



RANGERS' REVIEW

Awareness sand driving training and fun in the the sand @ PEAKE







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G'day Rangers...

Now for something different...A Modern Fable...

There are three types of people in this world: the Sheep who go about their business, the Wolf who feeds on the Sheep, and the Sheepdog who protects the flock.

The analogy has become popular in military and law enforcement circles. The fable is likely the first fictional form in literature. In his introduction to *Aesop's Fables*, Isaac Singer wrote that the fable created its own philosophy: the character of a being as its fate. The fable, at its core, was essentially pessimistic: the animals depict the traits and actions of the aggressor, the fool, the tyrant, the opportunist, and so on. Grossman heard about this story first from a retired colonel and Vietnam veteran who explained it like this. Society functions because of the many decent and capable individuals who go about their work, doing what they are supposed to be doing. These are the Sheep and there is nothing negative intended with this comparison.

They are good and decent, often incapable of hurting another human being. Sheep dislike the Sheepdog, people in roles such as the police and the military, because their presence is a constant reminder of the Wolf and the evil acts it commits. The Sheepdog has fangs and is capable of violence and, in this way, resembles the Wolf. Bad actors who inflict violence on the Sheep are the greatest enemy of the Sheepdog; they are Wolves in Dogs' clothing. A true Sheepdog will never harm the sheep, because it lives to protect the flock.



Aesop lived over 2500 years ago, and the Wolf shows up often in his fables. Two include the Sheepdog. The fable's great purpose was instruction, a moral lesson, often humorous on the surface; its objective was not only the depiction of human motive but the improvement of human conduct.

Before I close for the month, I would sincerely like to thanks all who attended the AGM last month and for those who nominated for committee positions, additionally, just a reminder that memberships are now due for renewal.

Anyway, that is enough for now, take care of yourself, and those around you – stay safe!

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is 21 Jun 2021

Next committee meeting 28 Jun 2021

Word of the Month:

Loquacious - Adjective: Tending to talk a great deal; talkative

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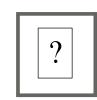
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YOUR COMMITTEE

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:

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

<u>Vice president:</u> - 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.

<u>Trips Coordinator:</u> - 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.

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

<u>Committee Member:</u> - 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 <u>second Monday of each month*</u> 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

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27



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

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

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer:

property@mountloftyrangers.com.au



2021/22 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 21st JUNE - 7.30 p.m. - SOCIAL MEETING

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

SATURDAY 26th JUNE - SUNDAY 27th JUNE

CAMP COOK @ ASHBOURNE

Contact:

Gary Light

MONDAY 12th JULY - 7.30 p.m. - GUEST SPEAKER

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

FRIDAY 16TH JULY – SUNDAY 18TH JULY

BIG DESERT – SAND AND MALLEE DRIVING

Contact:

Gary Light

MONDAY 9th AUGUST - 7.30 p.m. - GUEST SPEAKER

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

MONDAY 11TH OCTOBER – 7.30 pm.

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

MLR CHRISTMAS GATHERING @ WIRREANDA

FARM – Mt Crawford

Contact: Gary Light

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER – 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood





2021/22 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY 20 TH JUNE	
ASHBOURNE – WHEEL & TYRE CHANGE &	\$20.00 per vehicle
REPAIR	
SUNDAY 18 TH JULY	
ASHBOURNE – VEHICLE PRE TRIP CHECK &	9.30 a.m. start
DRIVE WINDING BUSH TRACKS & CREEK	\$20.00 per vehicle
CROSSING. HILL ASCENT AND DESCENT	
SUNDAY 22 nd AUGUST	9.30 a.m. start
ASHBOURNE – MUD AWARENESS	\$20.00 per vehicle
SUNDAY 19 TH SEPTEMBER	9.30 a.m. start
ASHBOURNE – WATER CROSSINGS	
SUNDAY 17 th OCTOBER	9.30 a.m. start
ASHBOURNE – WINCH AWARENESS	\$20.00 per vehicle

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

PEAKE 22-23rd May 2021



To the Left.....

.... to the Left.....

.....to the Other Left!

No this is not a new dance move, but the familiar catch cry of couples' therapy, as navigator guides the driver through the twists and turns of the sand dunes and drop offs of the cliff faces. Providing great entertainment for the audience with many chuckles abound.

Once past the farmhouse, members were greeted with an open campsite catering for caravans, camper trailers and tents. With such luxurious facilities as long drops, outback kitchen and a well-used firepit, and a tantalizing view of the glistening and undulating sand dunes, the scene was set for a great weekend.

Once familiarized with our vehicles, the feel of lower tyre pressures, wider turning circles and greater throttle control on the sand flats, members were provided with a bevy of experience and knowledge on sand recovery strategies, care of Steve, Tom and Glenn.

Members were provided with the opportunity to put these techniques to fruition, as a convoy was led through the numerous bends and trails of the 4x4 park.

After numerous attempts over and around a multitude of trails and tracks, the comradery of the collective group shone through with numerous cheers of encouragement and willingness to embrace new learning. Entertainment was prolific as a range of vehicles battled the trails with drivers maneouvering around cambers never experienced by many before. Confidence was gained in buckets!





PEAKE 22-23rd May 2021

With confidence running high, members embraced the challenge extended to all, encountering with ease, a big dune and earned the right to enjoy an alcoholic beverage. Beer o'clock came and went with shared nibbles and then the serious camp cook-offs began, where members generously shared a range of dampers. Multiple conversations traversed the setting for hours.

As the dialogues became plentiful, many interpretations of tyre pressure readings, temperatures gauges and other useful 4x4 accessories ensued.

As playful banter increased due to the third, fourth and possibly more bevies, members were entertained by the Artist in Residence with "the tairy fale of inderella" composition and then a party collaboration to the cultural song of "Lar…de…dar…dee dum"

With a few weary heads seeking the "local" pop-up coffee caravan trading hours to be extended......thanks to Rob and Trish and with breakfast filling the stomachs of the brave, a plan was conjured to have a "play amongst the dunes".

In true gritty spirit, the 2 Con's shouted.... "I'm in" - oh not another Jeep joke! Off we sailed amongst the dunes to seek more adventure and led by the trusted skills and experience of Phil and the prowess of tail-end charlie (Rory) another fun, active and safe learning experience was provided.

A tremendous thanks to all for an enjoyable weekend and particularly to Steve, Tom, Glenn, Phil and Rory for their patience, guidance and training that has bolstered many people's belief in safe and fun 4wding.

Lock in your calendar 2022 Peake trip. A most enjoyable event.

Paul and Carolyn Mildrum.





PEAKE 22-23rd May 2021





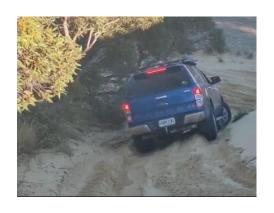












July 12th meeting – GUEST SPEAKER



Soozie Bice a member from the Sturt SES Unit will do a presentation on an overview of what SES does and what "we" can do for resilience during storms and floods.

Soozie will include information on the dangers of driving through floodwater.

Memberships are due, time to renew

It's that time of year...If you haven't done so already, we ask that you please renew your membership today! If you renew your membership prior to the end of August 2021, you will only need to pay \$90 after which the fee increases to \$110. In today's climate this is good value for money. (Please note some members will have a credit applied due to cancellation of our Wirrina Christmas function, they will be notified individually)

Don't forget your membership is linked to your vehicle, which means all of your immediate family are also members. By renewing, you will be able to:

- Attend more trips, see new places, meet new people and share the experiences (including subsidised activities)
- free attendance to club training / awareness activities
- be eligible for reduced registration for qualified vehicles
- purchase a wide variety of MLR merchandise
- access to club loan equipment
- have a say in how your club develops.

There are two options available to you for renewing your membership these include:

- Electronic funds transfer:
 - o BSB: 065 132
 - o Account No: 1004 4806
 - o Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.
 - o Reference on transaction, [name] and membership renewal
 - (Bendigo bank does not show their customer's name on account transfers unless it is the in reference)
- Face to face with the treasurer

Should you have any questions relating to membership I encourage you to direct them to one of our three membership officers via

Membership@mountloftyrangers.com.au or alternately any other committee member.



Up and coming event

MLR **Annual Camp Cook** 26 June 21



Our annual camp cook is on again... so dust of the utensils and pans, dig out the old recipes and come along and share the numerous dishes provided by the talented closet chiefs among us.

For those that aren't aware, all we do is provide a dish to share which has been cooked on site in any way you choose, that may be on your gas burner, a frying pan over the fire or the good ole camp oven, it's up to you.

☑ **When** – Saturday 26 June 2021. We typically aim to start serving food from around 6pm so plan your arrival time accordingly.

If you would like to make a weekend of it you are welcome to head up on Friday evening.

☑ Where – Steve's Place @ Ashbourne

800 Ashbourne Road (2nd gate) Strathalbyn - Look for the MLR Flag

- 2 Cost \$20 per vehicle (pay Gary when you sign in) for Sat night.
- 2 Accomodation caravans, campers, tents swags etc all permitted.
- Pacilities are limited, however, two toilets will be available.

Please note -

- ② Safety is a priority, there will be a designated area for camp oven use and fire extinguishers on site.
- 2 COVID19 If you are feeling sick, please don't come, go and get tested.
- If the weather is looking unfavourable, Steve and I will make a call re postponing the event PM Fri 25th.

To get you started

Camp Oven Cleaning & Maintenance



Never wash an oven unless really necessary and never ever use steel wool or a harsh scour. Always clean as soon as possible after use and if you're not going to use it for a while rub a thin film of oil over the inner surface before storing.

When cleaning an oven use newspaper if possible and just keep wiping it out with fresh sheets until clean. This will bring it back to its dull black protective layer without taking it off, then just throw the newspaper into the fire as you go and the washing up is done. If absolutely necessary use warm soapy water and a soft cloth.

Another camp oven cook we know called Tiny, told us a story about his pride and joy. An oven he owned for twenty years and in that time it had never been washed. Well anyway his mate was going camping with the missus one night and he wanted to have a go at cooking a roast in a camp oven and so he borrowed Tiny's oven. He wasn't real keen to lend it but he knew these people would look after it and bring it back.

A couple of days later they brought it back all right, with many thank you's in parting the mate said:

"Oh by the way me an the missus give it a good cleaning for you and I tell you Tiny it was bloody hard work, I ended up getting all that black stuff off though with my angle grinder and now it is good as new".

Then they drove off in a cloud of dust leaving Tiny standing there with mouth gaping in horror at the loss of twenty years of baked dinners. Sure enough when he lifted the lid he found a bright and shiny new metal surface on his oven.

So put your camp oven on the list with your chainsaw and outboard motor of things that never get lent even to your best mate.

Just remember that a camp oven will not wear out from use only from neglect.

Up and coming event

Loftyfest 21

(Think Beachport in the Flinders)

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

Up and coming event

MLR Christmas



Wirreanda Farm

When: 19 – 21 Nov 21

Where: Wirreanda Farm https://www.wirreandafarm.com/

80 Gordon Rd, MT Crawford

Located between Williamstown and Mt Pleasant next to the Warren Reservoir and Mt Crawford Forest.

Facilities:

There are limited basic toilet facilities. The shearing shed is ideal for sheltering from extreme weather. Space for campers, caravans and tents.



MLR Christmas Wirreanda Farm

Registration: via MLR webpage

Activities:

- General Socialising
- Kayak or canoe on the reservoir
- Walk in the Forest, visit the Barossa wine region

Cost:

- \$20 / person / day (fee for property owners) OR
- \$20 / person if you only come for meal (refundable post event)

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

Payment:

via MLR EFT:

- BSB: 065 132
- Account No: 1004 4806
- Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.
- Reference on transaction, MUST include "name and xmas camp" OR "name and xmas meal" (Bendigo bank does not show their customer's name on account transfers unless it is in the reference)

To be paid **prior** to the weekend

NB - You will only be considered on the trip if you have pald.

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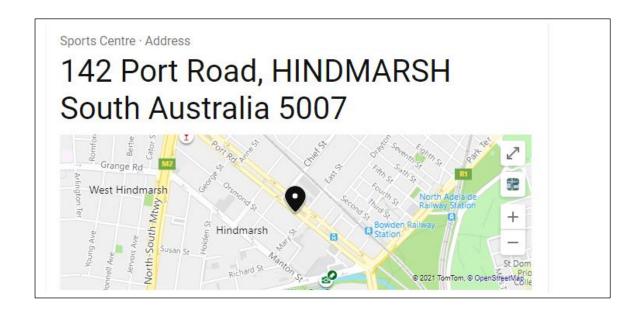
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https://www.sportscentre.com.au/mount-lofty-rangers

- 1. Select what you need.
- 2. Check out the sizing chart
- 3. Choose your delivery option (postage or pick-up)
- 4. Finalise your payment

Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Doody:

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\$70.00



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MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB POLO

\$35.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB SOFTSHELL JACKET

\$60.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB VEST

\$55.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB HOODED JACKET

\$50.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB RUGBY TOP 1

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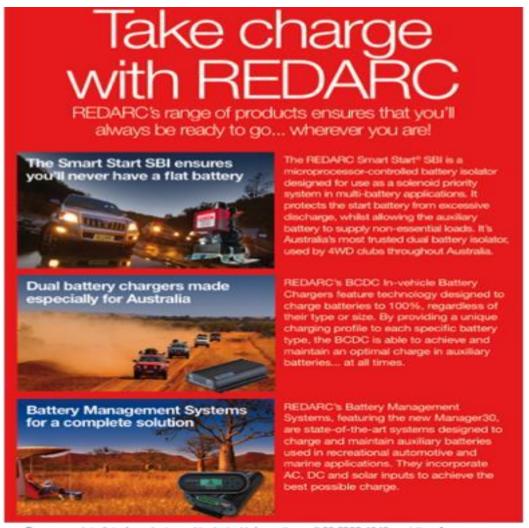
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HISTORIC CAR REGISTRY

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.

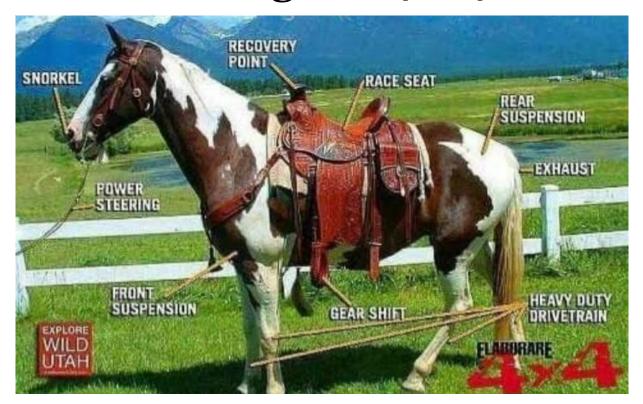


If you require more information or would like to proceed with a Club Registration check our Website

https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/

or contact Chris Grear vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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Take care everyone