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4WD CLUB**
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Mount Lofty Rangers Annual Australia Day trip to:

Beachport South Australia

Limestone Coast



PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

G'day Rangers...

Well if we can go by current indications, 2021 is shaping up to be a good year. Globally the COVID19 vaccine has started to be rolled out and we can expect vaccinations in Australia to commence during March. Economically Australia is well on the way to recovering to pre COVID levels, now we just need to pay the bill. Travel internationally remains a challenge for the near future; however, the States are now well rehearsed in managing border closures with restrictions typically focused on specific hotspots as they are identified. As a result, many of us have taken to the road to see our own back yard. You may have noticed the TV advertising promoting this recently, not that it needs any promotion, try buying a caravan or 4x4, no bargains to be had here.

MLR already has multiple trip opportunities available with more to follow in the coming weeks / months. Some key activities worth noting include the annual awards dinner in May, Loftytyfest21 in Oct and Christmas at Wirrina (TBC) in Nov. Keep an eye out for additional trips and details as trip leaders bed down information.

Our MLR year concluded last month with a successful trip to Beachport over the Australia Day long weekend. Thanks to all who assisted in setting things up and those who volunteered to lead the numerous day trips, it's always appreciated and I look forward to reading the trip reports and seeing photos. You might want to start thinking about Beachport 2022 as Australia day will be on a Wed next year making our activity an extended trip. This may require planning to take additional leave to cover the gap between the weekend and Australia day. I will send out communications re site allocation in the near future once I receive information from the SOTP.

With the MLR calendar completing, we can tally up results for the Club Person and rookie of the year. Nominations for Quiet achiever close 22 Feb. Please have a think and consider nominating someone ASAP.

Our AGM will be held 10 May (formal notification to follow) that means all committee positions will be available less President and Treasurer. Please consider nominating for a role and help guide the Club going forward.

Anyway, with my personal calendar rapidly filling up, I am looking forward to 2021. I hope you are to. Take care of yourself, and those around you – stay safe!

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **8 Feb 2021**

Next committee meeting **22 Feb 2021**

Word of the Month:

***Recover** – return to a normal state of health, mind, or strength*



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YOUR COMMITTEE

Committee members are elected by the members for the members. They are volunteers who kindly donate their time to represent the member's interest in the day to day running of the Club, are you:

1. Interested in putting your hand up to help this club get even greater?
2. Not sure what role you'd like or what's involved?

Keep reading for a brief description of each role:

President: - Convenes all meetings of MLR. Meeting with 4WDSA to push the MLR interests. Sponsor Liaison.

Vice president: - Facilitate monthly topic of interest e.g. guest speakers, awareness sessions etc. Becomes acting President when the President unavailable. MLR club registration officer.

Treasurer: - Looking after club financials. Sponsor liaison.

Secretary & Public Officer: - Minute taking for meetings. Correspondence in and out.

Trips Coordinator: - Primary point of contact for members trip planning, advice and attendance sheets. Communicates trip calendar to members.

4WDSA Delegate: - Attends bi-monthly 4WDSA meetings and is the voice of MLR, also reports back on any relevant information from 4WDSA that affects MLR.

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

Website officer: - Maintain and update MLR website and Facebook administration.

Merchandise officer: - Organises clothing and other club approved merchandise for sale to members.

Property Officer: - Looks after club property and trailer, by maintaining where appropriate and lends equipment out to members.

Education Officer: - Organises club training and awareness days. Liaises with 4WDSA Driver Training Unit for wider training opportunities.

Magazine editor: - Collates all material to go into club magazine – photos, trip reports, jokes, interesting 4WD related stories sourced elsewhere. Facebook administration.

Committee Member: - Supports other Officers of the committee, and helps with club events and trips where needed. If you would like to share your experience and contribute to the running of the club, please speak to a current committee member to obtain a nomination form.

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About us

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

Membership

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

Club Outings

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests. The club has a dedicated social committee which also organises regular events that complement the club trips.

Experience and Training

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

Meetings

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

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

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

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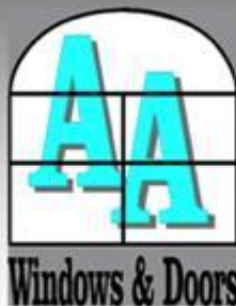
CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN



- Grate mates
- *Uniden* UHF handheld radios
- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
- *Tifor* hand winch and cable
- Car Bra
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
- Bead breaker
- Drag chains (x 2)

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

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer:
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“SHOW & SHINE 2021” WINNERS



1. LONGEST AFTERMARKET AERIAL

.....Rory Liebelt.....

2. TIDIEST CAR INTERIOR

.....Rob Dagri.....

3. DIRTIEST UNDERMAT AREA DRIVERS SIDE

.....Greg Healy.....

4. MOST OVERDUE SERVICE

.....Ian Rowley.....

5. DIRTIEST ENGINE BAY

.....Rob Stevens.....

6. LARGEST AVERAGE DISTANCE TRAVELLED SINCE NEW

.....Trevor Light.....

2021 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th FEBRUARY – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
MONDAY 15th MARCH – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
THURSDAY 1ST APRIL – TUESDAY 6th APRIL (Good Friday 2nd April – Easter Monday 5TH April) PYRENEES STATE FOREST – VICTORIA  SEE TRIP SHEET FOR MORE DETAILS	Contact: Shorty Willsmore
MONDAY 12th APRIL – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
SATURDAY 1st MAY (TBC) CLUB DINNER / AWARDS NIGHT @ LOCATION TBA  SAVE THE DATE	Contact: Gary Light David Cunningham
MONDAY 10th MAY – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
MONDAY 14th JUNE – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
SATURDAY 27th JUNE (TBC) CAMP COOK @ LOCATION TBC	Contact: Gary Light
MONDAY 12th JULY – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
SATURDAY 17th JULY (TBC) CAMP COOK BACK-UP DATE	
MONDAY 9th AUGUST – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
SATURDAY 2nd – MONDAY 4th OCTOBER LOFTYFEST @ WONOKA STATION – FLINDERS RANGES – \$15.00 per person per day	Contact: Gary Light

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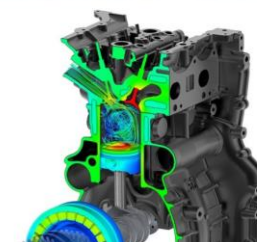
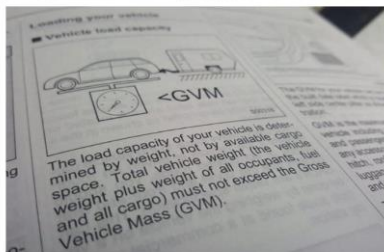
MONDAY 11th OCTOBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
MONDAY 8th NOVEMBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
SATURDAY 20th NOVEMBER - TBC MLR CHRISTMAS GATHERING @ WIRRINA	Contact: Gary Light
MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	

MARCH MEETING GUEST SPEAKER

JOHN FROM UNITED AUTO ENGINEERING

United Auto Engineering is a signatory for the Government of South Australia, Department for Infrastructure and Transport.

They specialise in all vehicle modification certifications including GVM upgrades, trailer mass upgrades and suspension modifications.



2021 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

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

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

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

Beachport 2021 trip report



Saturday 23 January - Robe to Beachport Trip lead by Eric.

After a great nights sleep Friday, the club gathered at the camp kitchen to assign themselves to trips. The day was to be quite warm and the crew of seven vehicles prepared to head off lead by Eric. Off to Robe first and then back to Beachport.

We all motored off down the highway to park up by the lawns and go and grab some ice cream. Once we had satisfied our hunger, we set off towards the closest beach entry with anticipation. We aired down our tyre pressure before we hit sand. There was a strong buzzing sound causing an issue, oh no, not a vehicle in trouble at this early stage, but a swarm of bees going on the attack, this however did cause a bit of antagonism!



The beaches were quite dry with low rain levels recently and also were quite chopped up. There were some easy going patches and some difficult rutted beach entries and exits that Eric liked to call WOMBAT HOLES. They certainly shook my old bones when trying to ascend a dune. Not too many re-tries that I could tell but I was nearer the back. The traffic seemed to be behaving politely and with Eric's driving skills and giving some well received instructions we all progressed along nicely. We passed occasional 4wd enthusiasts

requiring some rescuing and the groups had it under control. Interesting to see the techniques as we motored along. As we drove between beaches and dunes occasionally we came across other big groups but everyone seemed quite good at letting us through. The sand hills got a little bit more gnarly and some fast steering and choosing the correct momentum was paramount to achieving our goal. Tasman was driving his re-built 80 Series on this trip and was conscious of the engine and was very cautious not to over rev. Low range and the right gear saw him call on the massive torque and traction and only had a few re-runs when trialling different techniques. No rescues required for Tas.



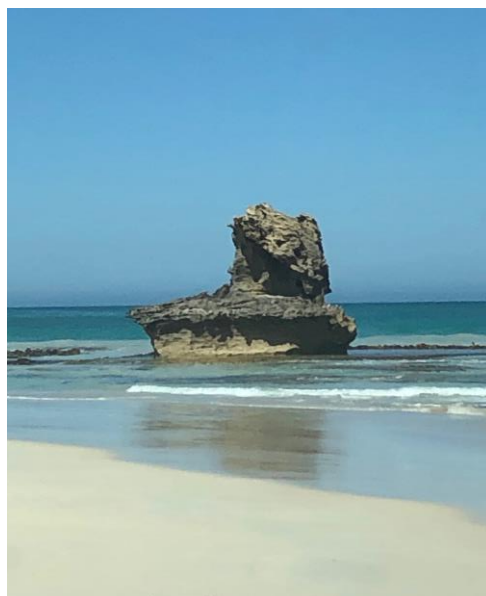
Beachport 2021 trip report cont.....

Well a nice lunch spot was required and Eric knew the best spot to stop, to also enjoy a cast off and catch a fish or two. “ I’ll just get a little closer to the water’s edge”. “Ah well we can pull that out later” and thanks to Greg Healy that was so easy.



Beachport 2021 trip report cont.....

Some special track side photos were taken of each car while we had a difficult uphill to ascend with quite a bit of distance between us. Lunch time was nice with the ocean breeze but the pesky March Flies caught us out every now and then. After the great haul was packed away it was time to remove a stuck vehicle and press on. Always a good idea to pack a matching reel for your big rod, lucky there was a small one tucked in the back somewhere. Well, it is off heading south again and the tracks had become even a little more powdery and this meant for a bit more momentum and skills a plenty. With about halfway of the distance behind us we motored off to find some quite modified larger vehicles ploughing through the lower beaches and the extra power was welcomed.



The track up near the reeds was probably the safest bet which seemed reasonably solid but a slight deviation and weighty vehicle caused some anxious moments. Thanks again to Eric for his excellent advice. If you can't drive out slightly uphill forwards then it is a good chance a strap and a gentle pull backwards would be the next best option. Thanks Tas. The scenery was grand along the way and there are many photos we could all show.



We did, however, see a vehicle travel too close to the water's edge on our ever slowing journey as we moved back to camp, but we observed from a distance another member of their crew winch him out of danger.

Chris Grear



When: 2 – 4 Oct 21

Where: Wonoka Station <https://wonokastation.com/>

Located only 12kms from the Hawker township but in a secluded private location surrounded by bushland, our campsite is situated on level ground in the lee of Wonoka Bluff.

Facilities:

There are bathroom amenities with separate male and female hot showers and flushing toilets. The fully enclosed shed is ideal for sheltering from extreme weather. A full-width verandah offers BBQ and space for undercover seating. Space for campers, caravans and tents. Fire possible subject to conditions.

Registration: via MLR webpage <https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/trip/loftyfest-2021/>

Cost: \$15 / person / day

Payment: via **Paypal** or **EFT** (if EFT, caption with your NAME and LOFTYFEST)

to be paid prior to the weekend

Activities:

- Numerous Day Trips (trip leaders needed)
- Saturday Night Camp Cook with Prizes
Bread / Main / Dessert
- General Socialising



Queries to Gary Light – president@mountloftyrangers.com.au

CLUB MERCHANDISE – our existing range

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

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

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:
TOM DOODY**

merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au





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Ladies

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12 – black
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22 – black

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Soft-shell Vests

Ladies

12 – navy
14 – navy

Men

S – navy
XL – black

\$30



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

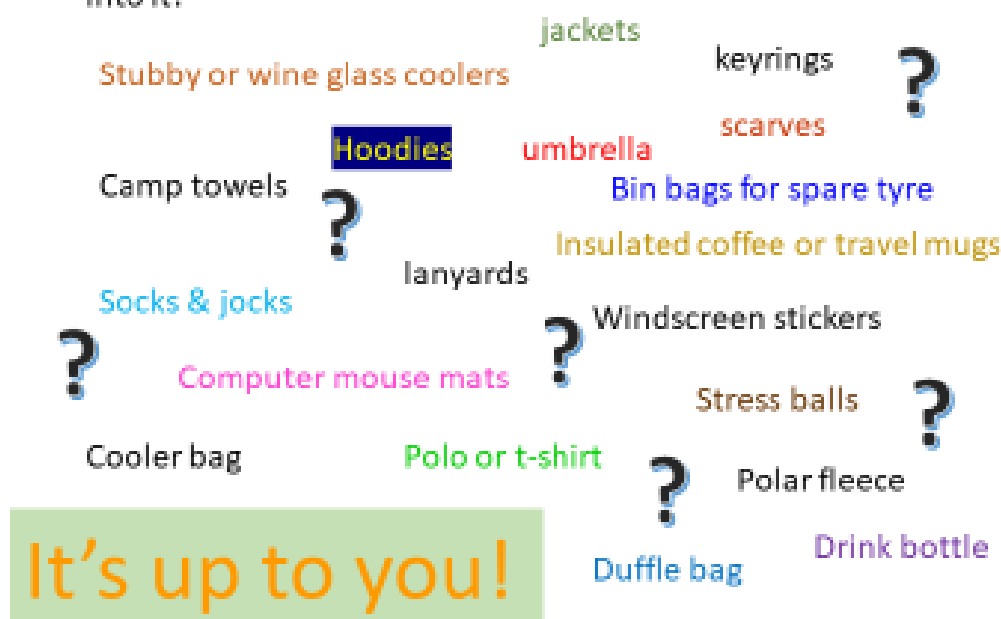
All available at December meeting,
or contact Tom prior....

Merchandise – what do you want?

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

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

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



Merchandise – what do you want?




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HISTORIC CAR REGISTRY

A 90 day conditional registration scheme For Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles.

Members of Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club are eligible for Club Registration of Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles through the club.

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

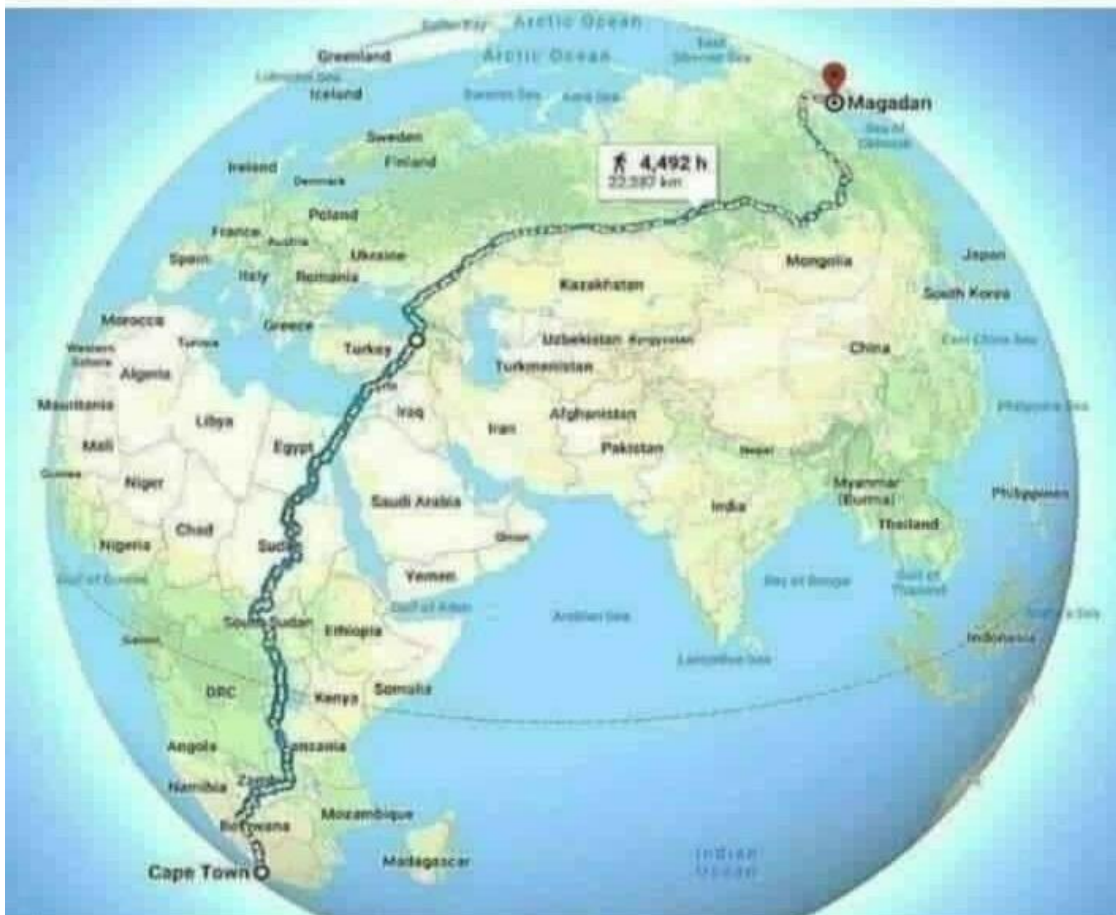
<https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/>
or contact **Chris Grear** vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au



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to Trish Dagri

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