



# **RANGERS' REVIEW**







The sun in the eastern sky over North Haven on Anzac morning with the sun's rays ironically looking very much like The Rising Sun Army badge.

# PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

Well the time has come to hand over the wheel to a fresh face to drive the MLR bus forward. In my nine and a bit years with MLR I have been on the committee for eight either as VP or President. My personal circumstances no longer afford me the time I would like to dedicate to the club in order to do the position and membership justice, so time to move on.

Over the years, I have tried to follow three principles all with good intentions of improving the club. In no particular order these were:

Opportunities – I endeavored to provide an environment that provided choices / opportunities for members to partake in activities. This included opportunities to provide feedback and guidance to myself and the committee. Opportunities to attend a variety of trips, activities and events. Whilst all of these may not have appealed to everyone, I would like to think some would appeal to all.

Diversity and inclusion – I have tried to foster an environment that encouraged diversity and inclusion. That is, everyone is different, we should accept individuals for who they are and what they can contribute instead of trying to mold them into our own image. We should engage with the prospective / new members and make them feel welcome. By accepting people for who they are stimulates growth with the introduction of new ideas and opportunities. Following on from this we should continue to formally recognize and reward those members of the club that make significant contributions.

Fairness – I have sought to treat everyone in a fair an equal manner. I have attempted to provide an environment where members feel safe enough to express their views and when some don't, I have stood up for what I believe was the right thing to do in the interest of the club.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all those committee members past and current who have assisted me over the years. Like I have said on many occasions, we are all volunteers. This is not our day job and we do what we do with good intentions, in the interest of the club, to the best of our ability. Without the members of the committee, we wouldn't have a club. Thank you all.

You the members, are consistently providing feedback indicating that you have joined the club for one or many of the following reasons:

- Attend trips (all types)
- Wanting to learn about your vehicles capabilities and improve your own
- Camaraderie and friendship
- Members feel welcome

All of the items above align to what I have mentioned previously. However, a club is only as good as its members. You get out of it what you put in. As such, I encourage you to be active members so that MLR can thrive (apathy kills clubs). As you know, it is always a challenge to find people who will step up and lead activities. When people do step up, we need the membership to support these activities i.e. attend where possible, after all, that's one of the reasons you joined. If activities aren't supported, those planning them will stop putting up their hands and others won't want to step up. This in turn reduces opportunities which in turn impacts all the reasons people want to join the club. It then becomes a downward spiral with the membership base declining, and you can fill in the rest...

Notwithstanding this MLR has consistently maintained a membership base of around 80. It would be good to grow this by providing a valued offering to potential members and keeping our existing ones.

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We want to create a strong club, one that members want to join and renew, one with a strong and growing core of active members, one with a "good cycle" of people who get involved, which in turn generates more events and discussion and knowledge-exchange, which in turn gets more people to join and renew. Lets have a club that offers genuine opportunities to , have your say – you get out what you put in, lets have a club run by the members for the members.

In summary, I strongly encourage you to consider joining the committee or at the very least actively support the committee in the future. I encourage you to all be active members, consider being trip leaders or at the very least participate in those activities on offer. Welcome new members and accept all members for who they are and the unique perspective and contribution everyone can make.

Going forward, I now look forward to relaxing and being a proud member of MLR and enjoying what the club has to offer. With that it's time to sign off...



(Anyone recognise this?)

#### Next Meetings:

Next monthly meeting is 09 May 2022

Next committee meeting 23 May 2022

#### Word of the Month:

Active - engaged in action; characterized by energetic work, participation, etc

#### YOUR COMMITTEE DIRECTORS FOR 2022



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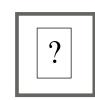
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#### YOUR COMMITTEE

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

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

Keep reading for a brief description of each role:

**<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.

#### **M**EMBERSHIP

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

### Notice of AGM

In accordance with the CONSTITUTION OF MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB (May 2016) the MLR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 9 MAY **2022** AT 7.45PM AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB, BLACKWOOD.

Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted no later than one week prior to the AGM (Monday 2 May).

Nomination Forms are avail in MLR newsletters and on the website and will be available at the preceding Club meetings,

or

register your interest by replying via email to the president or secretary.

Please note that: All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.

All positions except for Vice President and Secretary are open for nominations as below:

President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Membership Officer, 4WDSA Delegate, Trips

Officer, Training Officer, Webmaster, Magazine Editor, Property Officer, Merchandise Officer,

General Officer (multiple positions)

If you require any information on any of the positions please do not hesitate to contact Gary on 0408 333 383





# MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM

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HEREBY NOMINATE	
FOR THE POSITION OF (tick one only)	
PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM – Even Years	VICE PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM – Odd Years
TREASURER – 2 YEAR TERM – Even Years	SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM – Odd Years
ALL OFFICER POSITIONS ARE A ONE YEAR TERM	
MEMBERSHIP OFFICER	TRIPS COORDINATOR
4WDSA DELEGATE	MERCHANDISE OFFICER
MAGAZINE EDITOR	WEBSITE OFFICER
PROPERTY OFFICER	EDUCATION OFFICER
GENERAL COMMITTEE OFFICER	
NOMINATOR SIGNATURE	DATE
ACCEPTED BY	DATE



### 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:
  - $_{\circ}2022$  (May Dec) \$60 payable no later than 31 Jul 2022
  - o 2023 (Jan Dec) \$90 payable no later than 31 Mar 2023
- New Members:
  - ∘2022 May Sep \$80
  - $_{\circ}$ 2023 Jan Sep \$110 then pro rata Sep Dec

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



- **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





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# 2022 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

MONDAY 9th MAY - 7.30 p.m. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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 24<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

SAND & SCRUB DRIVING – CAMP AT BILLY BORE - Contact: Gary Light BIG DESERT NATIONAL PARK

MONDAY 11th JULY - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY MANSFIELD HIGH COUNTRY

SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY – SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

CROSSING THE SIMPSON DESERT – Contact: Trevor Light
\*\* MORE DETAILS TO COME \*\*

MONDAY 8th AUGUST - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood

SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST – SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

**HEAD OF THE BIGHT - Contact: Chris Grear** 

WHALE WATCHING

**MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** 

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood



# 2022 MEETINGS & TRIPS CALENDAR

SATURDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER – MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER

\*\* LOFTYFEST \*\* - Contact: Gary Light

**ARGADELLS – 360 KMS NORTH OF ADELAIDE** 

MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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** 

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

SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER FISHING TRIP

MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - 7.30 p.m.

MLR CLUB MEETING @ Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Tce Blackwood



# Please help keep details up to date

Should any of your personal details change please advise:

membership@mountloftyrangers.com.au



## 2022 TRAINING & AWARENESS CALENDAR

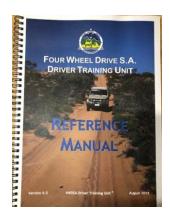
SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY – SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

PEAKE SAND DRIVING & RECOVERY - Contact: Steve Townsend

SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> 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

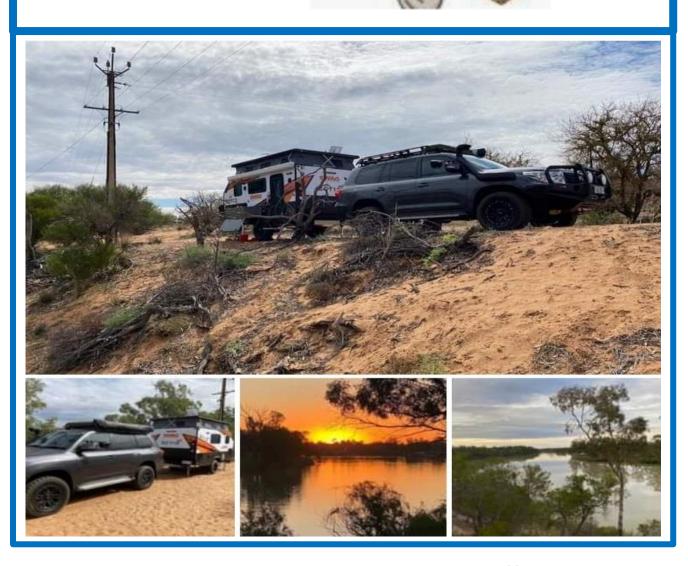
# What did you do over the Easter Break?

Les Scott tried out his new SCT 13 on the banks of the Murray River near Waikerie.

His report was:

Very comfortable bed Good kitchen set-up Nice hot shower

Aaaaaah



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Whether you are towing or not, this gives you an in-sight on overtaking road trains.



OVERTAKING ROAD TRAINS CAN BE NERVE-WRACKING AND DANGEROUS. HERE'S HOW TO DO IT SAFELY.



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Road trains. They're absolutely huge. Metal beasts that travel our highways, delivering goods around the country and vital to the functioning of our economy. If you've ever approached one, or been overtaken by one, perhaps on an outback highway somewhere, you'll know how unnerving they can be.

Measuring up to 53.5m in length, or about 10 car lengths, these diesel-fired hulks dwarf even the largest and most impressive caravan and tow vehicle combination. However, there may be times when you feel the need to overtake a road train.

This can certainly be achieved, but there are a number of factors for the caravanner to consider first.

#### **OVERTAKING ROAD TRAINS**

Overtaking a road train on a highway can take between 60 and 90 seconds. That might not seem like a long time. But here's a test. Set an alarm for, say, 75 seconds. Now, close your eyes and picture being at the helm of your tow vehicle and caravan combination, alongside one of those roaring behemoths, until the alarm goes off.

If you didn't feel a sense of unease, then you have nerves of steel. But for we mere mortals, overtaking a road train is – and should be – intimidating. Further, it's bound to be a little nervewracking for the truck driver, too.

So first things first. Ask yourself, do you really need to overtake? If the answer is 'yes', then be patient and pick the best, safest time to do so. Check that there is no oncoming traffic and that when you pull out, you will have clear visibility of the road ahead. This will require you to position your vehicle in such a way as to not only see any oncoming traffic but so that that the driver of the road train can see you too.



We strongly suggest that you purchase a UHF radio, if you don't already have one. Even a small, hand-held unit will do the job. Switch from channel 18 – the recommended channel for RVers – to UHF channel 40, which is the channel used by truck drivers. Give the truck driver your location and direction, and ask whether it's safe to pass.

Such a conversation might go like this:

Caravanner: "Caravanner calling southbound road train outside of Tennant Creek. I'm in the silver Jeep Grand Cherokee about 50m behind you and would like to overtake. Are we clear to pass?"

Truck driver: "Copy. Suggest you hold off a moment – I see some oncoming traffic. I'll call you when it's clear."

Make sure that you can be seen. Keep your lights on, especially in overcast conditions. When you feel comfortable – or have been given the all-clear over the radio by the truck driver – begin your overtaking manoeuvre. Crucially, keep your speed safe and consistent – and don't forget to give the truck driver a friendly wave once you're safely back in the left-hand lane.

#### BEING OVERTAKEN

Now, what about the opposite situation, when you see a truck approaching to overtake your tow vehicle and caravan? The fact is, truck drivers work to tight schedules. Say what you want about that, but it does mean they might not have the luxury of sitting behind a caravanner who is travelling 20km/h below the posted speed limit.



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First, it's important that you – the caravanner – maintain a safe, consistent speed and position on the road. This will allow the truck driver to determine the best speed for their approach.

As the truck changes lanes to overtake, it would be a good idea to gently ease off the accelerator – do not brake and, above all, do not speed up.

Once the truck has safely passed, and you feel comfortable with the distance between your rig and the road train, it wouldn't hurt to communicate this over the radio.

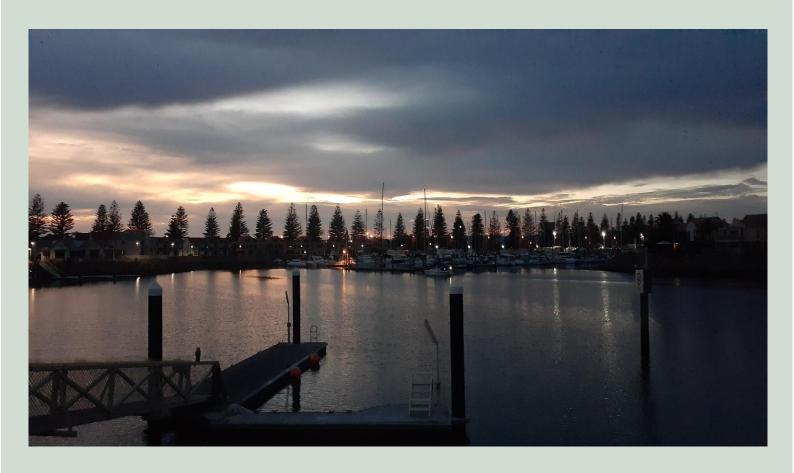
At the end of the day, truckies and caravanners – along with all motorists – have every right to our roads and highways. Rather than antagonising one another through poor driving practices, employing a little courtesy and a healthy dose of common sense will go a long way towards getting everyone to their destination safely.

With thanks to Whiteline Television for the use of the video and images.



Our friends across the marina invited us to join them for a commemorative Anzac Day morning.

So, arriving at 5.30 a.m., warming ourselves around the chiminea, sipping hot coffee, we watched the dawn appear in the sky over the marina (photo below) and tuned into the radio broadcast of Adelaide's War Memorial Service.







# A few pics from MLR facebook page - Luke & Therese McGowan's 10 day trip to Eyre Peninsula.













Luke and I just back from fantastic 10 days Sheringa beach and Smoky Bay Eyre Peninsula then last few days at Mt Ive Station in the Gawler Ranges. Had a lunch stop at Pretty Point campsite. Got out before the rain saw a lot of Sturt Desert Peas. Lake Gairdner full of water. Amazing.



# Look sharp in our new range of Club Merchandise

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# Should you have any questions, please contact Tom Doody



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\$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

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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

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MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB RUGBY TOP 1

\$50.00



MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB RUGBY TOP 2

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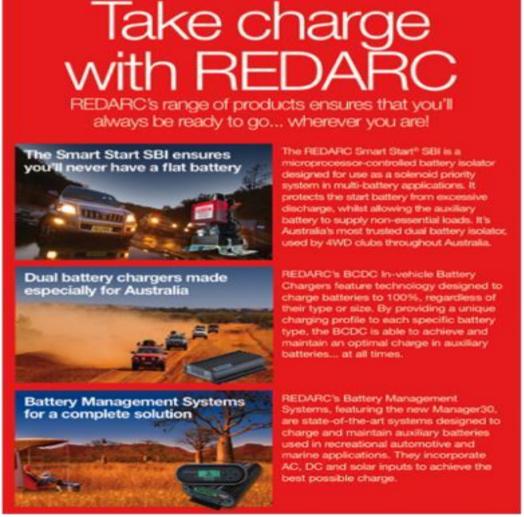
MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB CAP

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# 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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https://www.facebook.com/RedarcElectronics/

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

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# Loftyfest 22

When: 1 – 3 Oct 22

Where: Argadells <a href="https://www.argadells.com.au/">https://www.argadells.com.au/</a>

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!

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# Fellow Rangers

This May version of the Review is my last edition, I have opted out as "Editor" - myself and Rob will be away for a 6 month adventure.

I hope you have enjoyed my input into The Review over the last 21 months (wow that went quick)!



Cheers
Trish Dagri

Take care everyone - stay safe