

# RANGERS' REVIEW



*MLR XMAS SHOW!*



**December 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

I know it's cliché', but I find myself wondering where the year has gone. More so this year than ever before. I guess it's been like that each year. They just keep flying by.

The trips board starts to look a little thin on trips about this time of year. If you're like me, I've started wondering where you'd like to explore with your 4bie next year. Give it some thought and put a trip up on the board.



*Phil Simes,  
President*



In the mean time I'm looking forward to Beachport in January. It promises to be a great weekend with a variety of daytrips heading out each day, ranging from doing the full Robe-Beachport drive, to just wandering into town for an ice-cream.



But before that, I hope as many of you as possible can make it to the club meeting Monday 12th for our annual Evil Santa night. Don't forget to bring your gift (about \$10-\$15) value, to place on the table and a few nibbles to munch on while the draw takes place. Bring some cash too, because it's your last chance to buy a Raffle Ticket in the club raffle with plenty of prizes on offer, including products and vouchers from club sponsors Redarc, ARB, and Blackwood Tyrepower.

Oh... Deb will also be selling her famous Christmas fruit truffles and there will also be subsidised sparkling wine !



I sincerely wish you all a Safe and Happy Christmas. I hope you get the chance to have some 'down time', enjoy some good food an a bevy or two, and spend some time with those family and friends closest to you.

I look forward to seeing you at our last meeting for 2022 and to hear about your plans for next year.

*Merry Christmas & Regards, Phil.*

# Your committee



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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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# 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](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

**MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27**

# December Meeting

EVIL  
SANTA  
IS  
BACK!



**Christmas is just around the corner and that means Evil Santa is back for another year!**

**Our December meeting is a social affair so come along and have some fun.**

To participate in Evil Santa, please bring a present of roughly \$10-\$15 in value, wrapped and to place on the table for selection. For each present gifted you will be given a ticket to pick from the table.

This is all about a bit of light hearted fun with good joke value, only bring along gifts that you'd like to receive yourself, please don't use this event to re-gift the DVD box set of M.A.S.H you were given in 1988!



**Don't forget, cheap bubbles available on the night!**





# MLR Christmas Show





# 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 (attending three Club activities, one of which must be a Club 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



# Meetings & Trips

## FUN & RECREATION

### DECEMBER

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER - 7.30pm  
MLR CLUB MEETING  
Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

### JANUARY 2023

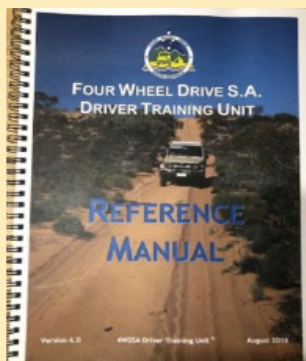
MONDAY 9th JANUARY - 7.30pm  
MLR CLUB MEETING  
**SHOW 'N SHINE**  
Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

THURSDAY 26th -  
SUNDAY 29th JANUARY  
**BEACHPORT - SOUTHERN OCEAN  
TOURIST PARK**

Contact: Phil Simes

## EDUCATION & AWARENESS

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



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# Club Trip

## Beachport 2023

Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th January

### PLEASE NOTE!

All those heading to Beachport, you must pay your yearly membership fees prior to attending. See Kylie with any questions.

• **Existing Members \$90** • **New Members \$110**

As is the tradition, Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club will again be heading to Beachport for the Australia Day long weekend.

Southern Ocean Tourist Park have currently placed 25 sites on hold for MLR in Section D.

I'll have a Section map at the Sept and Oct meetings where you can put your name down on your favourite site.

Payment of the deposit and confirmation of arrival/departure dates is then your responsibility, by contacting the Southern Ocean Tourist Park and paying the required deposit, which I believe is \$100, explaining that you are with MLR and quoting the site number.

We have until the end of Nov to put deposits down, to reserve your site, after which unreserved sites will be made available to the general public. If we get a good response, we can also gain access to additional sites if required.

Additional info, site map etc. to be sent out in due course.

**Contact: Phil Simes**



# End of Year Raffle

**17 DIFFERENT  
PRIZES TO BE WON**



**TICKETS  
5 FOR  
\$20**

**TICKETS  
\$5  
EACH**

**Get excited MLR-ers and get yourself  
a ticket or ten in our end of year raffle.**

**We are extremely lucky to be supported  
by Redarc, ARB and Tyrepower Blackwood with donations for the prizes.**

There are 17 individual prizes on offer, raffle will be drawn at our December meeting where we will once again also participate in our regular Evil Santa (more details on this later).

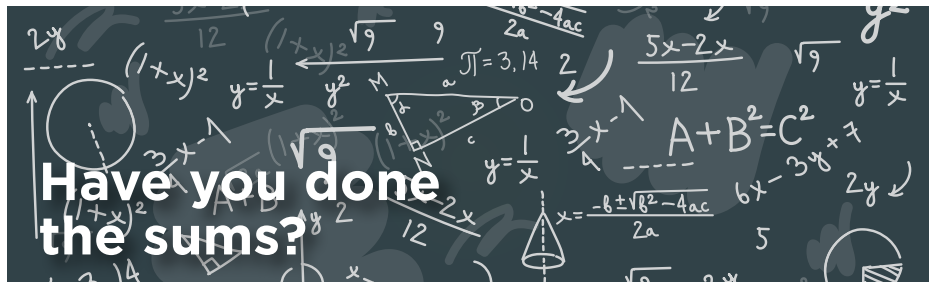
So as mentioned earlier get yourself a ticket or ten starting from Loftyfest this weekend and every club meeting including December.

If you can't make a meeting or Loftyfest to get your tickets, please get in touch and we can work something out.

**Part  
proceeds  
going to  
Lion Hearts  
Learning**



# Watch your weights



You could be surprised or even shocked!

Rob and I packed up our Prado and MDC XT14E offroad caravan feeling confident that we were not overloaded when we set off and did our 4 month trip north and then west.

Before leaving, MDC weighed our caravan, this came in at 2390kg which included 180 litres of water, full gas bottles, generator and most of the normal items usually packed in a caravan giving you a very comfortable journey.

**ATM weight of the caravan is: 3000kg**

**Weight of caravan as above: 2390kg**

So we estimated the caravan would have weighed about 2550kg fully packed up with food etc.

Rob was researching different vehicles (mostly utes) thinking we might upgrade. When you take our 150 Prado into account, the legal combined weight of the vehicle and whatever you're towing is 5990kg. Curb weight of the Prado is 2345kg including 150 litres of fuel.

**Do you really know the weight of what you've added to your vehicle including your rear fit-out, recovery equipment etc? Or, the weight of what you're putting into your vehicle when you go on a trip whether just camping or towing?** We presumed we had a fair idea, but were wrong! Your vehicle could be towing behind quite nicely, which ours did, this doesn't mean you are NOT overloaded.

We tried to work out the weight of all the ARB additions, the fit-out in the rear and everything else we added in and on the vehicle when we did our trip. But, to gain a completely accurate result we needed to put it on a weighbridge. So we packed up the 75 litre fridge, added Rob's big bag full of tools and a few other heavy items and went to have it weighed. **OMG it came in at 2860kg!**



# Watch your weights



This is what transpired:

<b>Overall allowable weight of Prado:</b>	<b>2990kg</b>
<b>Prado loaded including us:</b>	<b>2860kg</b>
<b>Add on caravan ball weight of 240kg:</b>	<b>Gives us a total of 3100kg</b>

When we had the Prado pretty well loaded, we only had 75 litres of fuel and didn't have the roof rack and spare wheel on the roof, so we could easily add on another 125kg. This then gives us a total weight of 3225kg. **We were overweight by 235kg.**

Well under the total combined overall weight of 5990kg, but, REMEMBER, it is imperative that you don't exceed the allowable weight of your vehicle and you must add on the tow ball weight to the vehicle.

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Oh dear... we damn sure know what the consequences would have been if we had an accident or a weigh in check.

A certified upgrade with Lovells will give the vehicle a GVM of 3500kg and a GCM of 6500kg.

So the Prado is booked in for a GVM upgrade at Lovells!

Phew a lesson learned!

Thanks, Rob & Trish Dagri



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# January Meeting

## MLR ANNUAL SHOW 'N SHINE

MONDAY 9TH JANUARY

### Get the wax out and start polishing!

Our January meeting is always a bit of fun with a "tounge-in-cheek" Show 'n Shine event.

You never know what part of your rig the judges are going to award a prize for, so either cover all bases or just hope they don't check the fuel cap or open the bonnet!

Come along for a fun social night and have a look around at everyone's different set ups, you never know where that next brilliant idea for your own set-up might come from.



# For Sale

## **kronings**

### **‘Camper Trolley’ (CT 2,500) Caravan Mover**



*Images of actual item for sale below:*



I use exactly the same model to move our Hybrid van over lawn, pavers and concrete over 40 metres each way with ease for 6 years so thoroughly recommend this product. It enables me to negotiate tight turns and reasonable slopes not possible reversing with the 4WD.

Knowing the cost and inconvenience of having a damaged van repaired it is worth considering using this type of mover if you require one.

I'm advertising this for friends who find it surplus to their needs now.

Please call me for more information or a demonstration.

**Asking price \$2,750ono... Note new price \$4,400+**

**Contact: STEVE BROWN 0412 416 664**

# For Sale

## TRED RECOVERY BOARDS



Selling a set of 4 x Australian Made Tred Recovery Boards,  
some signs of wear with a crack in 1 as pictured.

Still a perfectly functional recovery board with all teeth still in excellent condition. Perfect timing for Beachport and those “momentary loss of forward momentum” moments.

**Only asking \$100 for all 4.**

**Contact: Lloyd Weaver 0411 265 960**

I would rather sell to someone in the club so will hold off advertising elsewhere for now, so please let me know if your interested asap.

# 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@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:property@mountloftyrangers.com.au) or speak to him at any club meetings.**

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# Club Trips Info

## Planning a Club Trip/Event?



Just send me as much detail as you can and  
I will put together something to go into the magazine  
leading up to your trip/event.

Cheers, Lloyd

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**\$50**



Mount Lofty Rangers  
4WD Club Rugby Top 1

**\$50**

# Merchandise



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4WD Club Rugby Top 1

**\$50**



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Should you have any questions please contact Tom Doody  
[merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au)



# 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.

<https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/trips/>

The screenshot shows the website [mountloftyrangers.com.au](https://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 'Loftyfest Reccy' is displayed, indicating it is on Saturday, May 14. A green button prompts users to log in to register online. Below this, the 'Details' section lists the date as Saturday, May 14, and the event category as 'Trip'. The 'Venue' section identifies the location as Argadells, Quorn, South Australia, with a map and a link to the venue website. The 'Organiser' section names Gary Light and provides an email address. On the right, the 'Rangers' Review' section includes a link to the latest magazine (May 2022) and an events calendar. The 'Support Our Sponsors' section features a logo for 'aawindows'. The 'Upcoming Events...' section lists future events: May 14 (Loftyfest Reccy), May 17 (Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker), and May 21 (Peake Sand Driving & Recovery). A footer contains links to the annual general meeting and club night, along with a privacy policy link.

mountloftyrangers.com.au

Welcome Membership Awareness Instruction Trips Rangers' Review Links & Files

Next Club Meeting: 20th Jun @ 7:30pm

[All Events](#)

## Loftyfest Reccy

### Saturday, May 14

Day trip to Argadells. Only for people who want to lead trips or run activities during Loftyfest.

You must login to register online.

[Add to Google Calendar](#)

#### Details

Date:  
Saturday, May 14

Event Category:  
Trip

#### Venue

Argadells  
Quorn, South Australia  
[Australia + Google Map](#)  
[View Venue Website](#)

#### Organiser

Gary Light  
Email:  
goleudyus@gmail.com

#### Rangers' Review

[Our Latest Magazine \(May 2022\)](#)  
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#### Upcoming Events...

May 14 All day  
Loftyfest Reccy

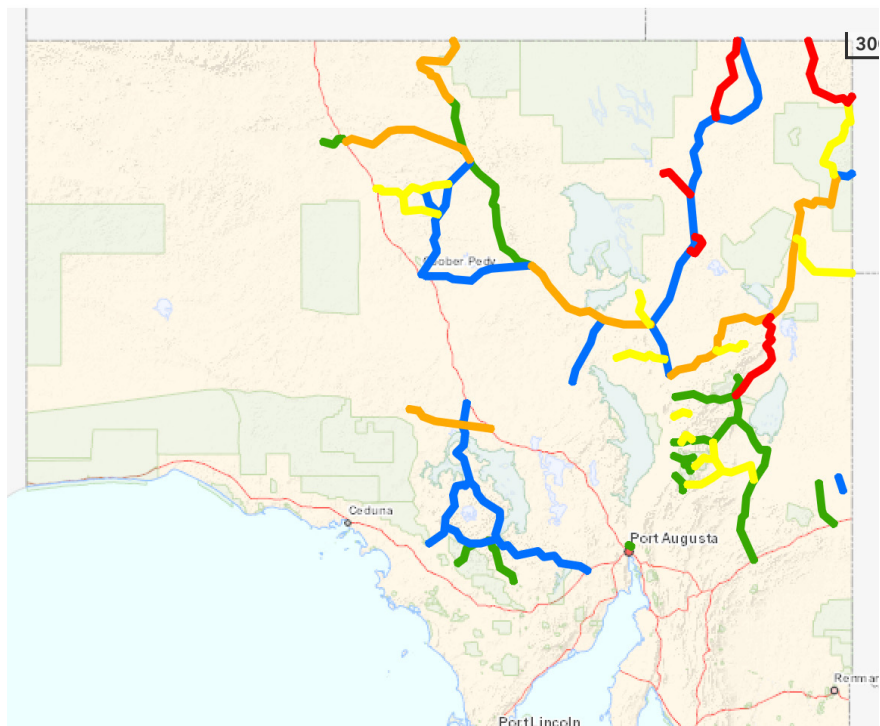
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Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.

May 21 Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22  
Peake Sand Driving & Recovery

[Annual General meeting](#) [Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.](#) [Privacy - Terms](#)

# Outback Roads

Planning a trip in outback South Australia?  
Be sure to get the current road conditions at  
<https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads>



## Legend

**OPEN**

*Open to all vehicles*

**OPEN with warnings**

*Open to all vehicles, with caution*

**4WD / HV**

*Open to 4WD and Heavy Vehicles*

**4WD**

*Open to 4WD vehicles under 3 tonne only (no towing)*

**CLOSED**

*Closed to all vehicles*

# 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.**

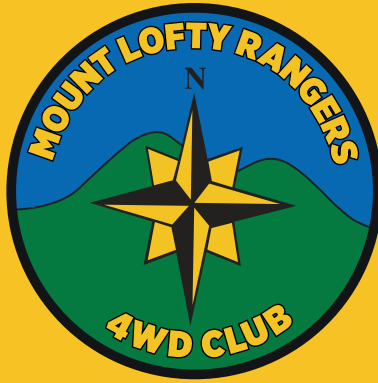
1. Inspect vehicle and make sure it meets the criteria for Club Registration. If previously registered bring current registration information including current permits for modified vehicles.
2. Complete MR334 form and original to owner and copy retained by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club
3. Log book supplied 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 HAVE CLUB REGO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BOOK IS STAMPED**

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

<https://mountlofyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/>  
or contact Chris Gear [secretary@mountlofyrangers.com.au](mailto:secretary@mountlofyrangers.com.au)





**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

MONDAY 9th JANUARY - 7.30pm

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MONDAY 23rd JANUARY - 7.00pm

