

RANGERS' REVIEW



December 2023

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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

So here we are, just weeks before the end of the year, wondering where did that time go..., again!

The reality is that most of us have 'stuff' going on in our lives that we would rather not have to deal with. Hopefully you will all get a break during the Christmas/New Year period, where you can dial the pace back a bit and enjoy the company of people that are special to you.



*Phil Simes,
President*

But before that, we have our final club meeting of the year, this Monday evening, 11th December. Come along and get into the Christmas spirit, with a twist, as we play our Evil Santa version of Kris Kringle. Bring a wrapped present approx. \$10-\$15 value, to join the fun. Each present you bring will get you a pick from the table, or perhaps you might like the look of something someone else has already unwrapped?

Sparkly white wine from the bar will be subsidised too!

BRING SOME CASH! Don't forget to bring some cash to purchase a ticket or two in this year Charity Raffle. \$5 a ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Proceeds this year are going to RFDS. The Raffle will be drawn at the end of the meeting!

Also, Deb Aschmoneit will be again selling her 'Fruffles' (Fruit Truffles). If you haven't tried them, you don't know what you're missing! (Cash is preferred)

In the new year, we ease back into things with our annual Show and Shine at the January Club meeting, 8th January, and the Annual Beachport Trip, Australia Day long weekend 26th-28th January.

Then, keep an eye out for upcoming trips. Some of the members are already locking in dates for trips and there will be announcements soon for key dates such as the 2024 Camp Cook weekend.

Annual Club fees for 2024 are now due. Please get your renewal fees in as soon as possible and I look forward to your company at the various events and trips next year.

Let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Prosperous 2024.

I sincerely hope you get the chance to spend it exactly the way you'd like to, however that might be!

Merry Christmas, 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

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 (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 2023

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

EVIL SANTA & XMAS RAFFLE

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

JANUARY 2024

MONDAY 8th 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.

Club Trips Procedure

Planning a Club Trip/Event

Anyone planning a club trip or event please follow the procedure as per below.

Step 1: Email or speak to, the club trips co-ordinator.
Give as much detail as possible and fill out a “Trip Sheet”.

Step 2: The trip will then be presented to the committee for approval at the next available committee meeting. When a trip is planned prior to the next committee meeting, approval can be give by the committee via email.

Step 3: Once approved, put your trip sheet up on the board, send an email, post on Facebook, send details to magazine@mountloftyangers.com.au and get the word out there.

Step 4: Get out there and have fun!

Note: If only seeking an “Expressions of Interest” then sending emails & posting on Facebook is allowed prior to committee approval, but please make it clear that it is only an “Expressions of Interest”

**Any questions please speak to any
of the committee members.**

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MLR Christmas Show



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STARS OF THE
SHOW!



THE
LADIES OF
BLYTH!



MLR Christmas Show



MLR Christmas Show



We had dinner in the Blyth Town Hall and were lucky enough to have dinner cooked for us by some local ladies, it was delicious.

All proceeds from the night went back to the community. This is a community owned Town Hall, not council owned, so the money raised goes towards the up keep of this beautiful building.



December Meeting

EVIL
SANTA
IS
BACK!



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

As has become the tradition, our December club meeting will again be taken over by Evil Santa and the drawing of the Xmas Raffle.

Come along with a plate to share, a gift to give and a wicked sense of humour to enjoy a hilarious twist on 'Kris Kringle'.

To play, each person should spend \$10-\$15 on an anonymous gift to place on the gift table. You may, if you wish, bring more than one gift.

For each gift you will receive 1 ticket.

When your ticket is drawn, you will get your chance to choose a gift from the table, or perhaps you've been overtaken by the spirit of Evil Santa?

More detail on the rules will be provided on the night.

Please give a little thought to what you give.

Give something of the calibre that you would like to receive.

Or maybe you can find something topical or humorous.



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



Wise Words

"Of all the paths you take in life , make sure a few of them are dirt "



Club Trip



End of Year Raffle

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE
DONATED TO THE



TICKETS
\$5
EACH

TICKETS
5 FOR
\$20

Please bring some cash to the November and December meetings and the End of Year Event at Blyth where the committee will be selling tickets to the Xmas Raffle.

Thanks to club sponsors ARB, Mount Barker 4x4, Redarc and Blackwood Tyrepower

Prizes include an ARB Portable Air Compressor Kit, a Redarc BCDC 1225D 'in vehicle' battery charger and \$100 Tyrepower vouchers.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Cash only.

This year, all proceeds will be donated to the RFDS. Prizes will be drawn at the December club meeting.



Membership Fees

Christmas is almost upon us, Evil Santa is preparing for a fun night and all current Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD club memberships will expire 31st December 2023.

Please note that our By-Laws state non-financial members “are not allowed to take part in club activities without prior Committee approval.”

If you are heading to Beachport, please ensure your membership fees are paid.



The new membership year is for a full 12 months from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024.

Membership fees for the 2024 Membership Year are:

- Annual Renewal Fee AU \$90.00
(Due no later than 31st March)
- New Members Fee AU \$110.00

Payments can be made in person to the treasurer or via EFT

MLR EFT Details:

- BSB: 065 132
- Account No: 1004 4806
- Account Name: Mount Lofty Rangers Inc.
- Reference on transaction, **MUST** include “Your Name” - Renewal”

Club Trip

Beachport 2024

Friday 26th - Sunday 28th January

Hurry!
Only 9
sites left in
section D

As is the tradition, Mount Lofty 4WD Club will again be heading to Beachport for the Australia Day long weekend, staying at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park.

The Park has set aside sites in Section D, powered and unpowered, for MLR, however, it's a very busy park at that time of the year, so I urge you to book your site as soon as possible, to ensure you are located close to the rest of our club. Many of us try to book a day either side of the weekend to make an extra long weekend, avoid some of the traffic and to really chill out.

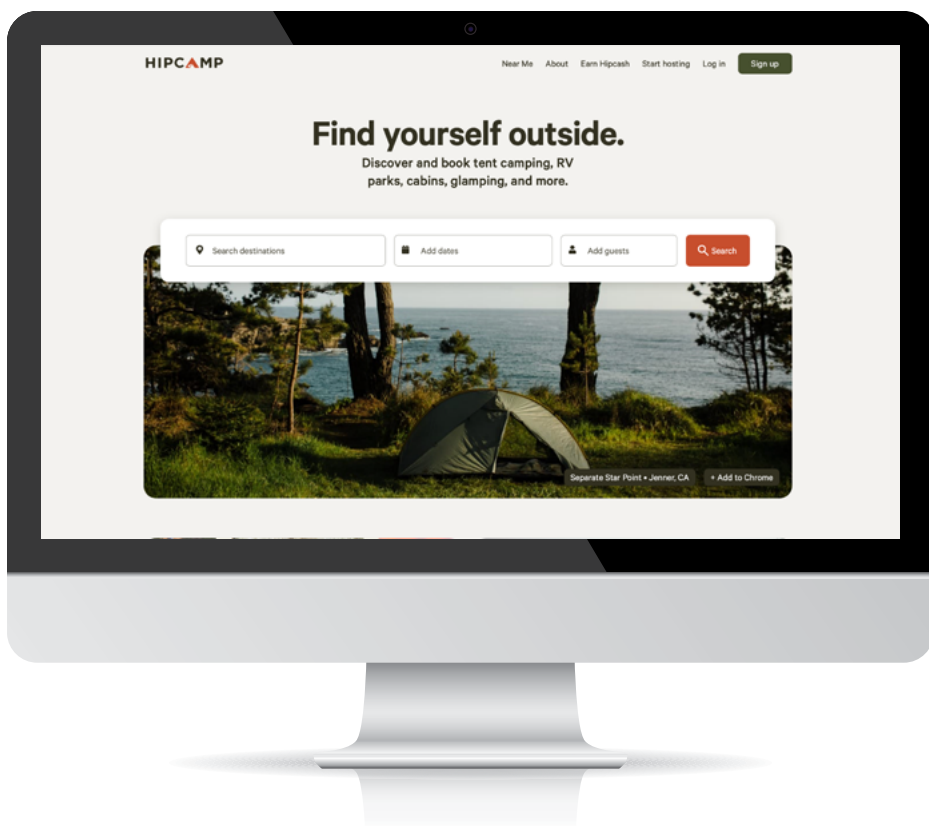
Various trips will take place each day, in and around Beachport, from sand and beach driving, to winery and ice cream shop visits with the club gathering near the Section D camp kitchen each afternoon for happy hour and to share any stories from the days adventures.



**Book and pay by contacting the
Southern Ocean Tourist Park on
08 8735 8153, or via the website.**



Hipcamp



Most of you would have heard of, and used Wikicamps.

If you're looking for something a bit different which has private properties listed that aren't on Wikicamps, check out Hipcamp, you just might find a hidden gem for your next trip.

<https://www.hipcamp.com/en-AU>

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Red



Stone

January Meeting

MLR ANNUAL SHOW 'N SHINE

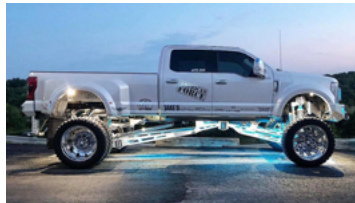
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY

Get the wax out and start polishing!

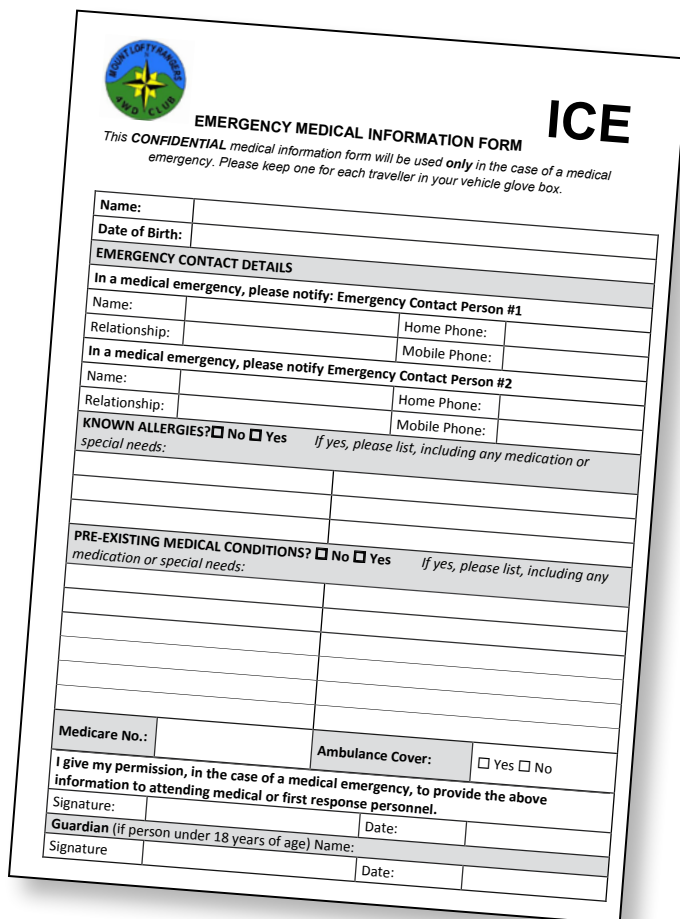
Our January meeting is always a bit of fun with a “tounge-in-cheek” Show ‘n’ Shine event.

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.



ICE Forms



The image shows a printable form titled "ICE FORMS" with a logo for "TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR" and "TRIPS CLUB". The form is titled "EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM" and includes a disclaimer: "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." The form contains sections for personal details, emergency contact details for two persons, known allergies, pre-existing medical conditions, medicare number, ambulance cover, and a guardian's signature and date.

ICE FORMS

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 CONTACT DETAILS

In a medical emergency, please notify: Emergency Contact Person #1

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

In a medical emergency, please notify Emergency Contact Person #2

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

Relationship: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

KNOWN ALLERGIES? ☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, please list, including any medication or special needs:*

PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS? ☐ No ☐ Yes *If yes, please list, including any medication or special needs:*

Medicare No.: _____ Ambulance Cover: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I give my permission, in the case of a medical emergency, to provide the above information to attending medical or first response personnel.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Guardian (if person under 18 years of age) Name: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please remember that it is recommended that all attendees on any club trips/events should fill out and ICE form and keep it in their glovebox.

Forms can be downloaded from the below link:

[ICE FORMS DOWNLOAD](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to the Trips Co-ordinator, Gary Light

Committee Positions

**WE STILL HAVE SOME POSITIONS
VACANT ON THE COMMITTEE SO PLEASE
SEE ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS IF YOU WISH
TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANT ROLES.**



CURRENT VACANCIES:

• VICE PRESIDENT • MERCHANDISE OFFICER

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.

Birthday Drinks



**PLEASE SEE KYLIE AT
THE CLUB MEETING FOR
YOUR COMPLIMENTARY
BIRTHDAY DRINK**

Links Page



The Links & Files page on our website has heaps of useful information and downloads.

With everything from weather to road conditions and club documents to trip documents, it's a great resource for lots of things in one convenient place... check it out:

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Club Trips Info

Planning a Club Trip/Event?



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Cheers, Lloyd

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clubs/racing/mount-lofty-rangers-4wd-club/](https://www.sportscentre.com.au/product-category/clubs/racing/mount-lofty-rangers-4wd-club/)

Should you have any questions please contact Tom Doody
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 a web browser displaying the Mount Lofty Rangers website. 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 Reccey' is prominently displayed, indicating it is on Saturday, May 14. A green button prompts users to log in to register online. The page also includes a map of the venue, Argadell, and a list of upcoming events. The footer contains links to the annual general meeting and club night.

Loftyfest Reccey
Saturday, May 14

Day trip to Argadell. 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
Argadell
Quorn, South Australia
Australia + Google Map
View Venue Website

Organiser
Gary Light
Email: goledyus@gmail.com

Rangers' Review
Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)
Events Calendar (List)

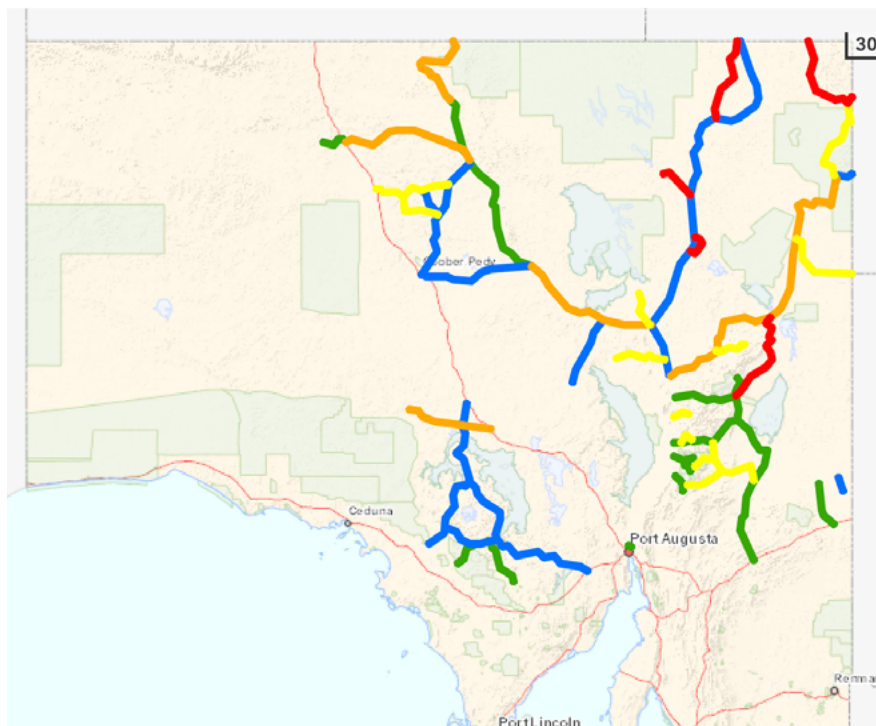
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Upcoming Events...
May 14 All day Loftyfest Reccey
May 17 All day Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.
May 21 Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22 Peske Sand Driving & Recovery

Annual General meeting Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.

Road Conditions

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

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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.

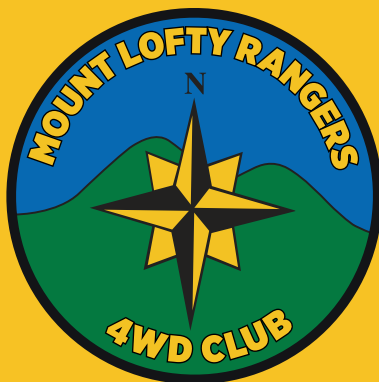
1. Inspect vehicle and make sure it meets the criteria for Club Registration. If previously registered bring current registration information including current permits for modified vehicles.
2. Complete MR334 form and original to owner and copy retained by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club
3. Log book supplied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





NEXT CLUB MEETING:

MONDAY 8th JANUARY - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 22nd JANUARY - 7.30pm