

RANGERS' REVIEW



August 2022

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Our values

- FRIENDLY AND INCLUSIVE
- PARTICIPATION IS ENCOURAGED
- BEING RESPECTFUL TO EACH OTHER AND THE ENVIRONMENT
- VISIBLE AND TRANSPARENT
- TO UPHOLD THE EXCELLENT REPUTATION OF MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB

Phils Phinkings

Winter has hit with a vengeance and if you're like me, I'm really enjoying seeing all the images on the socials from people up a little further north than us, in the warmth of the tropics. The rest of us are in planning mode, either for the next few months or perhaps looking further ahead to next year, with thoughts of dodging the southern winter next year.



*Phil Simes,
President*

Two club trips have departed this last few days. One to Maralinga and one the Simpson Desert. I'm really looking forward to their trip reports. If all goes to plan, we should have a bumper issue of the magazine next month! (and if it doesn't go to plan, it could be even more interesting!)



Don't forget to register for Loftyfest, October long weekend at the Argadells, just north of Quorn. It's a great location with plenty of things to do from walks and drives, to just chatting next to the campfire.

Also get your name down for the end of year event at Blyth. \$15 covers your camping at the sports ground for the whole weekend, but we're suggesting you also factor in a donation that goes to specifically maintaining and improving the RV camp aspect. The club is shouting Pizza for dinner Saturday night, with a variety of options.

Phils Phinkings

Anyone ever had a 'Christmas Pizza'? I've had thoughts of a Christmas Pudding Pizza, which might just actually work, but I've decided that my idea of a Pavlova Pizza might need a bit more 'refining' before I share it with the rest of the world! 😊



See more info later in the mag on how to register for both of these events.

Anyway, as the latest cold front pounds my roof and rattles the windows, I'm reminded of the words of a random stranger in Europe years ago. "There's no such thing as bad weather..., just poor clothing!", so I think I'll put on some layers and embrace the winter. It will be over before you know it!

I hope you all get some time out to explore our backyard soon, as it really is a great time to be out there. The rain keeps the dust down (and can make the 4wding 'interesting'), the scenery is all green, you can sit next to a campfire and you can often dodge the worst of the winter weather just heading that little bit north to the Riverland, Flinders or Malley regions!

Get your name on a tripsheet, don't forget to send your trip report to the magazine magazine@mountloftyrangiers.com.au and don't forget the photos!

I hope to see you all at the next meeting and hopefully we can chat next to a campfire soon.

Phil.



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Committee roles

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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Upgrade Time

OFF-ROAD LAMBORGHINI

Click on the picture to watch the YouTube video



Dubbed the 'Jumpacan' the remnants of what used to be a Lamborghini Huracan look like nothing we've ever seen before. We're not sure if it's genius, or insanity that fuelled this build but either way it's the first lambo' we've ever seen sporting 37in tyres and flying through the air. There's no lift kits or bar work available to turn a Huracan into a desert racer so the crew had to painstakingly hand fabricate just about everything you can see. From the long travel suspension to the wild body work it's all one-off.



Unfortunately, they weren't able to retain the original Lamborghini V10 engine it originally rolled off the production line with, although a rip-snorting LS V8 was a decent consolation prize. Originally built to compete in the 2021 Mint 400 off-road race, unfortunately the Jumpacan hasn't seen much action of late. Although before it was shelved it was put through what can best be described as off-road shenanigans.



Article compliments of Mr4x4

Guest Speaker

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**WE'RE PLEASED TO SAY
WE HAVE LOVELLS SPRINGS
COMING TO THE AUGUST MEETING
AS GUEST SPEAKER!**



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 Trip

MORGAN QUARRY SATURDAY 29th TO SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

Come and test your vehicle and your skills in a location which caters for everyone.

Staying at Cordolla Downs river front camping (\$15 per vehicle plus \$5 per person per day)

Saturday - Driving in Morgan Quarry.

Sunday - lunch at Overland Corner.

Contact: Tom Doody 0475 404 891



What we offer

- Inexpensive, hassle free membership to anyone with a 4WD (this is a requirement) regardless of make or model after a qualifying period (2 meetings and 1 trip)
- Promote inclusiveness and participation
- Collaborative and safe environment
- Friendship
- Variety of events, trips and gatherings
- Flexibility/informality
- An opportunity to share experiences and knowledge with other like-minded people
- Training and awareness in the safe use of your 4WD and recovery techniques
- Opportunity to do trips which you might not otherwise do on your own



Expressions of Interest



A SATURDAY AFTERNOON DURING AUGUST (TBC) PIRATE LIFE BREWERY, PORT ADELAIDE

Booking will be made subject to numbers and tour availability. (We may even go out for lunch prior if the interest is there).

An informative and entertaining tour (1 hr) of Pirate Life's Port Adelaide Brewery, offering an insight into the brand's history and brewing processes – not to mention a schooner on the house!

A full payment of \$20.00 per person will be required on booking.



If you are interested email Gary ASAP: goleudyus@gmail.com

Membership renewals

ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE

In order to increase operational efficiency, the committee has decided to change the MLR administrative dates. This will align formally disparate activities including MLR audit, memberships, awards qualification period, affiliation data period etc to a calendar year (1 Jan - 31 Dec).

This will commence with a transition period for the remaining portion of 2022 with the first full year being 2023.

So, what does that mean for you, well I'm glad you asked. Essentially the key impact to you will be when your renewal fees are due:

CURRENT MEMBERS:

- 2022 - (May - Dec)
\$60 payable no later than 31 Jul 2022
- 2023 - (Jan - Dec)
\$90 payable no later than 31 Mar 2023

NEW MEMBERS:

- 2022 - May - Sep \$80
- 2023 - Jan - Sep \$110 then pro-rata Sep - Dec

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kylie or any another committee member.

**MEMBERSHIPS
DUE THIS SUNDAY!
PLEASE PAY UP**

Meetings & Trips

FUN & RECREATION

JULY

SATURDAY 30th JULY -

SUNDAY 7th AUGUST

Crossing the Simpson Desert

**** More Details To Come ****

Contact: Trevor Light

AUGUST

MONDAY 1st -

FRIDAY 12th AUGUST

Maralinga Nuclear Site

- Googs Track - Mt Ive Station

Contact: Lloyd Weaver

MONDAY 8th AUGUST - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,

Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 6th -

SATURDAY 14th AUGUST

Head Of The Bight -

Whale Watching

Contact: Chris Gear

SUNDAY 28th AUGUST

Shed Time with Pete

Contact: Peter Reed

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 12th SEPTEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,

Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

OCTOBER

SATURDAY 1st -

MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER

**** LOFTYFEST ** - Argadells -**

360kms North of Adelaide

Contact: Gary Light

MONDAY 17th OCTOBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,

Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 29th -

SUNDAY 30th OCTOBER

Morgan Quarry

Contact: Tom Doody

MONDAY 24th -

MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

Pyrenees, Victoria

Contact: Trevor Light

Meetings & Trips

FUN & RECREATION

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

MLR END OF YEAR EVENT

BLYTH SPORTSGROUND & RV PARK

Contact: Tom Doody

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER

SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP

Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

DECEMBER

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

AUGUST

SATURDAY 27th AUGUST

Mud Driving - Jakem Farm

Contact: Glenn Lawson

SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 25th SEPTEMBER

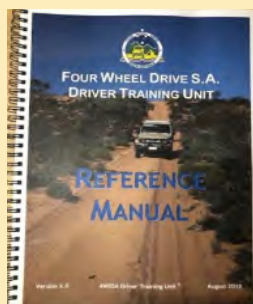
Water Crossing - Ashbourne

Contact: Glenn Lawson

Email: [education@](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

[mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

for more information or to
organise one-on-one or group
awareness training.



**4WD EDUCATION
HANDBOOKS ARE
AVAILABLE THROUGH
GLENN LAWSON
COST: \$30.00 each**

Email: [education@](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

[mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

Club Trip

SHED TIME WITH PETE SUNDAY 29th AUGUST

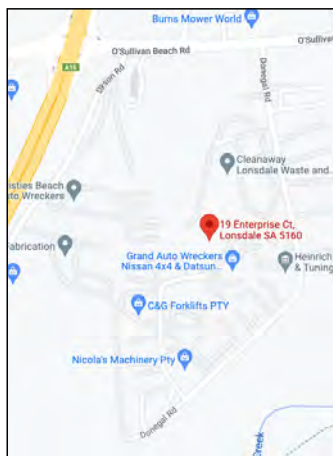
Come down to the shed and have a BBQ lunch, bring your car/camper trailer/caravan and get it weighed on the scales.

Lovells Springs will also be there with scales to weigh vehicles and answer any questions you have.

Check if you are legal so you can rest easy next time you head away.

19 Enterprise Court, Lonsdale
(BYO food & drinks)

Contact Peter Reed:
property@mountloftyrangers.com.au



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Education and Awareness

Come and learn the skills needed to take on those obstacles safely!

MUD DRIVING - SATURDAY 28th AUGUST



Mud drive if mud is available.

Meet at Callington Oval at 9:30am

Jakem Farm
Lot 14 & 15 Eclair Mine Rd
St Ives, South Australia

Contact: Glenn Lawson

[education@](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

mountloftyrangers.com.au

WATER CROSSINGS - SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER



If water available.

Meet at Greenman Inn, Ashbourne at 9:30am

Gate 2,
800 Ashbourne Road
Ashbourne, South Australia

Contact: Glenn Lawson

[education@](mailto:education@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

mountloftyrangers.com.au

Club equipment

The Club has a variety of tools and items available for loan at no charge to members, items can be used on club trips/events and any other relevant club activities.

Items available include:

- Grate mates
- Uniden UHF handheld radios
- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
- Bead breaker
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
- 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)

Note: All club equipment is securely stored within the club trailer at Lonsdale

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer: property@mountloftyanglers.com.au or speak to him at any club meetings.

Club Trip

WHALE WATCHING/HEAD OF THE BIGHT

Poochera - Fowlers Bay - Venus Bay - Port Germain



**Saturday August 6th
until August 13th**

Travel to Poochera for 1 night, then on to Fowlers Bay for 3 nights.

Various Head of Bight day trips hoping to spot some whales.

Travel to Venus Bay via Smoky Bay/Streaky Bay staying 2 nights.

Final night at Port Germain.

Will be staying in caravan parks all trip, mostly bitumen with a few gravel roads.

**Contact Chris Gear -
0418 229 889**



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Club Trip

PYRENEES MONDAY 24th TO MONDAY 31st OCTOBER

But come and go when it suits you!

Trip Rating: Easy to Extreme

Vehicle limit: 10 max

Itinerary: TBA; but as a rough idea we will probably head off on the Mon morning travelling via Ararat to Glenpatrick Vic.

The Pyrenees state Forest offers a wide range of driving options from easy forest tracks/roads to some very challenging off road tracks (some tracks are not driveable!). The majority of the more challenging tracks do have alternate routes or the option not to drive but there will be the odd tracks where you will need to commit as there will be no option to bail once you are on the track.

We may also take a drive across to Mt Cole State Forest as well and check out the tracks there also.

Driving options are weather dependent so we will need to make it up as we go to some extent. To mix it up a bit there we will also save a day or so for some non-driving activities.

The Pyrenees is well known wine region so we will certainly do some wineries.

The 120th rally of the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Assoc is on the 29th & 30th Oct. For those who don't know this event it features a host old vintage steam equipment as well as stationary engines and a wide range of collections of vintage 'stuff'. We will certainly visit this on the Sat and possibly the Sun as well for those who didn't get enough the first day.



Club Trip

Fuel: Fuel is normally readily available along the highway and Ararat; also at Avoca which is approx. 30km from Glenpatrick.

Water: Rainwater is available at the campground.

Food: Ideally u will need enough food to last the majority of the week. We will most likely pass thru Avoca at some point during the week or you can do a run into Ararat to stock up if need be sometime during the week.

Camping: There is a large camping area at Glenpatrick that we stay at. There is a decent shelter there with a fireplace if the weather is lousy and flushing toilets. No showers. Suitable for campers or caravans.

Donation to cover camping (nom \$10/night) and help with facilities etc. Plenty of wood in the forest for fires.

Vehicle Requirements:

- All terrain tyres in good condition will be required as a minimum.
- A lift would be an advantage but not essential. If you do not have a lift and you choose to drive some of these tracks you will most likely damage your car in some way.
- UHF radio fitted in the car.
- Recovery points and equipment.
- A winch would be a definite advantage but not essential.
- Min one spare tyre and tyre repair kit. Compressor etc.

What I need from you:

If you are interested in coming along please put your name on the trip sheet or register via the website.

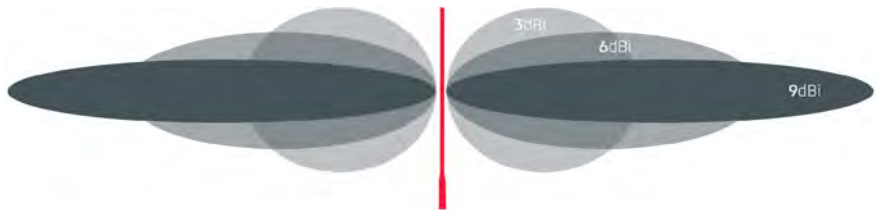
If you have any concerns regarding the trip, your vehicle setup or your skill level etc pls discuss with me prior to registering your interest.

Cheers, Trevor 0400312693



Antenna Info

Antenna Gain and dBi



When buying an antenna there are a few aspects to consider to ensure you get the antenna that is right for you. Gain and dBi might sound confusing at first but are important considerations in choosing the right antenna. The gain of an antenna is simply the measure of an antenna's ability to direct or concentrate radio frequency energy in a particular direction or pattern, with dBi being the unit of measure.

It is important to consider which gain is right for your application, and there are a few questions you can ask to determine this. Firstly, where will you be using your antenna? Is the terrain flat and expansive or hilly and rugged? Will it primarily be used for on-road use, or 4WDing? The answers to these questions can help point you in the right direction.



Antenna Info

High gain antennas (8.1 dBi) take the signal and radiate it along a straight plane in a tight, narrow pattern. This is ideal where the terrain is quite flat with few obstacles in the signal path, such as when touring across the outback. Antennas like GME's AE4706/B or the AE4006 are both high gain 8.1 dBi antennas and are ideal for these uses.

A medium gain antenna (6.6, 5.1 dBi) has a more rounded, wider pattern than a high gain antenna. This means the signal is less likely to be obstructed by obstacles such as buildings, trees or mountains. These factors make a medium gain antenna the best choice for those in suburban areas and the country side. The AE4705/B and the AE4018K1 are two of GME's most popular medium gain antennas.

Unity gain (2.1 dBi) is a way of describing an antenna that outputs a signal at the same level at which it is input. The broad radiation pattern of unity gain antennas is less likely to be obstructed by buildings, bushland and hilly terrain. Therefore, a unity gain antenna is the best choice for rugged and hilly country. The AE4704/B is the ideal antenna choice for the rough terrain often encountered when 4WDing. The AE4704B is also available in a specifically designed 4WD pack, paired with GME's venerable UHF CB radio, the XRS-370C (XRS-370C4P).



Article compliments of GME

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UPDATED INFO!

**When: Saturday 1st –
Monday 3rd October**

Where: Argadells

www.argadells.com.au

Argadells is just 360 kilometres north of Adelaide in the beautiful Flinders Ranges of South Australia. Located on the Ardenvale Road, approximately 28 kilometres north of Quorn.

Facilities:

Wints Campground - has flushing toilets and no showers, but showers are available in the caravan park at a cost of \$5 per person. There is a large covered area / communal shelter.

Registration:

Via MLR Website or trip sheet.
(Additional info re the weekend will be provided to those attending)

Costs:

- Camping - \$15 per person per night
- Tracks - Access to four wheel driving tracks is an additional \$50 which covers access for the entire stay (Waiver required to be signed)



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Payment & Booking:

Book and pay direct to Argadells

- Bookings via:
 - phone - tell them you are with MLR and we are at Wints campground
 - website or
 - booking sheet on following pages and send it to them via email
- Web: www.argadells.com.au
- Ph: (08) 8648 6246
- Email: info@argadells.com.au

- Payment via phone or EFT:
BSB: 015 206 ACC: 475 435 243
- Other arrangements between yourself and Argadells team

Activities:

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

Queries to Gary Light:

goleudyus@gmail.com

**PUT THIS ONE IN
YOUR CALENDAR!**



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ARGADELLS WAVIER FORM

Release and Wavier of Liability and indemnity Agreement

In consideration of being permitted to enter and utilise the grounds, camping areas tracks of Argadells Pty Ltd herein referred to as "Argadells" the undersigned, his/her executors, administrator's, personal representatives, heirs, and assigns hereby releases and forever discharges Argadells' officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents from any and all claims of loss or damage including personal injury or death whether or not caused by the negligent act or omission of "Argadells" and or "Argadells" officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents while the undersigned is staying at and utilising the property and tracks for recreational purposes.

It is fully understood by each of the undersigned that there is inherent risk associated while utilising the tracks and the camping grounds on the property including damage to vehicles, persons, passengers, pets and children.

In addition, the undersigned agrees to indemnify and hold harmless "Argadells" and officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents from any loss, liability damage, or cost that incur due to such participation by the undersigned, whether caused by "Argadells" officers, directors, employees, volunteers, and agents while the undersigned is utilising the tracks and camping grounds on the property for recreational use.

I agree and acknowledge that you will not be liable to me, and I will not commence any action to make claim or demand against you in respect of

1. Any damage to or loss of my property or the property of my children (including any injury to or loss of pets).
2. Any personal injury or death suffered in "Argadells" by me or my children where such injury or death arises directly or indirectly out of any negligent act or omission on your part or deliberate act of your employees, agent's invitees, licensees or contractors.

I understand that after diligent investigation "Argadells" has found that insurance for risk of participation in activities conducted at "Argadells" is unavailable.

1. I agree to operate all motor vehicles (whether registered or unregistered) within "Argadells" in a safe and proper manner with due consideration to the safety and amenity of other "Argadells" users and their property and complying with all motor vehicle and traffic laws that may be applicable.
2. I agree that "Argadells" contains natural geographical hazards and other dangers, and that these have not had signs or warning notices erected on or near them. I rely solely on myself and the competence of the driver or the vehicle I am in in encountering these hazards.
3. I will supervise my children and pets at all times whilst they are in "Argadells". I will indemnify you in respect of any loss or injury (including death) caused to my children as a result of my failure to supervise.

"My children" includes my adopted children, the children of any other person of any other person with whom I ordinarily reside with when I enter the park, and the children of any other person who enters "Argadells" with me, or under my supervision.

I also acknowledge that in the event of an accident medical assistance and or transport may not be available.

I understand that I have read, understood, and accepted the above wavier and the conditions contained within.

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I understand that Argadells does not owe anyone a duty of care at any time whilst using the property.

I understand that the above terms are fundamental conditions of entry to Argadells.

In the case of children under the age of eighteen years provides an indemnity the terms of which are that you as the parent/ guardian by signing this notice agree to fully indemnify and keep indemnified Argadells and/or its organisers/ hosts/ agents/ servants and/or employees against any and all claims whatsoever that your child might make against Argadells and/or its organisers/ hosts/ agents/ servants and/or employees as a consequence of any injury sustained during my visit.

By signing this document, I acknowledge that if anyone is hurt or property is damaged during my stay at and utilising the property and tracks for recreational purposes, I may be found by a court of law to have waived my right to maintain a lawsuit against Argadells on the basis of any claim from which I have released them herein. Unless not able to be excluded, all laws which impose duties on Argadells are excluded from this agreement with you.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this entire document. I have read and understood it, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Driver and passengers must sign.

Trip Leader _____ Camp Area _____ Licence No _____ Expiry Date _____

Vehicle Make _____ Rego No _____ Phone _____ Suburb _____

Driver 1 _____ Driver 2 _____

Sign _____ Sign _____

Passenger 1 _____ Passenger 2 _____

Sign _____ Sign _____

Passenger 3 _____ Passenger 4 _____

Sign _____ Sign _____

Passenger 5 _____ Passenger 6 _____

Sign _____ Sign _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Total Adults _____ Total Kids _____ Total Days _____

Amount Paid _____ Staff to sign _____

Breach of code of conduct

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Bush Camping Booking Sheet

Booking/Group Name

Mount Lofty Ranges 4WD -

Vehicle Registration No

4WD/2WD

(each vehicle must complete separate booking sheet)

Full Name

Address

Postcode

Contact Phone No

Email address

Arrival Date / /

Time

Departure Date / /

Time 12pm

No of guests - 14 years and over nights @ \$15.00 each /night \$ -

No of guests - under 14 years nights @ \$7.50 each /night \$ -

Vehicle Charge for 4 Wheel Driving, per vehicle

\$ 50.00

Firewood box - small

boxes @ \$70.00 per box

\$

Firewood box - large

boxes @ \$100.00 per box

\$

TOTAL DUE

\$

Please list the name of all persons (adults and children) included in this booking :

Full Name Person 1

Full Name Person 2

Full Name Person 3

Full Name Person 4

Comments

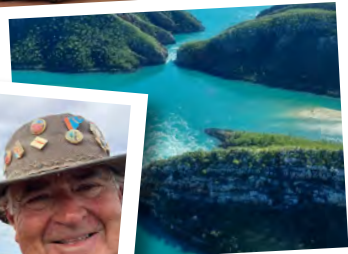
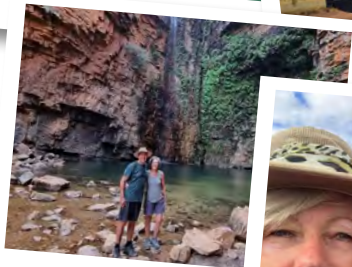
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A FEW PICS FROM ROB & TRISH AND IAN'S ADVENTURES WEST



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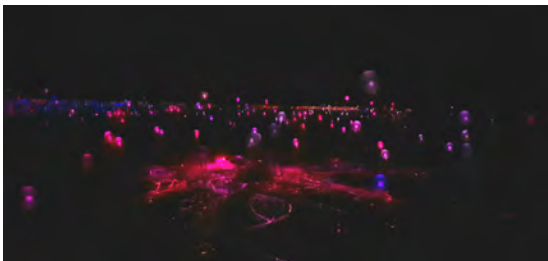
Rob & Trish Our Half Oz Trip First month out of possibly six

Packing seemed endless I think it took a week, we did depart on our set date of 1st May. Like Phil said in the July magazine, do you go full hog and do a spreadsheet or simply wing it. Rob didn't want to stick to a schedule, but he succumbed and I booked Yulara before we left, when we arrived it was chockers. But if you've got limited time, you'd have to stick to a schedule and pre-book, but the downside is, you are forced to travel longer distances to get from A to B.

Oh yeah, such a good feeling as we hit the Stuart Highway to head north. All campground bookings these days are frustratingly to be done ON LINE and you have to set up an account for each state you're in. Winging it for the Devils Marbles campground didn't work, it was full. Luckily enough we squeezed into a spot at the back of the Devils Marbles Hotel, met a lovely array of people and enjoyed beef cheeks for dinner, which was delightful. It took us 18 days to reach Darwin I guess not at snail pace but fairly slow doing all the touristy things along the way. It was scorchingly hot in Katherine so to keep the car fridge/



(L to R) Our adopted daughters, Abby, Serayah, Taleah, Brittany & Tammy. Met them at Devils Marbles and saw them at Banka Banka Station, Daly Waters, Mataranka, Katherine & Darwin. They were a lot of fun.



Field of Light - camera doesn't do justice.



Mataranka Rodeo, those bulls are really feisty!

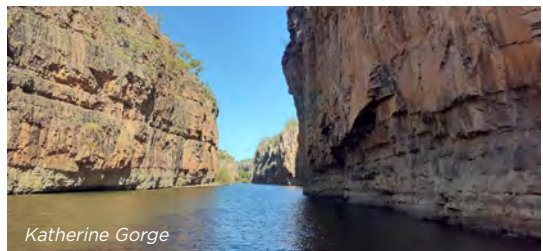
Trip Report

freezer battery happy (and Rob too) we tied the Kings 120 watt portable solar panel to the top of our storage bag on the roof rack and it's worked a treat ever since. Very hot and humid when we arrived in Darwin. The beautiful big swimming pool in the Howard Springs caravan park kept us cool and sane!

Talking to many travellers the hype along the way was "it's very busy if you're heading west", so we took heed to this and managed to book Big Horse Campground and Kununurra whilst in Darwin and arrived in Kununurra on the 26th May. The issue is, you can book a campground 180 days ahead in WA, they don't cost mega \$ so people just don't turn up and the website doesn't allow you to cancel. We dearly wanted to visit Home Valley Station and from thereon drive the Gibb River Road, Home Valley was confirmed closed for the season due to Covid

and a lack of staff, other places were the same. Okay let's think about this, we did do it 6 years prior, so we crossed it off the list but one day curiosity overtook us and we drove out to the Pentecost River for a look. There were a lot of roadworks and it won't be long before it's bitumen all the way from El Questro turnoff to Ellenbrae Station.

There are so many travellers, and every type of setup you could imagine, like a pack of wolves they descend on Coles Kununurra and before long the shelves are raped of stock, you gotta be quick.



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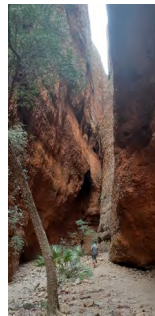
Rob & Trish Our Half Oz Trip Second month out of possibly six

The weather was looking a bit “sus” as Halls Creek was expecting 40mm and Broome 45mm of rain in a day. We left Kununurra and headed for The Bungles staying for 2 days at Spring Creek which is a freebie right opposite to the entrance. Enjoyed happy hour with a nice couple (Margaret & Steve) from Ballina NSW, chatted about where we’d been and where we’d be heading. Dinner and a little camp-fire we watched the lightening in the skies hoping like hell the heavens weren’t going to open above us!

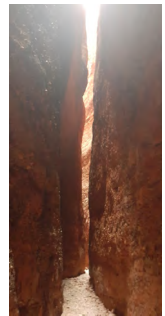
Next morning we drove into The Bungles on the very corrugated and rough road, crossed 6 creeks and explored the northern side. Six years ago we’d seen the southern side, very satisfied we’ve seen it all. The plan was to head to Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge and exit out onto the Gibb River Road and head to Broome. Yes, it poured with rain in Halls Creek, we drove onto Fitzroy Crossing where we visited the info centre and were told Windjana was closed. Damn. Mt Barnett had a lot of rain also. So, I guess we dodged a bullet or two as we found out that 2 days after we visited The Bungles it was “closed due to rain”. Very unseasonal!

We drove on and stopped overnight at Mary Poole, our new friends Steve & Margaret arrived so it was drinks and campfire yet again, lots of interesting stories were being shared, it started raining so we departed company, probably a good thing as it saved us from sore heads next morning! It rained pretty heavily all night, but cleared in the morning. We headed for a freebie roadside stop (The Big Baab Tree) before Broome.

We enjoyed a week in Broome. Cable Beach was just beautiful living up to it’s reputation, very warm and sunny. Sundowners are enjoyed by many (including us) on the lawns at the top of Cable Beach watching the sun sink into the beautiful Indian Ocean.



*Bungles -
stunning*



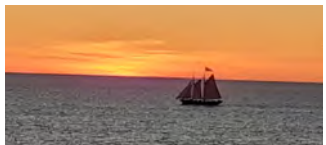
*Echnida Gorge
(Bungles)*



*Stunning Cockburn Range, Gibb
River Road near Pentecost River*



The Big Boab Tree



Cable Beach, Broome

Trip Report

Visited Willie Creek pearl farm and saw Top Gun at the Sun Picture theatre. Just as the movie was starting there was a shriek of awe in the audience as a Qantas jet came in to land, coming in so low to the right hand side, but, the movie was better than that surprise. Visited the markets and breweries. Lots of muddy vehicles arriving with ochre coloured water marks halfway up their doors. The population was swelling! Off to Barn Hill Station for 3 nights, we could not believe the deluge of travellers heading north.

A freebie spot in De Grey River (I reckon there were 60 caravans in there) before Port Hedland. Stayed 1 night to stock up on food etc before heading to Karajini. Another freebie stop at Albert Toglini Rest Stop (the views were stunning) very pleasant indeed. Struggled to get into Karajini, managed to get into the overflow area (booked it on line 2 days only). The hike through Dale's Gorge is unbelievable and then onto Fortesque Falls and a swim in Fern Pool.

Tried to see some more on our exit on the way to Tom Price. The road into the Eco Village (a main attraction for visitors) was disastrous.

Our travelling seemed to pick up pace, 2 more freebies and we were in Exmouth, this was due to school holidays. A nightmarish 2-1/2 hours spent on the phone to book this. We were amongst a group of very welcoming WA people who visit every year for 3 months, we had sundowners every arvo with them all. Sightseeing drive to Ningaloo Reef saw us visit Mandu South, spectacular snorkelling

just off the beach, we visited it twice, the reef was so close. Turquoise Bay on another day had a very strong current running, I could hardly stand in the water, but we just parked ourselves on the beach, had lunch and enjoyed the sun. The Aquarium was very interesting, so was Cadillacs - a country & western bar and grill. The Whalebone Brewery was the place for pizza and Squid Ink Stout.



Karajini



*Karajini -
Dale's Gorge*



*Karajini -
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*Whalebone
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*Snorkelling Mandu South -
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Trips Registration

Don't forget that all current members can register for any club trips/events via the website, simply log-in and register your details.

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The screenshot shows the website mountloftyrangers.com.au in a web browser. The page features a yellow header with the club's logo and navigation links: Welcome, Membership, Awareness Instruction, Trips, Rangers' Review, and Links & Files. A banner for 'Next Club Meeting: 20th Jun @ 7:30pm' is also present.

The main content area displays the 'Loftyfest Reccy' event for Saturday, May 14. A green button indicates that users must log in to register online. Below this, there is a section for event details, including the date, category, and organizer (Gary Light). A map shows the venue location in Argadells, South Australia, with a link to view the venue website.

The right sidebar contains sections for 'Rangers' Review', 'Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)', 'Support Our Sponsors' (featuring a logo for 'a windows'), and 'Upcoming Events...'. The events list includes 'Loftyfest Reccy' on May 14, 'Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker' on May 17, and 'Peake Sand Driving & Recovery' on May 21.

At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: 'Annual General meeting' and 'Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker'.

MLR End of Year Event

Saturday
26th November
Blyth Sportsground
and RV Park



We have negotiated use of the toilet and shower facilities from the Footy Club at \$15 per head for the weekend, as well as the use of the pavilion/clubrooms in case of extreme weather. (Fees are payable to our Treasurer Kylie either through EFT or ca\$h, if paying by EFT please insert 'your name' and 'Blyth event' to your reference)

MLR will provide dinner catered by Maps Mobile Pizza Ovens on Saturday night.

There's plenty to do in the Clare Valley and surrounds for the weekend, so get your name on the trip sheet and pay Kylie your \$15 per head to ensure your spot!

Please note: the per head charge is in lieu of a hire fee for the toilet, shower and pavilion facilities. Camping is free, however a donation to the RV Park for future development is optional.

Contact Tom Doody: vp@mountloftyrangiers.com.au



MLR End of Year Event



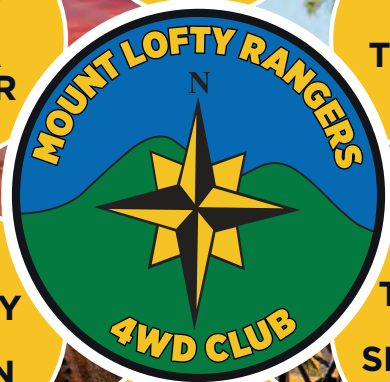
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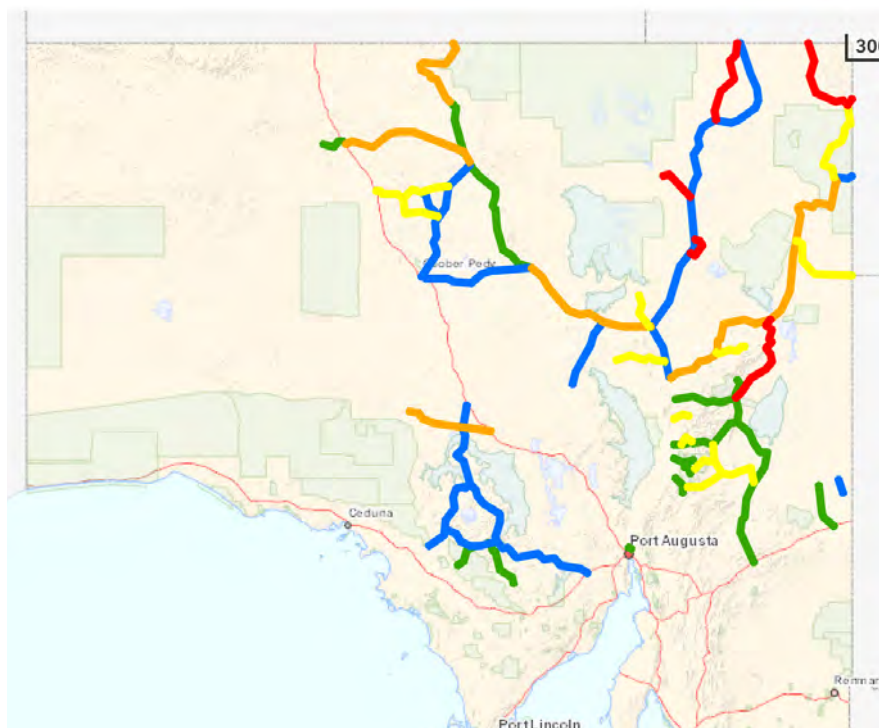


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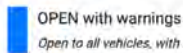
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MONDAY 8th AUGUST - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 22nd AUGUST - 7.00pm