

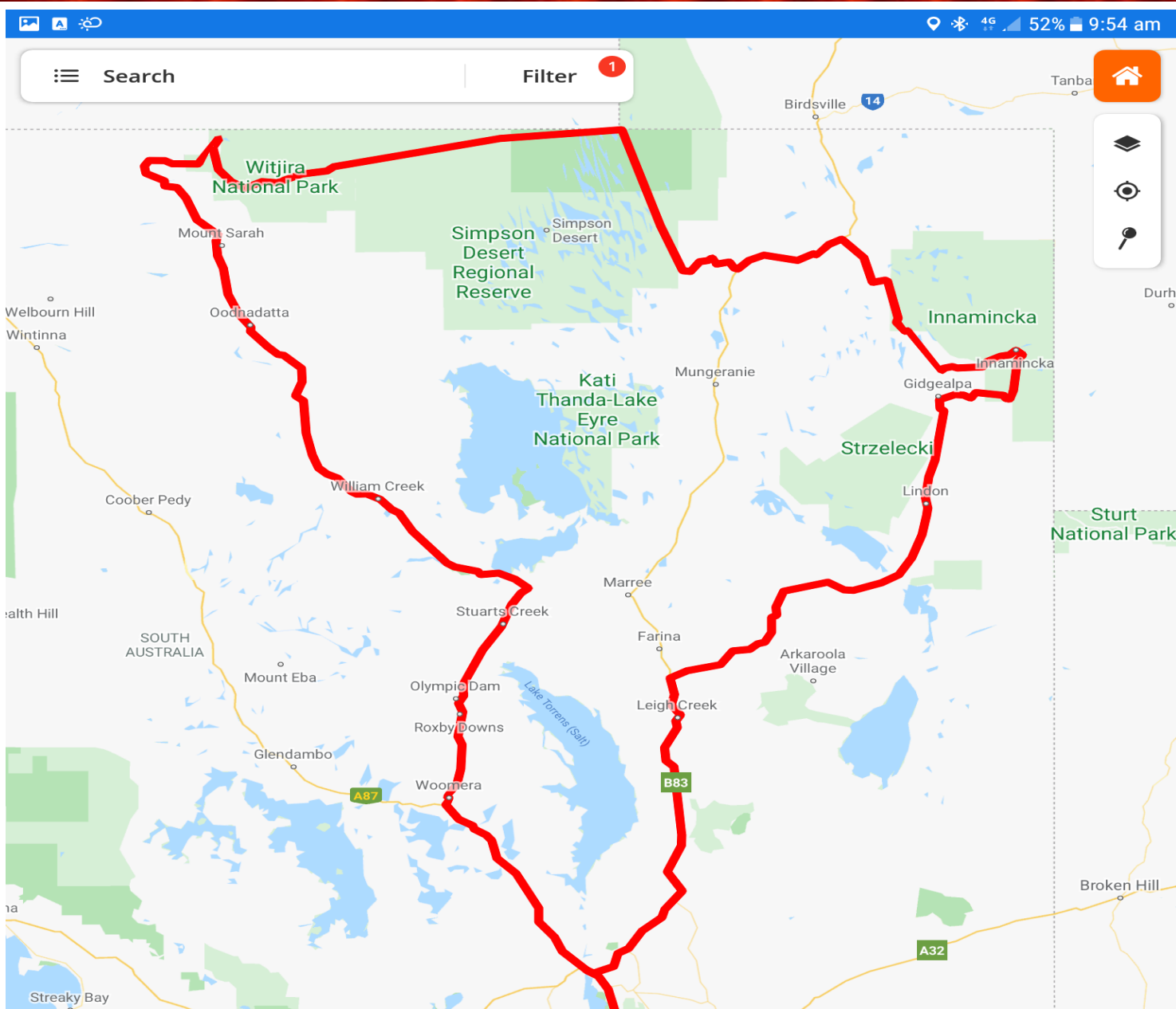


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RANGERS' REVIEW

Simpson Desert trip

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PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

G'day Rangers...

Thought for the month... We had the Stone Age, the dark ages, the industrial age and now we have the information age. More than ever, we are bombarded with a plethora of information from an increasingly number of media platforms. The most prevalent are the electronic platforms including news feeds and social media, with access to information never being easier. Therein lies the issue. How much confidence do you have in the information you are receiving. The current environment not only provides a means for communicating factual information it also provides the means for opinions, misinformation, "fake news" and spin, just look at any politician speaking, whether it be Donald Trump during his presidency or the NSW Premier during the current COVID outbreak in NSW. Many people will believe what they feel they need to believe regardless of the accuracy, this is confirmation bias. A classic example is information on COVID. It has been very decisive particularly regarding general management of the pandemic and the varied points of view regarding vaccination. How many of us actually try to validate the information i.e. determine fake vs facts based on scientific rigor and evidence rather than someone's opinion (everyone has one) or political spin. Moving on...

For those who have requested sites for Beachport 22, I have now consolidated a return and sent the request to the Southern Ocean Tourist Park. Accordingly, unallocated sites have been handed back. Anyone wishing to attend who hasn't pre-registered will need to contact the SOTP directly and see what they have available.

Loftyfest 21 is approaching fast with numbers now over 40. If you want to go please register on line or contact me directly. Don't forget payment prior to attending.

Finally, memberships renewals were due by the end of August. From 1 Sep a 2021/22 renewal will incur a fee of \$110. Please note, if you haven't renewed your membership by 30 Sep, your MLR membership will be suspended. This will mean you will no longer receive any correspondence, be able to attend club activities and will be asked to leave club meetings unless you are there to pay for renewal. Bottom line... this is a Club that offers benefits to financial members and potential members, and it's not fair on those folks for people to receive the same benefits without being financial. As always, if you would like to discuss payment options these will be considered on a case by case basis, just contact a committee member ASAP so we can come to a mutually agreed arrangement. Alternately, if you have made the choice not to renew your membership with the club, we will be saddened to see you go and will forward a survey seeking feedback in due course.

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

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is **13 Sep 2021**

Next committee meeting **27 Sep 2021**

Word of the Month:

Facts - things that are known or proved to be true.



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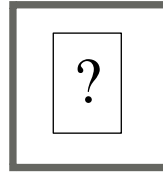
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YOUR COMMITTEE

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:

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.mountloftyrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27

CLUB EQUIPMENT FOR LOAN



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- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
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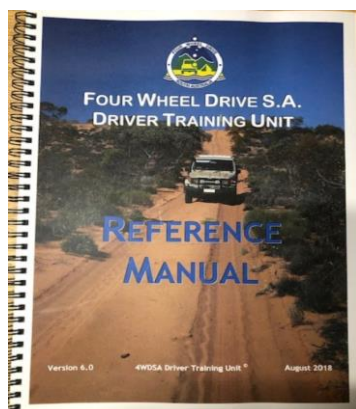
CALENDAR

MONDAY 13th SEPTEMBER – 7.30 p.m. MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood	
FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER – THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER WITCHELINA WORKING BEE – working bee starts @ 9.30 a.m. Sunday and finishes on Thursday afternoon	Contact: Tom Doody
SATURDAY 2nd – MONDAY 4th OCTOBER LOFTYFEST @ WONOKA STATION – FLINDERS RANGES – \$15.00 per person per day	Contact: Gary Light
SATURDAY 9th OCTOBER STOCKPORT OBSERVATORY <u>POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (DUE TO COVID 19)</u>	Contact: Tom Doody
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	
FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP	Contact: Eric Kalderovskis
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 19TH SEPTEMBER ASHBOURNE – WATER CROSSINGS Ashbourne, 800 Gate 2, Ashbourne Road Ashbourne SA	9.30 am – 5.00 pm \$20.00 fee per vehicle
SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER ASHBOURNE – WINCH AWARENESS Ashbourne, 800 Gate 2, Ashbourne Road Ashbourne SA	9.30 a.m. start \$20.00 fee per vehicle

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



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Simpson Desert trip

Thank you to the group for your report

Day 1 – reported by Eric

Arriving at Pt Germaine caravan park at lunchtime and setting up camp I was joined by Sergio. Attempting to secure dinner for the following night we proceeded to the jetty and were lucky to catch 23 salmon and also release 10 by mid afternoon. Chris and Bon arrived later and we enjoyed dinner and a few drinks.

Next morning at low tide we attempted to catch and release some more salmon and mullet with limited success. We packed up and drove to Pt Augusta to meet the rest of the crew.

Travelling in convoy we headed to Roxby Downs to re-fuel and go North for our camp for the night. Finding a great camp next to a "Toxic Dump" which ended up being a overflow for a water bore. First up for preparing dinner for everyone I cooked some tasty fish wraps followed by a sweet apple and pear damper. Dinner done and dusted we sat around the campfire and enjoyed a few quiet drinks ready for the next day's adventure.



Day 2 – reported by John

Roxby Downs Camp to Algebuckina Bridge

We were awake at the crack of dawn and proceeded to light a campfire, had breakfast and we were soon back on the road again.

On route to William Creek the road was rough with a lot of loose rocks. John had a rear tyre blow out and slow puncture on the other rear wheel, it was decided my tyres my too old for the conditions. Eric accompanied the Jeep as we took a 68km diversion to Maree in search of tyres. The jeep was reshod, and we met up with the group at William Creek where we availed of a free hot shower before our next camp site.

We the set off in search of our next camp site which was close to a river away near the Algebuckina Bridge. It was an undulating camp site for our vehicles, but we all found level ground. We setup camp and prepared a campfire. Don and Chris worked in earnest to prepare dinner for the group which was supplied by Anna Jessup. We had chicken tandoori served with Greek yoghurt with Dahl on the site. All plates were licked clean. Dinner was washed down by several beers and complimentary wine along with some good banter. Conor did the honours of feeding the campfire with the supply of wood gathered earlier that evening.



Simpson Desert Trip cont.....

Day 3 – reported by John

Algebuckina Bridge to Eringa Waterhole

Up early again for most of the group, we had breakfast around the campfire. Once finished we had a team talk lead by Don about the route ahead.

We arrived a while later at Pink Roadhouse at Oodnadatta, refuelled had coffee and enjoyed some homemade biscuits.

Eric and Henry left a little earlier to setup camp and set the yabby traps. The rest of the group set off on the Oodnadatta track traversing the Hamilton sand dunes and finally passing Hamilton station. We arrived at the campsite conveniently positioned to creek.

We had opportunity to review Eric's new toy a miniature electric chainsaw procured from eBay which was reasonably successfully in cutting some firewood. Truth be told it would stop after 15 seconds of operation, you would then strike it with the palm of your hand, and it would operate again for another 15-20 seconds. This was repeated many times to enjoyment of many.

On this night we were treated to Chris and Bonnie's cooking where gourmet burgers (from a Mount Pleasant Butcher) were served to the masses. The burgers were accompanied with an egg and or a bacon slice. Various mustards and sauces were offer.

There was absolute silence whilst we are eating clearly indicating how everyone was enjoying the meal. As per usual washed back by several beers, wine and if I correctly remember a perfect night cap of port.

Before setting off for to our tents and swags Eric and Serge had been checking their yabby nets from dusk to late evening and landed a whopping total of 62 yabbies.



Day 4 – reported by Serge

Eringa Waterhole to Dalhousie via Mt Dare.

We woke at Eringa waterhole to find more yabbies in the nets and Eric made short work of “bagging and tagging” for processing later on.

It was a short trip to Mount Dare Hotel and we had some time to spare and so we visited Bloods Creek and Dalhousie Homestead ruins on the way.

Once we arrived at Mount Dare Hotel we got an update on road conditions from a couple of park rangers who happen to venture into the pub during one of their “smoko” breaks and we also made a final decision on not crossing the border into Queensland and to head South after visiting Poeppel Corner. We then refuelled and waited for the lunch session to open up.

When we arrived at Dalhousie we all took the plunge into the hot springs and washed off the road dust. Some of us decided that a hot shower would be better only to find that the showers were COLD !!!

Don was so much looking forward to tackling the Desert and making sure that his sand flag would be erected the next day that he slept with it in his swag... Good thinking Don...

Eric cooked up the Yabbies caught at Eringa WH in the days prior and we all had a sample of bush tucker of the aquatic kind. Much appreciated. Thanks Eric.

Much was discussed, and many of the world’s problems were solved around the make-believe campfire (Brazzier) that night including some world firsts.

- The birth of a new religion called Yabbyology with its saviour, Ted, and
- A new name for the last guy in the procession of 4WD’s of feminine gender, “Sharlie”



Day 5 – reported by Serge

Dalhousie to Simpson Desert crossing – First campsite approx 130Kms East of Dalhousie – Briggsy’s Camp.

Up early again for most of us but even earlier for some who braved the elements and had a pre-sunrise dip in the hot springs.

Connor and Eric bet each other who could make the best pancake and I can say they both looked pretty good.

A couple of us headed off early to make a dash to Purni Bore to run the water in the shower so as it will be hot for everyone. It was good to get all cleaned up and ready for the assault on the dunes. We headed off into the abyss at a constant 20 – 25 Km/h.

Up and down and up and down, till eventually making it to Briggsy’s campsite (Wiki Notation) approx 130kms East of Dalhousie, a good days run..



Day 6 – reported by Chris

Getting ready to leave our campsite, which was a great spot off the road nestled in the dunes

All the guys are in a huddle, clearly planning their next attack on the dunes. They are all looking a wee bit grizzly with their 5 day growths, except me of course

We met a few fellow (and female) travellers along the way. One couple in a 79 series from WA. They had driven through NT with only a handheld UHF and possibly no maps

At 11.50am disaster struck, Don got stuck on top of a sand dune but was able to reverse down

We met the “Covid Boys” from Victoria, travelling in our direction and a 4WD club from Adelaide going the other way

We made camp that afternoon overlooking a salt lake. Kranskys mash and sauerkraut were on the menu that evening, beautifully prepared by Don

Day 7 – reported by Chris

Eric set up his shower tent this morning. Feeling human again, thank you Eric

On the dunes again. On one particular dune Chris got stuck. He says he stopped to admire the view 🤔 🤔 and you are not stuck if you can reverse back evidently

Driving along the edge of a salt lake which appeared to never end and found a campsite off the Ki. Camped early and filled up on cheese and nibbles so no need for cooking tonight. Another evening of campfire, great company and beautiful star filled skies.



Day 8 – reported by Henry

Packed up camp and continued along the French line to Poeppel Corner where we took photos and had a good laugh.

We then headed down the K1 line onto the Rig Road and came out at Warburton Crossing on the Birdsville Track. After taking more photos Chris and Bon decided to call it quits and headed home (not happy with their bedding).

The rest of us headed from the Birdsville Track onto Walkers Crossing Track where we stopped for lunch at Walkers Crossing.

After lunch we continued onto Innamincka where we set up camp on the Cooper Creek for the night. We headed over to the Pub for tea and on arrival back to camp we got the fire going sat around having a good chat and laugh about the trip.

We /Eric tried to catch some more Yabbies (not very successful).



Day 9 – reported by Henry

In the morning we did a tour of Innamincka which took all of 5 minutes. We then set off to look at Wills grave site (we could not go to the Dig Tree due to Covid).

After leaving the grave site we headed to Lyndhurst and onto Parachilna to spend the night but on arrival we were told the bar was closed and no camping. We then proceeded onto Mount Little Station where we sat around the camp fire before retiring for the night.

PS: It was a fantastic trip with a great bunch of people.



A special shout out to our **Trip Leader Anna Jessep** who had a nasty accident at home 2 days prior to departure and could'nt join us.

Anna researched this trip perfectly making many phone calls to hotels and police etc. etc. to check border situations and producing team meal allocations and itineraries.

We actually tried to do this trip oreviously, finally getting away on the third attempt!

The trip went almost perfectly and I'm sure the rest of the group would like to give Anna **“a big thank you”** for her efforts. We kept Anna updated on our progress via the sat-phone.

Get well soon Anna, there will be plenty of future opportunities to explore our country.

Don Cameron

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19): Looking after your Mental Health

RESPONDING TO UNCERTAINTY



COVID-19 is changing the way we work and the way we live. We are part of an evolving situation where we don't know what will happen next. Feeling uncertain, overwhelmed, scared, sad, confused or angry is common and expected.

The good news is we can learn to live with uncertainty and respond in positive and productive ways.



Practical tips

- **Be aware of your thoughts and feelings.** Check in with yourself every day and remember some days will be better than others. Recognise triggers for stress and anxiety, breathe and seek support when needed.
- **Keep informed via official sources.** Get the latest news on COVID-19 from trusted sources. Mainstream media and social media are often sensationalised. It is also important to take a break (even from trusted sources).
- **Focus on things you can control.** Let go of the things out of your control. Focus on eating and sleeping well, and exercising at home or outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Maintain a positive outlook.** Use positive coping statements to help you stay calm and keep perspective. For example, 'There is a lot of uncertainty in the world that makes me nervous, but I can manage it if I focus on the things in my control'.
- **Stay connected by phone and online.** Keep in touch with friends, family and colleagues by phone, email, videoconferencing or messaging applications.
- **Look after yourself and others.** Reach out to colleagues, friends, family or people in your community who may need some extra assistance. One example is people having the added pressure of extended caring responsibilities.
- **Find opportunities to tell positive stories.** Share positive images of people who are looking after others, sharing their resources or who have supported a loved one.
- **Respect those providing essential services.** Acknowledge the hard work of health care workers, truck drivers and everyone working in essential businesses to keep us safe.



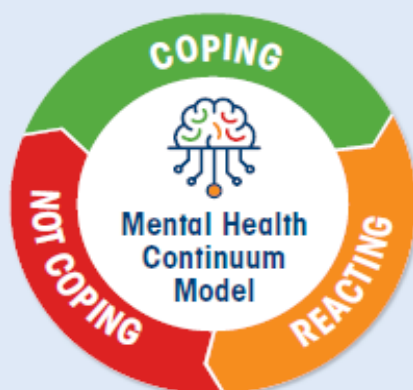
Self Help Tools

- [Beyond Blue Wellbeing Plan template](#)
- [My Compass Self-Help Tool](#)
- [Mindspot Online Mental Health Assessment](#)
- [Mood Gym Interactive Mental Health Program](#)
- [HeadGear Worker Mental Health Assessment](#)

MONITORING YOUR RESPONSES TO COVID-19



The way we respond to COVID-19 will likely change as further news and information becomes available. You can use the mental health continuum to monitor your responses and understand what to do and when to take action. When you recognise where you are on the continuum you can take steps to protect and improve your mental health.



Coping

- Coping with normal mood fluctuations
- Able to focus and be productive
- **ACTION:** keep active, eat well and stay connected

Reacting

- Nervous, angry or distracted
- Disrupted sleep or unable to focus
- **ACTION:** connect with a trusted friend, colleague, health professional or contact the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

Not Coping

- Excessive anxiety and stress
- Unable to sleep or concentrate
- **ACTION:** contact your GP, a counsellor or psychologist, the EAP or other support services (see below).



For more information

- [Australian Government coronavirus \(COVID-19\) health alert](#)
- [Health Direct - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [World Health Organization - coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) outbreak](#)
- [Beyond Blue - looking after your mental health during the coronavirus](#)



Support services

- Beyond Blue: 1800 512 348
- Lifeline: 13 11 14
- MensLine Australia: 1300 789 978
- Suicide Call Back Service: 1300 659 467
- Emergency Services: 000
- Employee Assistance Program (EAP): 1800 808 374
- [COVID-19 Telehealth Services](#)



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Just for a laugh!

- Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.
- If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.
- Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.
- A generous army general walked into a bar and ordered everyone around.
- I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.
- How much did Long John Silver pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.
- Ron once worked at a Chicago pizza shop to get by. He kneaded the dough.
- Fran and her friends named their band 'Doona'. It's a cover band.
- Dave lost his wife's audiobook, and now he'll never hear the end of it.
- Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.
- Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? I guess, time will tell.
- When Bill told his contractor he didn't want carpeted steps, they gave him a blank stare.
- Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.
- Doctors got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the results were staggering.
- I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.



Ashbourne 22nd August - Mud Awareness Training

On a Crackin' Sunny (Winter's?) Day, a small but eager group descended on a picturesque Adelaide Hills property ready to enjoy the muddy playground presented to all willing participants.

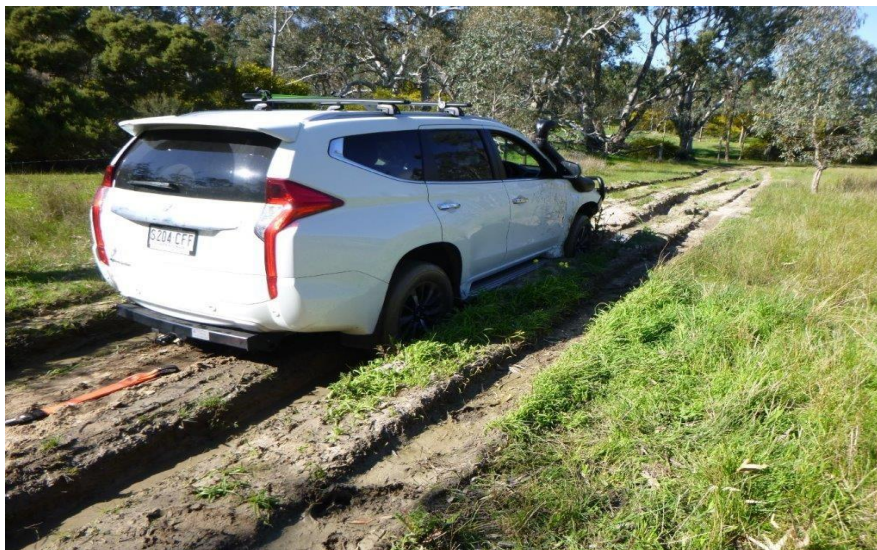
Following a night of campfire natter and planning by the training leaders, the day rolled into a group navigation of the mud trails, assessing the ruts and pre-selecting lines of best pathways, with some trainees still needing to familiarize themselves with their new vehicles in this new challenging environment. "TRACTION CONTROL ON or OFF?" as trainees yelled before plunging into the unknown with the usual calm and calculated reply of "Either.....give it agobut Don't forget to close your window!" resonating through the CB.

As one attempt led to another and another, all experienced the success of navigating the slimy and slippery

Many trainees with a range through 4 as mud was flown in all Numerous recoveries rehearsed trainees the and a surety of scenarios.

As the day the collection developed the

honor with as much mud splatter that vehicles were almost beyond recognition. In the final hours, participants were treated to a re-spooling exercise of a winch and learnt effective strategies of setting up winch recoveries.



surfaces. experimented of gears High to 4 Low vigorously directions. Snatch-strap were providing confidence future real-life

progressed, of white cars badge of

All trainees had an enjoyable learning experience of mud terrain driving, safe snatch strap recoveries and developed greater confidence in their ability to learn more about their 4x4's capability.

A great appreciation to Steve, Tom and Pete for their guidance.

Thanks Paul Mildrum for your report

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 paid.

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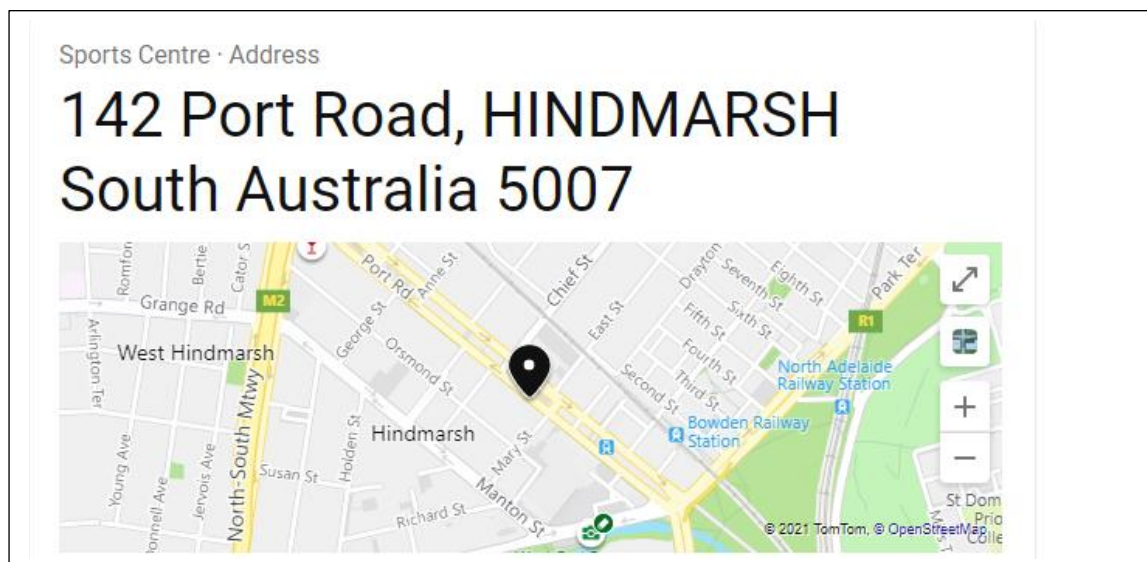
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TOP 10 TRAVEL TIPS

Arid landscapes are incredibly fragile. They support a wide range of truly unique and amazing plants and animals. Every step off the path and every wheel off the track will have a lasting impact.

If you are not travelling through a national park or conservation reserve, you are likely to be travelling through a pastoral property – someone else's backyard – where people manage the landscape to make a living.

Here are 10 top tips to help enjoy your stay, and look after the landscape.

CONSERVE THE ENVIRONMENT WHEN TRAVELLING AND CAMPING IN THE FLINDERS RANGES AND OUTBACK



3. CAMP IN DESIGNATED AREAS

Camp only in designated areas or where you have obtained permission by the land manager. Please respect all signs and directions and remember that pastoral properties and buildings are people's homes and businesses. Please respect their back-yard and camp more than a kilometre away from any buildings.

1. CHECK ROAD CONDITIONS

Outback road conditions can change quickly depending on the weather. Plan for your trip and check road conditions, including Desert Parks roads, at bit.ly/outbackwise or call 1300 361 033. If you're planning to head to a National Park book ahead at bit.ly/bookahead. Visitor Information Centres can also help with road information and bookings.

2. KEEP ON THE TRACK

For the safety of this fragile landscape and your vehicle, please keep to designated tracks. It is an offence to drive off established tracks without proper authority. Soils are fragile and prone to erosion, and plants can be very slow growing. Driving off track can also damage cultural sites.

4. CAMP AWAY FROM WATERPOINTS

Camping close to stock watering points disturbs grazing stock and could result in you having a few dozen noisy neighbours joining you at your campsite. Camp more than 500 metres away from these areas. Always seek permission from the land manager before camping on their property.

5. BRING YOUR OWN FIREWOOD

Do not collect wood in outback areas – it is in limited supply and used by wildlife for shelter. Always check fire restrictions and be aware that some National Parks do not allow wood fires.

6. BE MINDFUL OF WASTE DISPOSAL

Use designated dump points for RV and caravan waste and take your rubbish to the nearest town facilities for disposal in bins.

9. WATCH FOR ANIMALS ON THE ROAD

Kangaroos come out after dark. Avoid a repair bill or getting stranded, by not driving after dusk and before dawn. Sheep and cattle also graze on unfenced pastoral properties so drive with this in mind. And for the safety of other road users please remove any deceased animals off the road.

8. KEEP OUR WATER CLEAN

Water is scarce and our unique plants and animals depend on it. Please do not use soap or detergents in or near waterholes, stock watering points or artesian springs.

7. USE PUBLIC TOILETS

When possible plan your toilet stops by checking the distance to the next amenities. If toilets are unavailable, dig a deep hole, burn any toilet paper and fill in the hole.

10. STAY IN CONTACT

Many areas of the Flinders and Outback do not have mobile phone coverage so UHF radios can be a great way to stay in contact with your convoy. UHF radios are also used by people living and working in the outback. Channels 11-30 are best to use, and in an emergency, Channels 1 to 8 or 31-38.



Looking for a true taste of station life? A number of stations offer a range of different accommodation options. Some also offer the chance to test your 4WD skills in an environmentally friendly way with 4WD tracks and tours.

Visit a local visitor information centre to see what is on offer.



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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.



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