battery under bonnet	Phil Simes (Jag)
Largest ground clearance rear passenger wheel arch	Mike Paul
Easiest access to First Aid kit	Steve Brown



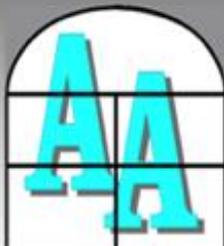
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Club equipment for loan!

- Grate mates
- Uniden UHF handheld radios
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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
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25TH 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

Tickets: Can book, order & pay online

Extras: Anniversary shirts available!

*payment must be made before 24/4 by paypal,
direct debit to MLR or cash to Treasurer

Music: In house band 60's music

Menu:

Meal Choices

Entree

Mushroom Arancini Balls with roast garlic aioli, shaved parmesan & salsa verde
Spinach & Ricotta Tart topped with a rocket & sundried tomato salad with a balsamic drizzle

Main

Sliced Roasted Porterhouse with mashed potato & red wine jus
Atlantic Salmon with dill sauce & lemon risotto
Lemon Pepper Chicken with butter sauce chat potatoes & green beans

Dessert

Chunky Chocolate Cheesecake with strawberry compote & cream

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Heads Up!

“LOFTYFEST 2020”

What – What is LoftyFest?

Think Beachport in the Flinders. Numerous day trips from a base camp, camp cook (with prizes), socialising.

When – October long weekend 2020 (3-5 Oct)

Bookmark your calendar

Where – Based at Mt Little Station (Hot and Cold running water & real toilets) 15min from Hawker

Costs – To be advised

Open to MLR only, contact Gary Light for more info.



<https://mtlittlestation.com.au/>





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HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO DECOMPOSE ?

PAPER TOWEL - 2-4 WEEKS

BANANA PEEL - 3-4 WEEKS

PAPER BAG - 1 MONTH

NEWSPAPER - 1.5 MONTHS

APPLE CORE - 2 MONTHS

CARDBOARD - 2 MONTHS

COTTON GLOVE - 3 MONTHS

ORANGE PEELS - 6 MONTHS

PLYWOOD - 1-3 YEARS

WOOL SOCK - 1-5 YEARS

MILK CARTONS - 5 YEARS

CIGARETTE BUTTS - 10-12 YEARS

LEATHER SHOES - 25-40 YEARS

TINNED STEEL CAN - 50 YEARS

FOAMED PLASTIC CUPS - 50 YEARS

RUBBER-BOOT SOLE - 50-80 YEARS

PLASTIC CONTAINERS - 50-80 YEARS

ALUMINUM CAN - 200-500 YEARS

PLASTIC BOTTLES - 450 YEARS

DISPOSABLE DIAPERS - 550 YEARS

MONOFILAMENT FISHING LINE - 600 YEARS

PLASTIC BAGS - 200-1000 YEARS.



WE REQUEST YOU, PLEASE SHARE THIS PIECE OF INFORMATION IN YOUR NETWORK AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

THIS WILL CREATE AWARENESS AMONGST PEOPLE THAT PLASTIC IS ONE OF THE MAJOR REASONS RELATED TO THE GLOBAL GREEN HOUSE EFFECT.

***PLEASE SUPPORT A GREEN ENVIRONMENT*.**





2020 TRIPS CALENDAR

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



TBA TRIPS CALENDAR

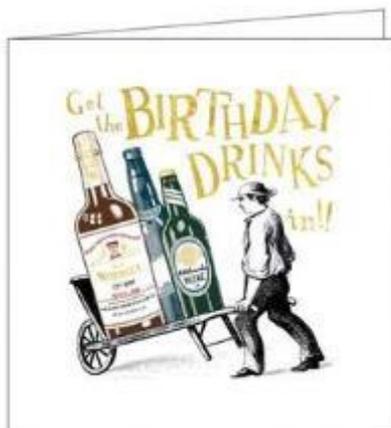
TBA	Weekend trip	TBA	Loveday 4WD Park
<i>Camp at Loveday and drive the 4WD track. Interested??? Put your name down and lead the trip!</i>			
June/July 2020	Extended trip	Eric Kalderovskis	Simpson Desert
<i>East to West</i>			
TBA – end of fireban season	Weekend trip	Rob Stevens	Border Track
<i>Drive the border track from north to south along SA/Vic border. Camp @ Red Bluff. South Boundary Track Baan Hill Track & 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???

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lothar Dunaiski

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





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LEGENDARY OFF-ROAD TIRES



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

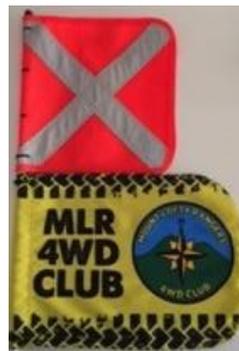
Orders will be placed by Merchandise when minimum order quantities of 5 have been received.

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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TRIP REPORT: GIRLS TRAINING DAY

JAKEM FARM – Ann Morris

After the hot weather experienced the previous week Sunday 9th turned out to be glorious weather for a day of training at Jakem Farm.

The ladies who joined me were Auburn McIntyre, Amanda Hoppenbrouwers, Theresa McGowan and riding in the passenger seats giving encouragement and support were Marie, Ron and Luke.

After all meeting Steve Townsend at the turnoff at the entrance to the town of Callington, we proceeded to Jakem Farm, where Steve outlined what we could expect for our day out.

Before lunch we complete a circuit of the farm. After airing down in the carpark we then fell into line following Steve stopping at any more challenging parts of the track, to discuss the best wheel placement, approach, gearing etc for each challenge and then proceed with Steve as the guide. This was great to build the confidence of all, particularly anyone who had not tackled this type of terrain driving before.





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After lunch we moved to another section of the farm, which was more challenging and involved very steep ascents and descents, very tight cornering and wheel placement that was crucial. The last challenge of the day we all walked first with Steve explaining where our wheel placements should be over the very deep angular washouts for us to be able to get through successfully and unscathed.

I believe the day was very successful, with all ladies certainly moving from the fear of the unknown to having a more can do and confident attitude.
Thank you Steve for allocating this time in the training schedule.





TRAINING & AWARENESS

MLR TRAINING/AWARENESS CALENDAR:

March	1 st	Trip Planning Meadows to Goolwa including Theory	ST
	23 rd	Jakem Farm - Anne Morris Can do Training as well	ST
April	5 th	Pre Trip Vehicle Check Drive an incline and decline Reverse Key Stall Starts Winding bush track Side Slope Drive Post Vehicle Check Ashbourne	ST
May	23 rd – 24 th	Peake Sand driving–Snatch recovery – camp o/n	ST
June	14 th	Wheel change and tyre repair - Ashbourne	ST
	20 th – 21 st	Camp Cook?	
July	4 th – 5 th	Camp Cook Alternate date	
	12 th	Trailer – Caravan Towing – Reverse - Ashbourne	ST
August	2 nd	Mud Driving - Ashbourne	ST
September	13 th	Rugged Terrain Driving – Jakem Farm	ST
October	11 th	Winching – Ashbourne	ST

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



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Monday 13th April – Easter Monday
Saturday 25th April – Anzac Day
Monday 8th June – Queen’s Birthday
Monday 5th October – Labour Day
Friday 25th December – Christmas Day
Monday 28th December – Proclamation Day

SOUTH AUSTRALIA SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2020

TERM 1 School Holidays	Friday 9 th April
TERM 2 School Holidays	Friday 3 rd July
TERM 3 School Holidays	Friday 25 th September
TERM 4 School Holidays	Friday 11 th December





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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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ARB 4x4 CULTURE LIVE 2020

On the 21st-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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Western Australian Odyssey, part one by Fran West

Last year in August and September I set off on my own to do a bit of reminiscing.

In 1999, I piloted a Cessna 172 aircraft around the coast of Australia (first woman as pilot in command to do this). To celebrate the 20th anniversary of that flight, I planned to revisit by car as many of the places that I landed at, flew over (or past), or spent some time in. Places look different at ground level, so it was going to be a comparison between a long road trip and a marathon flight, with photos from both air and ground to be highlighted in a forthcoming book.



Gantheaume Point, Broome, from the air, 1999, and from the ground, 2019

My route was across the Nullarbor, up to Kalgoorlie, then to York, Newman, Karijini National Park, Marble Bar and the Great Northern Highway to Kununurra and Lake Argyle. Once I'd reached the top of WA, I then started retracing the plane journey south along the coast (including some inland detours as well) as far as Albany and Esperance and then re-joined the route back home at Norseman.

Logistically, I couldn't reach every place that I saw during my flight because there still aren't any roads there. Where there are roads, I couldn't always drive there because I have a Nissan X-Trail which doesn't have low range, high clearance or recovery points. At least I knew the capabilities of my vehicle (thanks to MLR training days) and planned accordingly.



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I also decided to follow and photograph the Western Australian wildflower season which progresses from north to south



and play the World's Longest Golf Course (from Ceduna to Kalgoorlie – 1,365 kilometres long). The highest score was about 469 over the par 72 course. To my relief, my score was a few hundred less and I just managed to arrive back at Ceduna in time to pick up my certificate. The aim of playing the course is not only to have a bit of fun but also to make people stop and take a break from driving so they don't have an accident. I'd thoroughly recommend the WLGC. www.nullarborlinks.com/course.



The golf hole at Border Village, South Australia



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For accommodation I had my ARB awning with the tent that attaches to it.



Camp at Karijini Eco Retreat

Quite roomy at 2m X 2.5m and being short I was able to stand inside it as well. Over time I thought of modifications which could be done to improve the tent and fellow campers also came up with useful suggestions.

For the three nights when I had an unpowered site at Karijini Eco Resort,



Sunrise at Karijini National Park



Windjana Gorge and Mimbi Caves (between Fitzroy Crossing and Halls Creek), I used the battery charger and the gas camp stove with the billy and frypan. Amazingly, at these three places hot showers were available even though electricity wasn't.

The rest of the time when I was tenting I had a powered site. This was great for operating the old Engel fridge, light, electric frypan and kettle, and charging small LED lights, electric mattress pump, battery charger, compressor and most importantly the camera batteries. I used the 12v/240v fan at Lake Argyle and the electric blanket saved me from freezing on numerous occasions (the coldest night was at Nullarbor Roadhouse).

I did give myself a break from camping every so often and stayed in cabin, motel or station accommodation, like Kirkalocka Station south of Mt Magnet.



Here I toasted marshmallows with a French-speaking Swiss family, managed to converse with them in French and showed them some of the constellations in the spectacular Outback night sky. So many stars up there!

The downside of having an awning tent is that once it's attached, the car then can't be moved. Fortunately, at Broome, I unclipped the tent, bundled up most of the gear inside it, secured it from the wind and some grey nomads kept their eye on it while I went touring in the car. The same neighbours also invited me to dinner and drinks the night before. Sometimes travelling alone does have its advantages!

Most of my trip was on bitumen roads but the worst dirt roads were out to Windjana Gorge off the Gibb River Road (parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/windjana-gorge) and some of the roads in the national parks like Karijini (parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/karijini) up north, and Cape Arid (parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/cape-arid) and Fitzgerald River (parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/park/fitzgerald-river) down south.



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A couple of locals in the Pilbara directed me onto two back roads to cut off some kilometres, assuring me that my X-Trail would cope.

One was from north of Munjina across to Marble Bar via the Woodstock road passing a lot of mining operations.



The other was from near Marble Bar, via the Warralong Community road to east of Port Hedland. Plenty of cattle, wide dusty riverbeds and not much else.



Parts of both roads were very sandy and slippery, so I was grateful for the experience of driving along the beach at Goolwa on the MLR Ladies' Day.

I even drove onto the churned-up sand at Cable Beach, Broome, then topped off the day with a very relaxing camel ride.



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I wasn't able to drive into the Bungles, so I opted to go on the bus tour from the Bungles Caravan Park. The road was bone-jarring, with corrugations violently shaking the bus. Because of this, the woman sitting next to me was sick into a bag. Her three children were sick as well so you can imagine the smell on the bus. At least the woman didn't vomit over me (like when I once flew across to Kangaroo Island and my passenger vomited over me while I was flying the plane!).

As a pilot, I needed an aviation fix, so I took a helicopter flight over the Bungles. Even though I had flown over them as one of my inland detours, it was at a much higher altitude. Helicopters are allowed to fly a pattern at a lower level, giving a closer view of the beehive formations. Much less bumpy than the road in on the bus tour and nobody was sick.





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Quite a few crocodiles were seen during the land trip and I was glad that I didn't have to ditch into the sea up north when I was on my coastal flight. At Lake Argyle there are reportedly 25,000 fresh water crocodiles (we did see a few along the shoreline) but I still plucked up courage to have a sunset swim in a deep part of the lake holding a pool noodle, sipping champagne and eating the dip and bikkies that were floated out to us on an esky lid (I'm on the far right).



Even at Windjana Gorge I couldn't escape the crocs. I was busy photographing the sunset and nearly walked into the open mouths of two freshies (they weren't that big and didn't even bother moving). At Wyndham I got my own back by eating a crocodile pie from the Croc Café and Bakery. Yum. A bit like chewy chicken.

When I was in the far north of the state in August, there was a lot of burning off with smoke and flames not far from the highway. A sensible practice benefitting the countryside and especially the birds of prey which circle above the fire waiting for an easy meal of fleeing insects and animals. Just as I was driving through the outskirts of Wyndham, I had to slow down not only because of the smoke but because the birds of prey were swooping right in front of my car to feast on moths and other insects.

Definitely one of the highlights of my trip.



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Mimbi Caves tour was a very interesting and unusual cultural experience (www.mimbicaves.com.au/). Our Aboriginal guide was so knowledgeable, but long-winded, that the two-hour tour lasted almost four hours (and they say that women talk a lot – I don't think so). However, the rock formations outside the caves were stunning with their vertical chiselled appearance.





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The delay there certainly messed up the itinerary for the day, resulting in a late arrival at Broome in the dark. Fortunately, the park manager allotted me a site that was well lit and near the amenities. A Dutch couple nearby invited me over for drinkies after I'd been to the Broome night market to buy some dinner. They wanted to know where I'd been and what they shouldn't miss. Afterwards, when they were back in Holland, they sent me a fabulous email detailing the rest of their journey and thanked me for helping to make their Aussie holiday truly memorable. Nice!

There's quite a bit more to the two-month long trip, so I'll do another report later highlighting some of the southern areas of the state.

Included are useful links to help with planning your next WA adventure.



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WORKING BEE



On Saturday 1st February a group of volunteers headed up to Lobethal to help MLR members Jordan & Lainie Ray clean up their property after the devastating fires.

They braved the weather and helped out with sorting, cleaning & rolling of fencing wire, cutting up of fallen trees and branches, clean up of polypipe from orchard.

Many thanks to Gary for providing & cooking BBQ lunch for the hungry workers.





FUNNIES

TOOLS EXPLAINED

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh*t'

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting on fire various flammable objects in your shop. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race..

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.



FUNNIES

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

Son of a bitch TOOL: Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'Son of a b*tch' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.





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