



RANGERS' REVIEW



From
Floodwaters
Eventually
To
Greener
Pastures

Aerial images show the flood waters in Glendambo, where the Stuart Hwy has been cut off. Picture: NCA NewsWire / Kelly Barnes



Arckaringa Station homestead, located 90 kilometres south-west of Oodnadatta, after the record rainfall. (Supplied: Katy Hayes)

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

It's February already, seems like we just finished New Year, the kids are back at school, sort of, most folks are back at work and the retirees are planning their winter migration to warmer climates. I had my booster jab the other day in preparation of the 2022 activities, whatever they may be.

Our non-routine annual Beachport trip is done and dusted. Overall, I think it went off OK. Numbers in the SOTP were down across the board, but given COVID and the fact 26th was a Wed that was to be expected. Nevertheless, for the die hards that managed to make it down south informal planning each day typically occurred during the informal happy hours the night before. There was a good variety of trips including the regular beach runs to Robe, Carpenters Rocks and into the dunes. We also had trips to Portland, Mt Gambier, Kingstone SE and some Coonawarra wineries. For those who attended, if you have any photos or would like to submit an article re your experience, please send them to Trish at magazine@mountloftyrangers.co.au.

The completion of the Beachport activity also marks the end of our awards qualification period, we will now analyse results and announce the winning members at our Awards Dinner on 30 Apr (more info to follow). If you have you seen anyone do something special behind the scenes, late nominations for the Quiet Achiever award can be submitted up to the COB 27 Feb.

It's also time to start thinking about our AGM and the election of our next committee. I will be asking current members at our next committee meeting if they intend to stand again or not. One position that will be vacated and will need to be filled is that of President. After nearly 9 years on the committee as either VP or President I will be stepping down this year due to changes at



work which now prevent me from dedicating the time I would like to the role. Additionally it's probably a good time for a new person to take the reins and drive the club forward. Personally, I have enjoyed my time on the committee and it has been an honour to serve you all. I think the role would ideally be suited to one of our retired members or at the very least someone who has sufficient time to dedicate to the club. If this is you please nominate, if you know someone who fits this criteria convince them to nominate. Note this is a key role and the club <u>can't</u> operate without it.

Finally a reminder we can still hold our monthly meetings and density limits at the football club won't be an issue, however, masks on please when moving around and drinking only whilst seated. Anyway, keep well and stay safe!

Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is 14 Feb 2022

Next committee meeting 28 Feb 2022

Word of the Month:

Triskaidekaphobia - Extreme superstition regarding the number thirteen.

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YOUR COMMITTEE

Committee members are elected by the members for the members. They are volunteers who kindly donate their time to represent the member's interest in the day to day running of the Club, are you:

- 1. Interested in putting your hand up to help this club get even greater?
- 2. Not sure what role you'd like or what's involved?

Keep reading for a brief description of each role:

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

<u>Vice president:</u> - Facilitate monthly topic of interest e.g. guest speakers, awareness sessions etc. Becomes acting President when the President unavailable. MLR club registration officer.

Treasurer: - Looking after club financials. Sponsor liaison.

Secretary & Public Officer: - Minute taking for meetings. Correspondence in and out.

<u>Trips Coordinator:</u> - Primary point of contact for members trip planning, advice and attendance sheets. Communicates trip calendar to members.

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

Membership officers (1 lead & 2 x assistants): - First point of contact for visitors that come to MLR, keep track of member attendance at club meetings and criteria for membership acceptance, welcome visitors and link them with a buddy, run the club night raffle and pay for any birthday drinks.

Website officer: - Maintain and update MLR website and Facebook administration.

Merchandise officer: - Organises clothing and other club approved merchandise for sale to members.

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

<u>Education Officer:</u> - Organises club training and awareness days. Liaises with 4WDSA Driver Training Unit for wider training opportunities.

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

<u>Committee Member:</u> - Supports other Officers of the committee, and helps with club events and trips where needed. If you would like to share your experience and contribute to the running of the club, please speak to a current committee member to obtain a nomination form.

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About us

The Club's aim is for its members to enjoy all aspects of owning and using our 4WDs while enjoying the diverse surroundings offered by this great country. We are a club of 4WD enthusiasts who enjoy challenging driving, regular trips, camping, camp cooking and a great social scene on and off track.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone who owns a 4WD (regardless of its make or model) and has a passion for driving. Mount Lofty Rangers Inc is an affiliated member of the South Australian Association of Four Wheel Drive Clubs (FWDSA).

Club Outings

The Mount Lofty Rangers provides regular day, weekend and extended four wheel drive trips, lead by experienced trip leaders. Trips are rated on the level of difficulty and are available to all members and guests.

The club has a dedicated social committee which also organises regular events that complement the club trips.

Experience and Training

Our current members possess a wide range of skills ranging from beginner to advanced. The club has a number of accredited instructors and assessors, and is involved in regular training via the SAAFWDC Driver Training Unit.

Meetings

Club meetings are the <u>second Monday of each month*</u> and are held at the **Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood Time: 7:15 pm for 7.30pm start**

*Except where this Monday falls on a long weekend then the meeting is held on the third Monday of the month.

For more information on the Club please check out our website at: www.mountloftyrangers.com.au

MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27



Grate mates

- ☐ Gazebo 3m x 3m
- *Uniden* UHF handheld radios ☐ Hot water urn and kettle
- Tyre repair kit (large & small) ☐ Bead breaker
- *Tifor* hand winch and cable □ Drag chains (x 2)
- Car Bra
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)

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

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

property@mountloftyrangers.com.au

New homes or renovating. Club members receive 10% discount.

Ph (08) 8268 8808 fax (08) 8347 3152 Email ron@aawindows.com.au







Story and photos by Fleur Woodhouse

This was Terry's and I first trip to Beachport with the 4wd drive club since journeys. We thoroughly enjoyed it and we had a practice drive on Long Beach at Robe on the sand.

Then, Serg and Les took us to Noire Crossing on the beach where we experienced getting bogged and digging out cars.





On Tuesday we went to Carpenter Rocks and Terry's car had a true 4wd experience as his car came away with a few broken pieces and a scratched car.





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2021/22 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 14th FEBRUARY - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

FRIDAY 4TH - SUNDAY 6TH MARCH

SURF FISHING FOR MULLOWAY – Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

SALT CREEK – COORONG NATIONAL PARK

SATURDAY 12TH MARCH – MONDAY 14TH MARCH

SOCIALISING, WALKING, CANOEING ETC. - Contact: Gary Light

WIRREANDA FARM – MOUNT CRAWFORD

MONDAY 21ST MARCH - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

SATURDAY 26TH – SUNDAY 27TH MARCH

NGARKAT WORKING BEE

NGARKAT CONSERVATION PARK S.A. - Contact: Peter Harper

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN MLR ORGANISED TRIP – no need to register

MONDAY 11th APRIL - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

SATURDAY 30TH APRIL

MLR AWARDS - ANNUAL DINNER ---- ** MORE DETAILS TO COME **

McLAREN VALE FUNCTION CENTRE

McLAREN VALE

MONDAY 9th MAY - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

MONDAY 20th JUNE - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

FRIDAY 24TH – SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

SAND & SCRUB DRIVING – CAMP AT BILLY BORE - Contact: Gary Light

BIG DESERT NATIONAL PARK

MONDAY 11^h JULY - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

** EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **

JULY/AUGUST - CROSSING THE SIMPSON DESERT – Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

** MORE DETAILS TO COME **



2021/22 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 8th AUGUST - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

MONDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

SATURDAY 1ST OCTOBER – MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER

** OCTOBERFEST ** - Contact: Gary Light ARGADELLS – 360 KMS NORTH OF ADELAIDE

MONDAY 17TH OCTOBER - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

DATE - TO BE CONFIRMED

REDARD FACTORY TOUR – Contact: Tom Doody Tour through the Redarc factory at Lonsdale

MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood



2021/22 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

SUNDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

ADVANCED TERRAIN DRIVING - Contact: Steve Townsend

JAKEN FARM – COST: \$50.00 PER VEHICLE

SUNDAY 20TH MARCH

TRIP PLANNING - Contact: Steve Townsend

MEET AT MEADOWS PIC A PIE BAKERY - MEADOWS @ 9.30 a.m. start

SUNDAY 17TH APRIL

LADIES DAY - Contact: Steve Townsend JAKEM FARM - \$20.00 PER VEHICLE

** NOTE - DATE TO BE CONFIRMED **

 $22^{ND} - 23^{RD}$ MAY

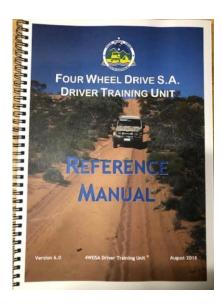
PEAKE SAND DRIVING & RECOVERY - Contact: Steve Townsend

SATURDAY 18TH JUNE

WHEEL & TYRE CHANGE & REPAIR – Contact: Steve Townsend

** LOCATION – TO BE CHOSEN **

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



4WD EDUCATION HANDBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH

STEVE TOWNSEND

COST: \$30.00 EACH

Email: education@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Are you thinking about leading a trip? This checklist will give you a guide to help plan it.

TRIP LEADERS CHECKLIST

PRE-PLANNING

Choose a location for the club trip Choose a date – stat & finish Choose a route – there & back

Accommodation - caravan, camper trailer or tents only

Cost of camping, track access, or other costs

Determine difficulty of the trip

Determine vehicle suitability & requirements plus convoy limit

Work out an estimate of the trip distance

Plan a rough itinerary of trip activities & driving km per day



AT A CLUB MEETING

With all your pre-planning information at hand approach the trips coordinator

Discuss & seek feedback on your trip, details & amend if necessary

Ask if anyone else within the club has done the same trip for any advice or suggestions

Fill out a trip sheet & post on the trips board

Within the club meeting stand up & introduce yourself

Explain all the details of your proposed trip as outlined in the pre-planning stage

Answer any questions if needed.

During the next subsequent meetings keep up to date with the progress of names listed on your trip

IN THE MEANWHILE FINALISE DETAILS FOR YOR TRIP

A start meeting point & time for your trip, there can be multiple places to meet when on route Finalise any personal, camping, safety & recovery equipment required for the trip as a minimum Determine if there is any first aiders, club trainers or assessors on your trip

Amount of fuel stops & fill up locations

Morning tea, lunch & afternoon breaks times & locations whilst driving

Notify & book in your trip with any relevant landowners, caravan parks, national parks etc Assess & check any possible weather conditions you may encounter whilst on your trip

Leave details of your trip with trips coordinator of itinerary, route & planned return time

Determine all the water & food requirements of the trip, are the any group-cooked meals

THE LAST CLUB MEETING BEFORE YOUR TRIP

Gather together the members of your trip into a small group & finalise any details of the trip Confirm all names & numbers of persons attending

Gather all participants trip application forms

Determine if there are any special needs or medical requirements of the participants

Collect any money or fees if it is required

THE FIRST DAY OF YOUR TRIP

Arrive first at the chosen meeting place & time

Once all intended persons have arrived introduce yourself & anyone traveling with you & call sign Get everyone else to introduce themselves, people traveling with them, call sign & type of vehicle Make sure everyone is aware of your mobile phone number in case of an emergency

Make everyone aware of the nominated first aider of the trip

Discuss convoy procedures, marking of corners & making sure they can see the vehicle behind Remind everyone of UHF radio use, etiquette & rules. No swearing / bad language etc

THINGS TO DO THROUGHOUT EACH DAY OF YOUR TRIP

At the start of each day or each individual section of the drive appoint a Tail End Charlie Nominate a person to write the trip report for that day Perform regular radio checks of all vehicles in your convoy Make yourself available to everyone if there are any grievances or conflicts on the trip



Do you have these forms in your glovebox? Complete one for each passenger in case of an emergency.



ICE

EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM

This **CONFIDENTIAL** medical information form will be used **only** in the case of a medical emergency. Please keep one for each traveller in your vehicle glove box.

Name:			
Date of Birth:			
EMERGENCY CO	ONTACT DETAILS		
In a medical em	ergency, please notify:	Emergency Contact Person	on #1
Name:		Home Phone:	
Relationship:		Mobile Phone	:
In a medical em	ergency, please notify	Emergency Contact Perso	n #2
Name:		Home Phone:	
Relationship:		Mobile Phone	:
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medication or s	MEDICAL CONDITIONS? pecial needs:	Ino I les il yes, pi	lease list, including any
Medicare No.:		Ambulance Cover:	☐ Yes ☐ No
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Signature:		Date:	
Guardian (if per	rson under 18 years of a	ge) Name:	15
Signature		Date:	

MLR Quiet Achiever Award

The quiet achiever award is given to recognise the dedication and commitment of members who are value add to the Club without fuss or bother. Often these men and women are quiet achievers who might otherwise not be recognised. No one realises the amount and quality of their work until they are acknowledged or they are away.

The Quiet Achievers Award acknowledges just how much they are valued and appreciated and recognises their important, often behind the scenes, contribution to the fabric of the Club. This is an award that is presented to those special people who go out of their way to do things for others, not because they want recognition but because it comes from their heart to give and serve others.

Eligibility

All financial members of the MLR 4x4 Club as defined by the MLR constitution.

Nomination Process

- Call for nominations will be made annually. However any member may nominate another member at any time throughout the qualifying period.
- The nomination period (per club person of the year i.e runs Feb to Jan)
- Nominations are made by submitting a nomination form outlining why the member is considered a quiet achiever with any additional achievements as outlined in the nominee criteria, in no more than one A4 page with font size not less than 10 points.
- Nominations close
- The MLR Awards Sub Committee will review the nominations and select the winner for the period.
- The winner will be announced at the annual MLR awards night.

Nominee Criteria

- Always friendly and supportive consistently helping others
- Continued fundraising efforts
- Volunteer efforts for the betterment of the Club
- Behind the scenes support

NB – there is no requirement to have lead a trip to be eligible for this award

Selection Panel

Nominations are to be forwarded to the MLR Secretary at secretary@mountloftyrangers.com.au

The MLR Awards Sub Committee will consist of the 7 MLR Directors.

Nominations close on the 27th February – get your vote in as soon as possible



NOMINATION FORM

MLR Quiet Achiever Award

NOMINEE NAME:		
NAME OF NOMINATOR:		
	Nominators contact details:	
TELEPHONE:	EMAIL:	
MOBILE:	SIGNATURE :	
CRITERIA CITATION (Att	tach one additional A4 page with font size not less	than 10 points if required)
D . D	Review Committee Only	
Date Received		
Review Ranking		

March Long weekend

Wirreanda Farm

When: 12 – 14 Mar 22

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

80 Gordon Rd, MT Crawford

Located between Williamstown and Mt Pleasant in 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.



March Long weekend Wirreanda Farm

Registration: via tripsheet

Activities:

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

Cost:

- \$20 / car / day (fee for property owners) (TBC)
- Payment on arrival to trip leader

 $Queries\ to\ Gary\ Light-\underline{president@mountloftyrangers.com.au}$



Australia's hardest 4 wheel drive tracks – where are they?



- Australia is home to many difficult 4x4 tracks, but these five stand above the rest in terms of technical difficulty and sheer brutality.
- Carson River Track, WA. Home Valley to Kalumburu Road - 420km. ...
- Old Coach Road, QLD. Maytown to Laura –
 76km....
- · Gunbarrel Highway, WA. ...
- · Madigan Line, NT, QLD & SA. ...
- Canning Stock Route, WA.

17 Apr 2020

Has any club member done any of these?

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Wires are not cut – simply plug in.
Includes all nuts & bolts.
EXCELLENT WORKING CONDITION - \$475.00

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Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Doody



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB SUB POLO

\$60.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB WOMENS SUB POLO

\$60.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB LONG SLEEVE SUB POLO

\$70.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB WOMENS LONG SLEEVE SUB POLO

\$70.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB POLO

\$35.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB SOFTSHELL JACKET

\$60.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB VEST

\$55.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB HOODED JACKET

\$50.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB RUGBY TOP 1

\$50.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB RUGBY TOP 2

\$50.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB BEANIE

\$20.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB BUCKET HAT

\$20.00



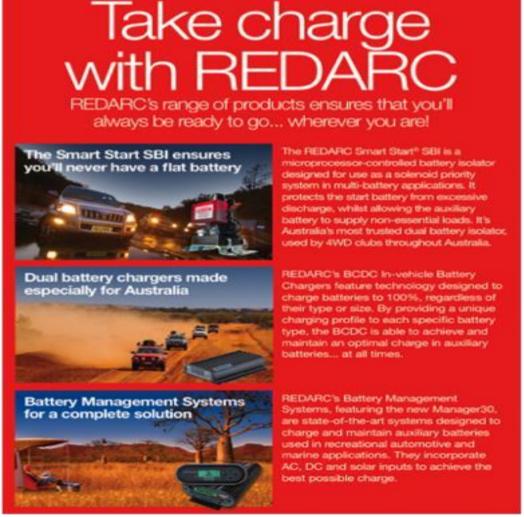
MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB CAP

\$20.00

REDARC FACTORY TOUR – DATE TO BE ADVISED

Take a tour through the Redarc Factory @ Lonsdale

Contact: Tom Doody



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







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HISTORIC CAR REGISTRY

A 90 day conditional registration scheme For Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles.

Members of Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club are eligible for Club Registration of Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles through the club.

- 1. Inspect vehicle and make sure it meets the criteria for Club Registration. If previously registered bring current registration information including current permits for modified vehicles.
- 2. Complete MR334 form and original to owner and copy retained by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club
- 3. Log book supplied to vehicle owner and explanation of the use.
- 4. Record and retain a copy of MR334, Certificate of Exemption and Statutory Declaration if needed.
- 5. Record the Log book Serial Number on the Certificate of Registration along with the date of issue, the Club Stamp and sign the certificate. Retain Copy of Registration papers as proof car was registered at log book issue.



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

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

or contact **Chris Grear** secretary@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Loftyfest 22

When: 1 – 3 Oct 22

Where: Argadells https://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. Other amenities are avail info to follow closer to the date.

Registration TBD

Costs:

- Camping 15/pers / ni TBD
- Tracks access to four wheel driving tracks is an additional \$50 which covers access for the entire stay

Payment: via Paypal or EFT (if EFT, caption with your NAME and LOFTYFEST)

to be paid prior to the weekend

Activities:



Note this in your Calendar next year!

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"I actually encourage him to go off-roading. Cleaning his truck is the only exercise he gets."



Please send your pictures and stories to Trish Dagri

E-mail to:

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Take care everyone - stay safe