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A large, vibrant display of fireworks exploding in a dark night sky, with streaks of light radiating outwards.

*Happy*  
**NEW YEAR**



# PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

(Jan 2021)

G'day Rangers,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to 2021. As we start the new year, we draw a line under what was 2020 and all its associated challenges. Although COVID hasn't gone away, living in Australia we are quite lucky, we are now a lot more familiar in how to manage the impact on our day to day lives and are able to get out and about with minimal restrictions being imposed.

2021 will see us conduct our annual activities starting with the Show and Shine at the Jan Club meeting closely followed by Beachport. We will have our awards night early May, camp cook probably sometime in June or July (watch this space) Loftyfest in Oct and our Christmas gathering late November. Other than that we have a blank canvas so put your thinking caps on and let's start planning.

As mentioned previously Beachport is rapidly approaching. We will meet at the "D Sect" kitchen at 0815 on Sat 23 Jan to discuss the trips. We will have a Happy Hr / BBQ on the Saturday night in the area between C and D Sections. Big shout out and thanks to Trevor Light for towing the club trailer / BBQ. I know many people will have the Monday off so they can make a longer weekend (noting Australia Day is on the Tuesday); I also note that some don't. Therefore, the official trips will run on the Saturday and Sunday leaving the Monday free for you to do whatever works for you. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

The conclusion of Beachport will finalise the activities that contribute to our annual awards. Don't forget that we need nominations for our Quiet Achiever. Have you seen someone who has worked in the background and deserves to be recognised. See the nomination form contained in this newsletter or download one from our website. Nominations close at the end of February.

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



## Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **11 Jan 2021**

Next committee meeting **22 Feb 2021**

## Word of the Month:

***Inchoate** - The beginning stages of a project or idea are often a little messy or imperfect. This word addresses that early state of disarray with three definitions: "not yet completed or fully developed," "just begun or incipient," or "not organized; lacking order." Inchoate comes from Latin incohāre meaning "to begin, start work on." An inchoation is a beginning or origin.*

## YOUR COMMITTEE DIRECTORS FOR 2020-21



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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](http://www.mountloftrangers.com.au)

<b>MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27</b>
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# MLR Show and Shine 2021

**Mon 11 Jan 2021**  
(Jan monthly meeting)



*Mystery Judges.  
Numerous categories, prizes for winners!  
Tart up the truck, come along and see how you go.*

## 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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# 2021 TRIPS CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021</b> MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
<b>FRIDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> – TUESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY</b> BEACHPORT @ Southern Ocean Tourist Park	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gary Light</b>
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021</b> MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
<b>MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2021</b> MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce, Blackwood	
<b>SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY(TBC)</b> Club Dinner / Awards Night @ Location TBA	<b>Contact:</b> <b>David Cunningham /</b> <b>Gary Light</b>
<b>SATURDAY 27th Jun (TBC)</b> Camp Cook @ Location TBA	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gary Light</b>
<b>SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> Jul (TBC)</b> Camp Cook backup date	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gary Light</b>
<b>SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> – MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER</b> LOFTYFEST @ Flinders TBC	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gary Light</b>
<b>SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER</b> MLR Christmas Gathering @ TBC	<b>Contact:</b> <b>Gary Light</b>

*Don't forget the trip reports.*



# 2021 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

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

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

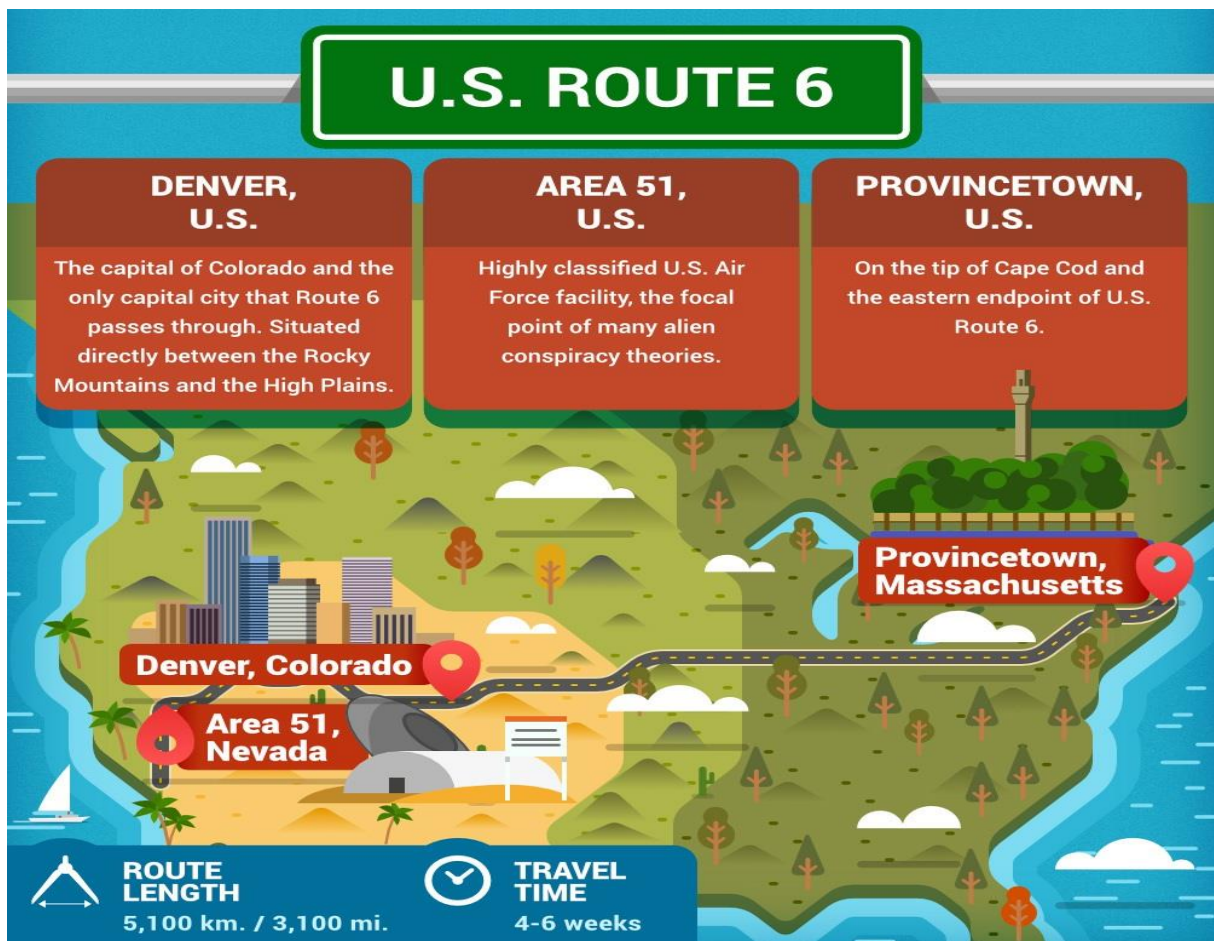
Email [training@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au](mailto:training@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au) for more information or to organise one-on-one or group training

Here is a list of some of the most unique and longest highways systems on earth.



At nearly 3200 miles (5200km) U.S. Route 6 is the second longest road trip road in the United States

Also known as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway, U.S. Route 6 is a main route of the United States Highway system. Battling U.S. Route 20 for the title of the longest “continuous” transcontinental highway in America, this road will take drivers through fourteen different states starting in California and ending in Massachusetts.



At over 3300 miles (5400km) U.S. Route 20 is the longest road trip road in the United States. U.S. Route 20 covers 3,365 miles, from Boston, Massachusetts to Newport, Oregon. In 1926, it officially became a U.S. Highway, and during its early years, terminated at Yellowstone National Park. Now U.S. Route 20 is the longest highway in the country, it crosses through twelve states of America's beautiful landscape.





The Golden Quadrilateral Highway is the longest road trip road in India at 3600 miles (6000km)

The Golden Quadrilateral Highway in India is a network of highways connecting India's four top metropolitan cities; Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, forming a quadrilateral. Launched in 2001 as part of India's National Highways Development Project, it is the largest highway project in India. Overall the quadrilateral consists of four, six lane express highways.



## The Trans-Canada Highway is the longest road trip roads in North America

Crossing through six time zones, this once-in-a-life time road trip starts at one end of Canada and ends at the other. Commenced in 1962, the Trans-Canada Highway takes you through ten Canadian provinces and crosses the Pacific Ocean on the west and to the Atlantic Ocean on the east.





The Trans-Siberian Highway runs the entire length of Russia and is the third longest road trip roads in the world

Spanning from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, the Trans-Siberian Highway is a network of federal highways. As one of the more dangerous roads on this list, it has some of the toughest environments and uneasy terrain, from the Baltic Sea of the Atlantic Ocean to the Japan Sea of the Pacific Ocean.



Highway 1 in Australia, also known as the “Big Lap,” is the second longest road trip roads in the world

As the second largest road in the world, it joins all the mainland capitals of Australia. Constructed almost half a century ago, the first section of the route was signposted between Brisbane and Adelaide in 1955. At the time it was Australia’s only true national highway. Now there are more direct routes that crisscross throughout the country, none of them are more scenic than Australia’s Highway One.





At nearly 30,000 miles, The Pan American Highway is by far and away the longest road trip roads in the world

According to the Guinness Book of World Records, Pan American Highway is the longest designated road in the world. At its fullest extent it links most of the nations of North and South America. Stretching from Prudhoe Bay, Alaska to Ushuaia, Argentina, but briefly interrupted by the 100-mile Darien Gap between Central and South America.



# 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.

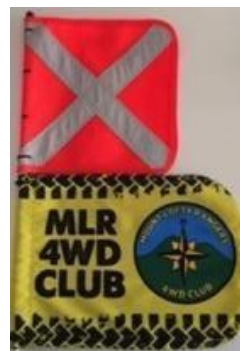
### Sand Flag

\$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](mailto:merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au)





# MLR



# Merchandise Clearance

Limited sizes and colours. First in, best dressed in MLR clothing of course!



## Soft-shell Jackets

*Ladies*

*Men*

12 – navy

L - black

12 – black

XL - black

14 – navy

18 – black

20 – black

22 – black

**\$40**

## Soft-shell Vests

*Ladies*

*Men*

12 – navy

S – navy

14 – navy

XL - black

**\$30**



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

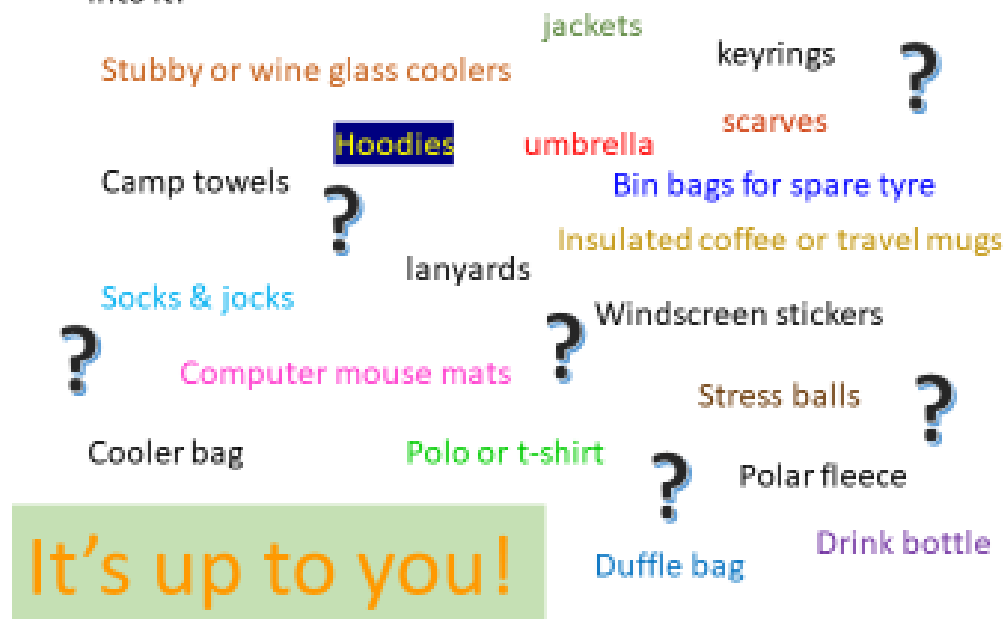
All available at December meeting,  
or contact Tom prior....

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

Start planning

## South Australia Public Holidays 2021

This page contains a calendar of all 2021 public holidays for South Australia. These dates may be modified as official changes are announced, so please check back regularly for updates.

Date	Day	
1 Jan	Fri	New Year's Day
26 Jan	Tue	Australia Day
8 Mar	Mon	Adelaide Cup Day
2 Apr	Fri	Good Friday
3 Apr	Sat	Day following Good Friday
5 Apr	Mon	Easter Monday
25 Apr	Sun	Anzac Day
26 Apr	Mon	Anzac Day Holiday
14 Jun	Mon	Queen's Birthday
4 Oct	Mon	Labour Day
24 Dec	Fri	Christmas Eve *
25 Dec	Sat	Christmas Day
26 Dec	Sun	Proclamation Day
27 Dec	Mon	Christmas Holiday
28 Dec	Tue	Proclamation Day Holiday
31 Dec	Fri	New Year's Eve *

# STAY COVID SAFE

## PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU



Stay home if  
you're unwell



Wash your hands  
regularly



Cover your coughs  
and sneezes



Keep 1.5 metres  
away from some-  
one who is sick



Avoid touching  
your face



# MLR Quiet Achiever Award

Well it's that time of the year where we start thinking about MLR club awards.

You may have seen nomination forms for the MLR Quiet Achiever Award in the newsletters during the year. If you think you know of someone who fits the bill nominate them.

The Quiet Achievers Award acknowledges just how much they are valued and appreciated and recognises their important, often behind the scenes, contribution to the fabric of the Club. This is an award that is 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 the Club
- Behind the scenes support

So over to you... There is a nomination form in this newsletter. Nominations should be forwarded to the MLR Secretary at [secretary@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au](mailto:secretary@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au) or hand deliver to Jo at a meeting by the **end of Feb 2021**





# NOMINATION FORM

## MLR Quiet Achiever Award

<b>NOMINEE NAME:</b>			
<b>NAME OF NOMINATOR:</b>			
<i>Nominators contact details:</i>			
<b>TELEPHONE :</b>		<b>EMAIL :</b>	
<b>MOBILE :</b>		<b>SIGNATURE :</b>	

**CRITERIA CITATION** *(Attach one additional A4 page with font size not less than 10 points if required)*

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