



**MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS
4WD CLUB**
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RANGERS' REVIEW

Congratulations!

**to our winners who received their award at our
25th Anniversary Club Dinner**

Ken Bradey Club Person of the Year: Gary Light

Rookie of the Year: Fran West

Quiet Achiever: Marianne Sag

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

Just a couple of quick reminders:

- Our “**have your say**” feedback session is being held at the next monthly meeting. Put the thinking caps on and let us know what you would like to see. It can relate to anything, trips, merch, website, property, comms, meetings etc. Opportunity knocks.
- Our annual Christmas event will be back at Wirrina Cove details will be out shortly. I will send out further info within the next few weeks, so lock in the date and keep an eye out for the info.

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

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **12 Oct 2020**

Next committee meeting **26 Oct 2020**

Word of the Month:

Wellbeing - the state of being comfortable, healthy, or happy.

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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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Have your Say!

Monday 12 October

Here is an opportunity to get involved in guiding the club into the future.

With the change in committee, we are running another feedback session to capture your thoughts and ideas.

So, put your thinking caps on and let us know what you would like to see. It can relate to anything, trips, merch, website, guest speakers, social, property, comms, meetings etc.

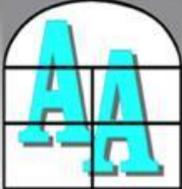


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- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)

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25TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER



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2020/21 TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 12th OCTOBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
SATURDAY 17th OCTOBER TRAILER WORK	Contact: Peter Reed
SATURDAY 24TH – SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER PARNAROO - TEROWIE	Contact: Neil Reid
MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
FRIDAY 13TH – SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER MLR FISHING TRIP @ TO BE ADVISED	Contact: Erik Kalderovskis
FRIDAY 20TH – SUNDAY 22ND NOVEMBER MLR CHRISTMAS PARTY @ WIRRINA	Contact: Gary Light
MONDAY 14th DECEMBER MLR CHRISTMAS MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
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

2020 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER
WINCHING/TRAINING @ Ashbourne

Contact:
Steve Townsend

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



TRIP REPORT – LOVEDAY 4WD PARK

August 28th – 30th



Attendees:

Gary Blunt – Pajjero, Frank & Deb Aschmoneit – FJ,
Shorty and Sherilyn Willsmore – Ranger, Neale & Patch Reid – FJ,
Peter Reed - GU Patrol, Anna & Luke Jessep – Suzuki Jimny,
Martin, Nicholas & Samuel Elbourne – Ranger, Trevor & Lynn Light – GU Patrol

Some of us came up on Friday afternoon/night and others came up Saturday morning, but by mid morning on Saturday everyone was out playing on the 'play' area at Loveday 4x4 park. There were a few others out as well but plenty of room and plenty to do. A few mud puddles in some of the holes, not too serious but enough to be a bit slippery and make it interesting. We only found one track that was too hard for everyone, Martin did manage to get his front wheels up and just needed a little snatch to get up; but with a solid step up his obstacle proved a little too much for us!



Trip Report - Loveday 4WD Park cont.....

After lunch we went out to the scenic track, lots of ups and downs a few obstacles (lumps and holes) designed to test your articulation and make you concentrate on picking your lines. A nice drive.



Trip Report - Loveday 4WD Park cont.....

The end of the track looks over Spectacle Lakes (nice lookout) and there is a bit of a play area there, drive down the hill, then pick a track up....steeper, steeper and steepest. Frank got a bit close to the edge of the steepest track, missed the jump up, and needed to be pulled up the last bit. Lucky Deb wasn't in the car, it was on a bit of an angle.



A quick play in the sand dunes on the way back to camp, didn't stay long though.

Another lovely campfire (thanks to a generous amount of wood brought to share), and nice company.

Sunday morning was a bit rainy (of course; its pack up day) but not enough to spoil a nice cooked breaky. Some packed up early and left. Martin and kids went to play 'gel blasters'... sounds like they had fun. Meantime Pete, Greg, Anna and Luka and us went back to the playground.

Trip Report - Loveday 4WD Park cont.....

We got very muddy trying very hard to do what the Jimny was doing easily!! Not such a good idea but the Patrols did eventually succeed, it just wasn't pretty.



Trevor was having more trouble than usual, turns out the wiring on the front lockers had come adrift, and we broke a rear sway bar, but all were easily fixed and no other damage to report thankfully but the Karcher was working overtime on Monday.

We stayed at the Old Shady camp site, about 5 km from the Loveday Tavern, but right on the river. It was a good spot for the nine of us, plenty of room to spread out.

Good Weekend, thanks to all who came with us.

Lynn

TRIP REPORT – OODNADATTA TRACK



Lloyd and Paula's trip to Dalhousie – July 4 - 15

Marianne, Eric, Trevor and Lynn tagged along.

Firstly, thank you Lloyd and Paula for organising this trip, it was great to get away.

We met up at Roseworthy then headed to Burra for a bakery lunch. On to Terowie to free camp in the railway yard, an interesting walk down the main street and then a nice camp fire to keep warm, it was a very cold night, hot water bottles all round.....

We met up with Eric at Hawker after he was fishing in Pt Germain and then drove the back roads to Grindalls Hut and camped for a couple of nights. Eric cooked up his catch of squid and fish for us all to share for dinner (very nice). A nice little hike up Acacia Ridge in Arkaroola, followed by a drive on the Mt Jacob track. A few wild flowers out including Sturt's Desert Peas and hops. We were all trying to get the best photo.



Trip Report - Lloyd & Paula's trip to Dalhousie cont.....



Copley via the Wurtupa Loop for bakery lunch. We found a lovely bush camp under a bridge past Maree, dinner was a gourmet sausage sizzle, which everyone contributed to, some interesting flavours....



We explored “plane henge” on our way to old Peake Ruins, there are lots of weird and wonderful creations to look at. Old Peake is worth the 16km drive, lots of old buildings and A mine, a cemetery and bore. We camped the night.

Trip Report - Lloyd & Paula's trip to Dalhousie cont.....

Eringa waterhole was our next camp it was at the lowest level I have seen, but still enough water for Eric to get excited about fishing. He also put in a couple of yabby pots and over the next day or so managed to catch a feed.

A day trip to Mt Dare for lunch via Bloods Creek track where we stopped at the big windmill. At this stage Lloyds rear door was not opening and we borrowed the air gun at Mt Dare to see if we could clean it out ...no luck.



Dalhousie was next stop, after calling into to Federation Ruins, we did find the bottle garden eventually but no sign of the old buildings that used to be there. Marianne and I went bush over sand dunes and around a dried up lake, but we found it. We all had a swim at Dalhousie before Lloyd fired up his weber Q for a fabulous pizza night. Cooked to perfection, it was nice not too cook for ourselves. Not many other campers though; we pretty much had the place to ourselves. A 6 km walk to Kingfisher spring and then a walk around the back to watch the sunset. Up before the sun next morning and back to the pond for a dip and to watch the steaming sunrise.

Trip Report - Lloyd & Paula's trip to Dalhousie cont.....



This was our turn around point, still some exploring to be done on the way home though. A quick visit to Dalhousie ruins on the way out. Algebuckina Bridge was our destination tonight, we found a nice camp next to the water, where once again Eric got out his fishing gear and yabby pots, sacrificing a good steak in an effort to catch some yabbies. No luck unfortunately, not even a bite.



William Creek camp ground for the night, nice hot showers and pub for tea. William Creek Red was the only choice of red wine, thankfully it was drinkable. A drive out to Lake Eyre filled in the next day, no water to be seen but a bit of mud and lots of salt. We walked out for a bit, everyone trying to get the perfect photo of the salt crust. I think Lloyd won that one.

Another day another ruin, Strangways this time, another good walk around mound springs, old telegraph station and an old station. Quite a few buildings scattered around, and an interesting old stone rainwater tank.

Our last camp was Farina, unfortunately no bakery, but the camp ground was good and we went exploring and found the cemetery, interesting stories on the information board.

Trip Report - Lloyd & Paula's trip to Dalhousie cont.....

Eric cooked up his catch of yabbies for entrée, presentation was beautiful, tasted great.

And thankyou Marianne for all the fruitcake for morning teas and desserts for the whole trip.

Not only did Lloyd make sure we were all fed well with his cooking,- triple cheese damper, pizza, fruit damper, gourmet sausage sizzle and roast, he took the rap for all the things that went wrong on the trip, thankfully nothing too serious that held us up but annoying things like –can't open the back door, broken trailer plug, water pump in camper emptied the water tank into the trailer, and then to top it all off a broken back windscreen on the last morning, thank goodness for duct tape.

We had a great time, it was really nice to get away with good people.

Thank you again Lloyd and Paula.

Lynn

HEADS UP!...

Despite all the issues 2020 has presented,
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MLR CHRISTMAS PARTY @



When: Friday 20th November - Sunday 22nd November
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MLR CHRISTMAS PARTY



Catering - Coast to Coast Golden Roast (Roasts, vegies and salads)

Trip Leader / Contact: Gary Light –
president@mountloftyrangers.com.au

HOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:

A virtual trip sheet will be set up on our website for you to register. Members will be notified when this has occurred.

TRIP REPORT – SANDERS GORGE



September 2020 lead by Trevor Light

We started with a civilized 10 am start at the gorge, on the northern side of town, on a Sunday morning with 8 other MLR 4WDs. It does look like you can free camp overnight just down the road and make a whole weekend of a trip. We were definitely not the only group here. It seemed pretty damn popular. We all paid our \$55/car and lowered tyres to around 24psi. The map listed the rules: big red writing: CAUTION ROUGH OPTIONS NOT SUITABLE FOR UNLIFTED 4WD. Slight hiccup for the newbies in our Ford. (I'm sure others would probably have attempted some but.....).

Challenge one was actually getting to the start from the Eagle View office. Should have known Trevor would take the left hand option - he did take make it.... but it did take 2 attempts. In the convoy of 9 I know at least 2 vehicles took the easier left hand entrance and gently eased into the day. Any rate, maps in hand, a one way system of A-Z points to conquer, we followed Trevor off in the hills in low range 4WD. It was a near perfect day. Dry, sunshine and a gentle breeze.

First, uphill to the abandoned gold and copper mines. We found some copper, blue stuff and alas no gold for our new 4WD. Next up and over Rocky Saddle (309 m) and a creek with a bit of water and mud. Option one followed. Winding Way (329 M). Only a few scrapes of the 4WDs as they finished this Rough Option with a tricky downhill section with Trevor guiding everyone down with wheels in the air! The newbies joined the guys from Arnotts Biscuits and watched as the other 8 MLR tackled the descent. According to our fellow watchers this was a toughie, fine until you got to the downhill bit. There were 8 cars dropping, sliding, gliding, reversing, 3 point turning, managing a dip and watching the passenger side as well as the driver side. The mud pit in the next "Normal" section was avoided....."highly likely to cause damage, best avoided".

Trip Report - Sanders Gorge cont.....

Rough Option Two was next – Rocky Point Climb. ‘Not to be attempted if wet’ and it wasn’t wet, so naturally it was a challenge..... and 8 MLRs headed off into the unknown. We had only reached point M on our maps at the end of this stage. Late morning tea followed (great Chocolate Brownies) or was it early lunch.

We continued bouncing up the rough rocky track along a beautiful old rock wall to reach 421m and the Mid Murray Council Communication tower. Stunning views. Binoculars were needed to see the MLR team in the far distance by the track.

We realized that the King Brown Alley option had been missed so the experienced 8 MLRs followed the star droppers down the King Brown Alley track. A couple of challenges here are live on Facebook already. It was conceded that if the track was done in the right direction it was much easier than in reverse. The team then returned up the track back to the tower! We didn’t see anyone else tackle that track that day...just saying. We finally had a late lunch and as Trevor can’t keep track of time, well, someone did BBQ sausages aka Bunnings style and made most of us jealous. Dobson descent was next – short but sharp with wheels again leaving the ground.

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Trip Report - Sanders Gorge cont.....



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Trip Report - Sanders Gorge cont.....

Next was Newmans Climb – Extreme Rough Locker Recommended!
This section finished with a long decent joining the main track via a creek



The day was a challenge, I think MLR did more options than any group. There were many “moments of glory” having negotiated steep drops and rocks with a few scratches perhaps. All agreed it was the best value for 6 hours they had had recently. It was better than Jakems Farm according to some. I’m sure many, many moments were relived at the Mt Pleasant Pub afterwards. (Personally Steve, I need another ladies day there before I set foot on Sanderson gorge again!). The views were stunning if you had time to enjoy them. I used the handle bar more than I have ever used it before and we didn’t take the rough options.

Dewi & Auburn

TRIP REPORT – MUD DRIVING

(Awareness – 1st August 2020)



I left Hawthorndene with beautiful blue skies, sunny weather and high expectations. I arrived at Ashbourne to heavy mist, cold, a whole lot of dampness and wondering what the hell I had signed myself up for. By 10.30 the sun had burnt off the mist to reveal an epic property and surroundings. Lush and green, amassed with huge gum trees, heaps of kangaroos, a significant amount of bird life and was a picture of tranquillity. Just an hour later it was being enjoyed by a crew of mildly excitable adventurers who would make a racket and throw a swag of mud about the joint all under the banner of training awareness. Welcome to Mud Driving with Steve Townsend – training with enjoyment.

The campaigners for the day were:

1. Anna – Suzuki Jimny
2. Tim & son Nicolas - Mitsubishi
3. Greg - Ford
4. Bonnie – Suzuki Viterra - visiting from the Toyota 4wd Club
5. Peter – commodore wagon (white) - what was he thinking – he was actually helping out and was great value
6. Me (Richard) Fj Toyota

We started with a muster and a theme of - stay calm – we are in no hurry and here to have fun.

Information and education on mud driving with a hand out housing lots of tips and advice from: Floor mats, the abrasive nature of mud, looking after and cleaning your equipment to putting up your windows to keep one's nostrils free of mud – I missed that bit and I'm still finding mud in the cabin.

Setting off into the mud we were encouraged to play and experiment with our vehicle. We started with road going tyre pressures – then dropped them by 40% - 50% to feel a traction advantage. Switching between high and low range, Traction Control, A'track, Lock diffs etc.

Trip Report - Mud Driving cont.....



We were encouraged to play with the different software features with-in our vehicles – it didn't matter if we got stuck as there were plenty of options for recovery. Turning our vehicle settings on and off to feel how they can affect the control of the vehicle to establish where they could be of advantage – for example with my lock diff on I had noticeable traction going straight however on the u-turn section which was softer clay the vehicle wanted to continue driving straight. With the lock diff on I had significant inline traction improvement but compromised steering control. I had read about this but it was really good to feel it for real in a safe environment.

Reading about it is one thing but experiencing it gives you another skill set.

Trip Report - Mud Driving cont.....

Lunch was a good time for a bite to eat, a bit of banter and an appropriate amount of heckling.



After lunch we had recovery instruction and information – reiterating staying calm – stepping back and looking at what your options are. There are usually a number of alternatives available to you. Discussion with show and tell around recovery gear – bridals, shackles – hard and soft (I am so going to get me one of those soft shackle bad boys – so much lighter and safer), winch extension straps, snatch straps, tree protectors and how to clean them. Apparently not in your mother in-laws washing machine but if you do and get away with it make sure you dry your recovery straps in the shade not in direct sun light. They don't like UV light. We did some winching and two of us got to completely rewind our winch's using the 30 second rule.

There is a winching session planned for October 2020 for more advanced winching which I am looking forward.

We finished the day on the dedicated 4wd area and a drive thru a section of the property further show casing its wild life and views. What a beautiful place.

Thanks Steve and Peter for your patience and meeting us where ever our skill levels and understanding were at.

It was a great day had by all – Much appreciated.

Richard Stanley



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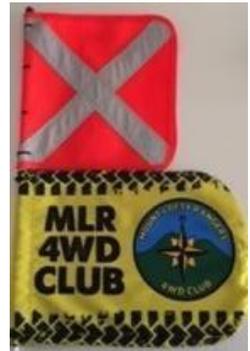
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