

RANGERS' REVIEW



June 2022 mountloftyrangers.com.au

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 Presidential Phinkings



As I sit down to write this, my first thoughts as President, I first would like to sincerely thank Gary and the other outgoing committee members for the work they have done for the club. I appreciate the efforts everyone has made to handover their particular office. As a result, I left the first meeting of the new committee with a certain enthusiasm. I hope we can keep the same good vibe flowing as the new committee continues on and adds to the efforts, with their own new ideas and enthusiasm.



Phil Simes, President

I've not identified any drastic changes to how the club runs, however, I have looked back at what

originally attracted me to the club and that is, trips, activities and a welcoming, inclusive atmosphere. If we can get that part right, the rest will fall into place.

To help foster that sort of atmosphere, we will putting some emphasis on trip reports, both at the club meetings and in the magazine. The trip leader will be ultimately responsible for producing the trip report, however they may wish to delegate this duty to someone else on the trip. A common way of this has been done in the past is for it to be delegated to the last person to arrive for a trip, or depending on the trip, the first or best effort at getting stuck. Either way, I will be expecting a trip report submitted for the magazine, and someone from the trip to stand up at the next club meeting and give the other members an overview, of how the trip went, highlights and what the rest of us missed out on. Please don't feel intimidated by the idea of standing up and talking to the club. Just imagine you're chatting, over a drink or two, telling a few friends about your recent weekend.

Phils Presidential Phinkings





The other thing I'd like to suggest, is to say hi to someone at the club meeting that you either don't know, or perhaps haven't spoken to for some time.

I'm hopeless with names, so I'll be doing that exact thing and probably needing to ask half of you to remind me what your name is. I suspect this will become some sort of running joke while I'm in office.

So even though winter has certainly made itself obvious over recent weeks, that also means it's the perfect time to head into our regional areas explore a little and kick back next to a camp fire.

Please consider showing a few club members your favourite weekend camp spot, or that place somewhere new, that you've not quite managed to get to yet. If you're unsure about what involved in leading a trip, just have a chat to myself, or any of the committee members. It's not as difficult as you might think.

I look forward to having a chat to you, 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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Funny's





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

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





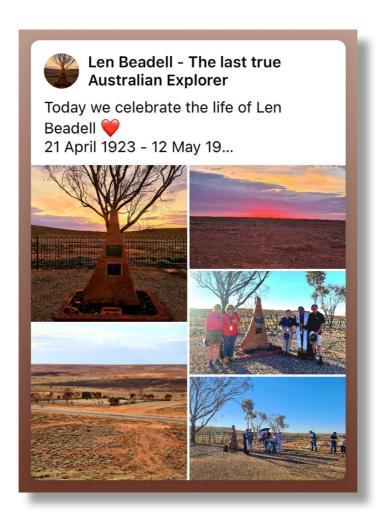




Inspiration



Get out there and explore our beautiful country Rangers!



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 NOW! PLEASE PAY ASAP

Trip Report



PEAKE 2022

So here's the thing - because there's always a thing right.

It was dark but I followed the instructions – turned left at the pub in Peake and travelled approx. 4.0km. I turned into the property and drove slowly past the homestead, turned left past the sheds and then right leaving gates as I found them. 15 minutes later there were no sand hills or campers, but a very one sided conversation with a paddock full of sheep who gave me baa nothing.

I discovered I was on the wrong property – I had to follow my tracks back out – remember it is night time - past the sheds leaving the gates as I found them and past the homestead slowly but this time in stealth mode so I didn't get shot at for being some Brazen Random driving around on private property with his spot lights on doing circles in paddocks trying to find where his crew was at.

I made some phone calls and got the newly elected who used his presidential skills to navigate me to the correct property which it so happens did have sand hills - which was closer to 3.6km from Peake just quietly.

Naturally there was the appropriate amount of banter for my additional adventures but I was pleased that my antics ended at a warm fire, a bevvy and with some quality people.





Trip Report



After a chilly nights sleep it was time to play in the sand hills. This is where you can put your training into practice, explore your vehicle's 4wding options and hone your skills knowing there was plenty of support if you needed some assistance.

There were some fantastic opportunities from replacing a tire that had come off its bead on top of a sand dune, using spades and traction boards, snatch straps and winching all in real life settings. I think all of the crew needed assistance at least once although a certain silver FJ Cruiser seemed to benefit probably a little more than most. Being able to just stop, step back, discuss what the options were and then stick to the plan. Clear communication just like what was taught in the training fostered confidence when it came to controlled vehicle recovery.



The property is large and so the 18 vehicles that attended were able to split into two groups (one for training and one for playing) and then spread out into different areas on the property and we wouldn't see the other group again until meeting back at camp for either lunch or dinner.

The weather was perfect for sand driving. The camp setting, camp fires, star filled night sky, lots of food passed around as we socialised at the end of the day to talk about the days adventures all added to a really relaxed weekend.

The other bonus was the property is only 1.5hrs from Adelaide.

I would encourage you to put this trip on your yearly adventures.

Cheers, Richard Stanley
FJ Cruiser - it's all about the adventure.

Club Trip



MARALINGA, GOOGS TRACK & MT IVE STATION

Tuesday August 2nd until Friday August 12th

Heading to the west coast before going onto Maralinga, then returning to the coast before driving Googs Track and then heading onto Mt. Ive Station in the Gawler Ranges.

We have booked our Maralinga Tour for Thursday 4th August, there are a few requirements regarding entry to Maralinga so please let me know if you are interested or need any further info.

Contact Lloyd Weaver -0411 265 960 or

weavey72@gmail.com









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 or speak to him at any club meetings.

Funny's



We all know this feeling!



4WD Info



IS YOUR UHF LEGAL?

Why are Imported Radios Illegal to use in Australia?

Australia has stringent laws for twoway radios. This includes the testing and approval of hardware including the transmit and receive stages for approved operation complying to Australian specifications from the ACMA (Australian Government) for the safe operations of radio transmitters.

Each two-way radio must undergo expensive type approval tests to ensure it does not exceed normal radiation standards and to ensure safety whilst operating the device.

If a radio has not been approved then it is instantly ILLEGAL to own and operate in Australia.

These illegal unapproved two-way radios pose a significant risk to public safety, not only are they often programmed Illegally to the same frequencies as those used by the Police, Fire & Ambulance services and Licensed Private Frequencies but also because the radios sometimes transmit across multiple frequencies because they are cheap and badly designed.

As of January 2007 the maximum penalties for the misuse of the legally allocated CB emergency channels are:

 For general misuse – if an individual 2 years imprisonment, otherwise \$165,000 (a \$220 on-the-spot fine can be issued in minor cases per radio); or • For interference to an Emergency call - if an individual 5 years imprisonment, otherwise \$550,000

All Baofeng radios are illegal to use in Australia. Most of these radios come in illegally and are programmed with Police and other frequencies that



interfere with licensed users and Public Safety Radios.

Unless you transmit on the free 80 channels of UHF CB channels only, you will need a private license for any other frequency. You cannot have an illegal radio programmed for Australian frequencies.

- Do not buy new two-way radios or walkie talkies off ebay, Amazon, Wish, China or USA. They will be illegal.
- Only buy from an authorised Australian Company.
- Some ebay sites say that they are in Australia but are from China making them illegal.
- Grey imports are products and brand names brought into Australia; they have no Australian warranty and will have non-approved frequencies for Australian use. These are illegal and you purchase at your own risk and without any comeback/warrant.

Giveaway



FREE TO A GOOD HOME!



Sorry, not the whole car but a heap of spare parts for a NT Pajero.

Either put them away as spares for your next outback trip or use them on your next service.

Parts include:

- Fuel filter Oil filter Air filter Cabin filter
- Radiator hoses Various belts Spare wheel lift kit

Contact Lloyd Weaver - 0411 265 960

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.

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Meetings & Trips



FUN & RECREATION

JUNE

MONDAY 20th JUNE - 7.30pm MLR CLUB MEETING Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

FRIDAY 24th - SUNDAY 26th JUNE Sand & Scrub Driving - Big Desert National Park, Camp at Billy Bore Contact: Gary Light

JULY

MONDAY 11th JULY - 7.30pm MLR CLUB MEETING Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 30th JULY SUNDAY 7th AUGUST
Crossing the Simpson Desert

** More Details To Come **

Contact: Trevor Light

AUGUST

TUESDAY 2nd -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 Grear

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

Meetings & Trips



FUN & RECREATION

NOVEMBER

MONDAY 14th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm MLR CLUB MEETING Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP

Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

SATURDAY 26th NOVEMBER MLR END OF YEAR EVENT **BLYTH SPORTSGROUND & RV PARK**

Contact: Tom Doody

DECEMBER

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

EDUCATION & TRAINING

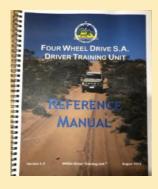
JUNE

SATURDAY 18th ILINE WI POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE

Contact: Glenn Lawson

Email: education@ mountloftvrangers.com.au

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



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Loftyfest 2022



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. Other amenities are available. More info to follow closer to the date. Registration TBD

Costs:

- Camping \$15 per peron per night 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:

- Camping
- 4WDing
- Hiking
- Cooking
- Socialising

PUT THIS ONE IN YOUR CALENDAR!











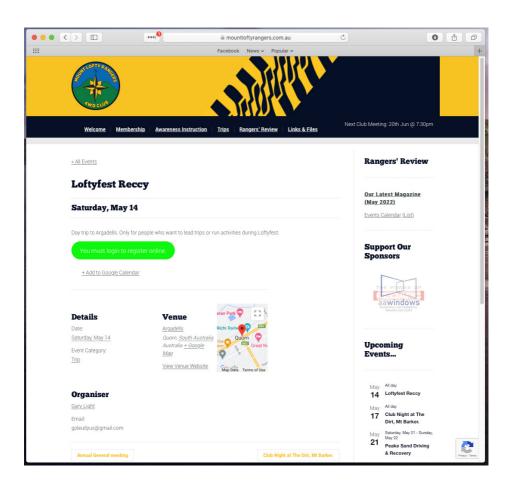


Trips Registration



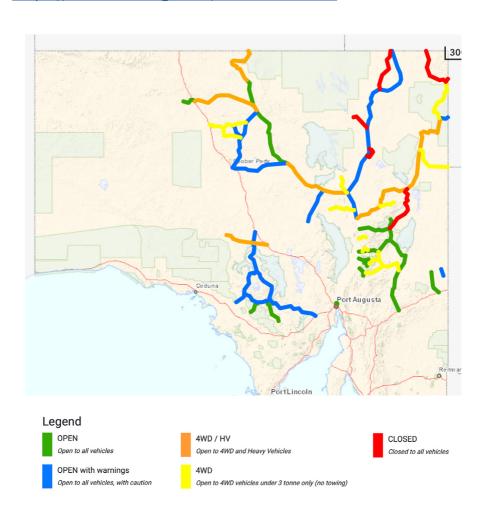
Don't forget that all current members can register for any club trips/events via the website, simply log-in and register your details.

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



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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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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://mountloftyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/or contact Chris Grear secretary@mountloftyrangers.com.au









NEXT CLUB MEETING:

MONDAY 11th JULY - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 27th JULY - 7.30pm

