

Mount Lofty Botanic Garden in autumn

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G'day Rangers...

So far this year I have had the opportunity to attend several MLR trips, and speak with friends who have 4WD and hear about their trips as well. As a result, I thought for this newsletter, I would briefly discuss "knowledge" verses "ability", as many people in the community place themselves in situations (you may have also seen this) where it becomes obvious that one of these is lacking.

In simplistic terms, knowledge is the theoretical or practical understanding of a subject. Whilst ability is being able to implement the theory in a competent / proficient manner. Knowledge and ability combine to create learned behaviour i.e the skills that can be used to successfully complete the required task.

As an example, the majority of people have the knowledge to write their signature. They also have the ability to do so in a proficient manner with their master hand, however, whilst having the knowledge they may not have the ability to sign using their non-master hand.

Skills are usually something that has been learned, so, we can develop our skills through the transfer of knowledge. Just because people have a 4WD badge on their car or have seen people "wheel" on YouTube doesn't mean they have the ability to proficiently do so themselves.

So what's my point...some people search for knowledge e.g. for 4WD'ers by seeking counsel from more experience people, training organisations or joining Clubs. The advantage of joining a Club is that whilst you are obtaining knowledge you can also gain valuable experience in a safe/supported environment and therefor increase your ability through attendance at club activities.

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 (registrations are open via website), Camp Cook, Loftytyfest 21 in Oct (registrations open via website) and Christmas at Wirrina in Nov. Keep an eye out for additional trips and details as trip leaders bed down information.

Our AGM will be held 10 May and as such, members were formally notified by email earlier this month. Please consider nominating for a role and help guide the Club going forward. We will specifically be looking for a Secretary as the Club won't be able to run without one as its one of the four core positions.

Anyway, that is enough for now, take care of yourself, and those around you – stay safe! Oh ...did you try your signature?

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is 15 Mar 2021

Next committee meeting 22 Mar 2021

Word of the Month:

Ability – possession of the means or skill to do something.



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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.

<u>Secretary & Public Officer:</u> - 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.

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

<u>Membership officers (1 lead & 2 x assistants)</u>: - 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.

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

<u>Education Officer:</u> - 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.

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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.

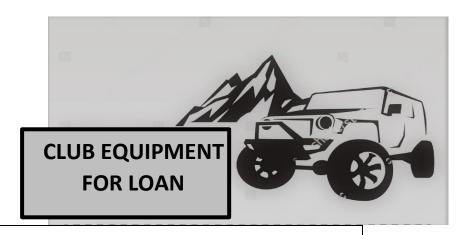
Meetings

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



- Grate mates ☐ Gazebo 3m x 3m
- *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



Last year when we were in lockdown for the first time, Meredith and I were out on a bike ride (as we were allowed to exercise). We came across this interesting piece of history at Glenelg next to the Patawalonga where the "Buffalo" was.

What is interesting, is that being 4wd'ers, many may know of Reg Sprigg for making the first crossing of the Simpson Desert in a "G60 Nissan Patrol" with his wife Griselda and children Margaret and Doug in 1962.

Note, this was before there were any tracks as the oil exploration only occurred because of Reg's work. It is worth watching 'Being First is Forever' which is a re-enactment type documentary Pat Callinan made with Margaret and Doug who drove a replica of the "G60".

Reg started Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary in the Northern Flinders Ranges which many MLR Members would have visited and of course Margaret and Doug continue to run 'Arkaroola' to this day.

What I found interesting when finding this diving chamber is the fact that Reg Sprigg was a man of many talents and was quite the pioneer (in many ways).

So members, please read the information on the second photo as it is most interesting.

HAPPY 4WD'ING

Steve Brown









Reginald Claude Sprigg (1/3/19 – 2/12/94) a pioneering South Australian geologist and adventurer. His enquiring mind and willingness to challenge the scientific viewpoint of the day led to many great discoveries. Reg found the oldest animal fossils in the world the Ediacaran fossils (on display at the South Australian Museum) and the deepest undersea canyons in Australia, one of which is now named Sprigg Canyon in his honour. He also discovered the Cooper Basin oil and gas fields and helped establish the companies SANTOS and Beach Energy. In his early days, Reg studied under Sir Douglas Mawson at The University of Adelaide. A conservationist ahead of his time, Reg created the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary to preserve the flora, fauna and geology of the northern Flinders Ranges.

Reg and his family lived on Baker Street, Somerton Park and then in a home they built and affectionally named 'Arkaroola' at number 30 Esplanade, Somerton Park









Reg Sprigg

hamber at workshop in Woodville

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Chamber on stern of SAOR

Reg's geological interests extended under the sea. He was an early adopter of scuba diving in the 1960s and built his own underwater diving chamber from a disused boiler. He commissioned a research vessel, SAORI built at Searles boatyard, Port Adelaide to confirm his discovery of massive undersea canyons south of Kangaroo Island. He and his team of scuba divers completed the first benthic survey of Gulf St Vincent, establishing a valuable baseline for the plants, animals and sub-surface terrain in existence at the time. These results are still referenced today.







Restoration Team







The diving chamber, built by Reg's company Geosurveys, finished its days 600km from the sea at Arkaroola. In 2012, a group of South Australian divers launched an effort to restore the chamber and preserve its history. The chamber was brought to Adelaide and restored over a period of four years by a dedicated team of volunteers led by Dr Richard Harris from the Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital.

It stands now as a monument to the early days of underwater exploration in South Australia and to Reg Sprigg's tenacity, achievements and spirit of adventure.



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2021 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

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

Contact: **Shorty Willsmore**

SEE TRIP SHEET FOR MORE DETAILS

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 21 ST FEBRUARY	
JACKEM FARM – ADVANCE 4 WHEEL DRIVING	\$50.00 per vehicle
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SATURDAY 20 TH MARCH	9.30 a.m. start
MEADOWS - TRIP PLANNING	PICK A PIE BAKERY
SUNDAY 18 TH APRIL	9.30 a.m. start
ASHBOURNE – LADIES DAY	\$20.00 per vehicle
SATURDAY 22 ND – SUNDAY 23 RD MAY	\$20.00 per vehicle per
PEAKE – SAND DRIVING & RECOVERY	night
NOTE: MINIMUM OF 10 VEHICLES OR WE	
WILL LOSE OUR PERMANENT BOOKING	
SUNDAY 20 TH JUNE	
ASHBOURNE – WHEEL & TYRE CHANGE & REPAIR	\$20.00 per vehicle
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

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

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

Notice of AGM

In accordance with the CONSTITUTION OF MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB (May 2016) the MLR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 10 MAY **2021** AT 7.45PM AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB, BLACKWOOD.

Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted no later than one week prior to the AGM (Monday 3 May).

Nomination Forms are avail in MLR newsletters and on the website and will be available at the preceding Club meetings,

<u>or</u>

register your interest by replying via email to the president or secretary.

Please note that: All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.

All positions except for President and Treasurer are open for nominations as below:

Vice President (2 year term), Secretary (2 year term), Membership Officer, 4WDSA Delegate, Trips

Officer, Training Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor, Property Officer, Merchandise Officer,

General Officer (multiple positions)

If you require any information on any of the positions please do not hesitate to contact Gary on 0408 333 383



A QUICK 6 NIGHT GET-AWAY

During our last stint of hot weather myself and Rob decided to head off to picturesque Port Vincent with the intention of enjoying some paddle boarding and windsurfing. Upon enquiring, we could only get 3 nights from Tuesday to Thursday, completely booked out from thereon. Right, where will we go from then? I tried Port Hughes, Moonta and Wallaroo – all booked out for extended weekends!

We had'nt been to Marion Bay for at least 10 years, enquired and booked 3 nights there. Friday was the Adelaide to Port Lincoln Yacht Race, we downloaded the racing app and tracked the boats as they headed off down the gulf. The caravan park has easy access to a wonderful beach, we headed out there in the dark of the night to see if we could get a glimpse of their masthead lights but they were too far away from the shore.

We enjoyed a sightseeing drive through Innes National Park, visiting Stenhouse Bay, Cape Spencer lighthouse, West Cape and Pondalowie Bay.



Stenhouse Bay



We drove into the fishing village in Pondalowie, drove along the beach as far as we could and upon leaving came across this old Toyota FJ55 with a boat hitched up parked in front of a shack. Obviously used as a boat launcher for off the beach. For those who suffer from arachnophobia (which I do) you'd never set foot in it. Every crevice was riddled with spider webs, and upon looking inside there was a huge web extending out from the dash to the passenger seat. OMG!

Photo below, you'll have to zoom in!



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Cape Spencer Lighthouse



Mount Lofty Rangers Annual Awards Dinner

When: 7:00pm for 7:30pm Saturday 1 May 2021

Dress: Neat casual

Price - \$10 / head (paid in advance, see website for more info)

Where:

o Location – WEST LAKES GOLF CLUB, 26 LOCHSIDE DRIVE WEST LAKES SA 5021

What's Happening:

- o Pre-dinner drinks
 - 1 free drink on arrival (beer or wine)
- Welcome (President)
- o Entrée
- 20 / 10 year membership presentations (President)
- Mains
- Club Awards
- Dessert

https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/trip/mlr-awards-club-dinner/

Please note: Payment and menu choices are required by no later than COB Friday 23 Apr 19.





(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

to be paid prior to the weekend

Activities:

- o Numerous Day Trips (trip leaders needed)
- Saturday Night Camp Cook with Prizes
 Bread / Main / Desert
- 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 shirt 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 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





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



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 and we'll look into it!

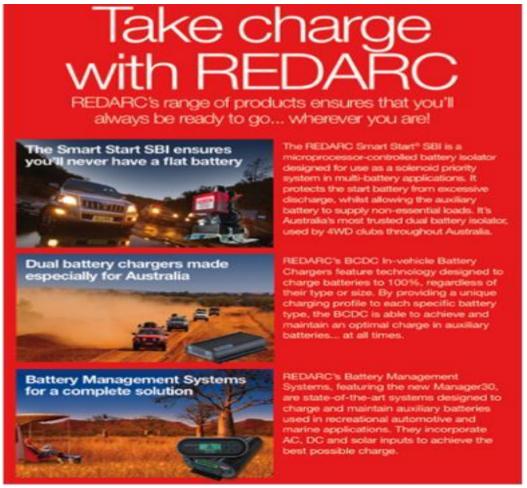


Merchandise – what do you want?



e-mail your merchandise suggestions to Tom Doody

merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au



For a complete list of products and technical information call 08 8322 4848 or visit redarc.com.au







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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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