

RANGERS' REVIEW



February 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



Hi all, I'm currently bobbing around Tasmania on the One and All, so Tom and the rest of the committee will be running the Feb meeting. I am thankful for their support and conscious that I'll have some more favours to repay when I return.



*Phil Simes,
President*

What a great weekend it was down at Beachport. It's been many a year since I was down there, so it was really enjoyable to revisit the stunning scenery. I needed to shoot though early, so I didn't get to hear about Pete's trip down to Carpenters Rocks on Saturday, so I hope there's a trip report later in this edition!

I'll be back for March meeting and as much as I don't want summer to end yet, I know I'll be looking forward to getting back out camping and cooking on an a campfire. I look forward to discussing some upcoming trips with you all then!

Cheers, 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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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



Trip Report

Pete's Tantalising Tour to Carpenters Rocks Trip report by Lloyd Weaver

After a morning meeting at the camp kitchen Peter, Kylie, Fred, Eric and myself decided to give the run to Carpenters Rocks a go with Pete's plan to stick to the beach the whole way.

We headed off at 9.30am ready for the adventure ahead. This was my 3rd attempt to get down to Carpenters Rocks via the beach with my previous 2 attempts having retreated to the inland tracks due to the beach winning on those occasions.

After the easy run to Southend we made our way through the rocky outcrops of Canunda National Park and took a couple of photos before making our way onto the beach.

The beach driving was soft as expected but we were making good progress. Luckily the beach was nice and wide and we had our pick of both the high line and the low line. On these flat stretches of beach we chose both options and were humming along nicely.

The two 4 cylinder autos were working harder than Pete's 4.8L manual, hence Fred came over the radio saying his cars temperature was hitting the red so we decided to pull up and let things cool down a bit while we all let a bit more air out of our tyres, at this point I went from 16psi down to 11psi.



Trip Report



We continued along the beach until we came to a headland we couldn't go around, so stopped for lunch on top of the cliff, a great spot for a bite, a chat & a few photos.

From here the soft sand driving continued, we were making our way along the high line before Pete came over the radio and said hold it up, there was a big drop off which meant we had to backtrack and take the low line next to the water to get through.

Pete went through OK before Fred started making his way and felt himself bogging down so stopped and was stuck. We tried a bit of digging and using Freds 2 x Maxtrax but didn't have any success, as the waves were lapping his wheels we let his tyres down some more (one more than the rest thanks to our Trip Leader 😂) Then with another 4 x recovery boards it was time to see if things were looking better than the first attempt. Fred climbed up onto the boards and then put his foot down and made it through. I believe this was only the 2nd time Fred had engaged 4WD in his car and he handled the whole situation very well.



Trip Report

Then it was my turn and I possibly over compensated with my speed after seeing what had happened to Fred, but made it through without issue and a sigh of relief. From there it was an easy run on firm sand down to the lighthouse and we made it to Carpenters Rocks by 1.30pm. The famous Carpenter Rocks hot chips had to be substituted for wedges due to the nationwide chip/potatoe shortage, but still enjoyable all the same.

After airing up a bit we headed back via the scenic route through forest tracks, wind farms and a not very well used road by the name of Narrow Neck Road, which lived up to its name. When someone as experienced as Pete says that is one of the best runs he has had down there you know we were lucky with the tides/beach which meant we stayed on the beach the whole way. A great day out with great people and lots of fun.



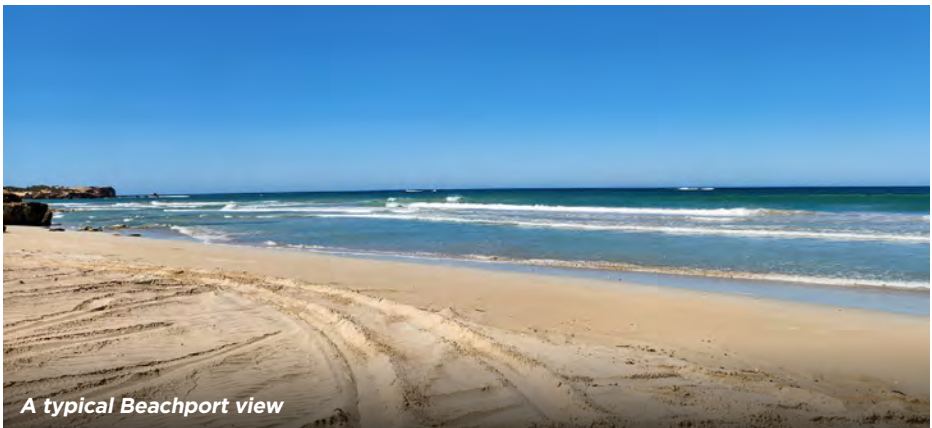
Trip Report

Beachport 2023 Report by Kylie Cooper

Australia Day celebrated at MLR annual event in Beachport was yet another success in 2023. Some of us made it an extended trip staying for the week, others made it down on the public holiday Thursday and stayed for a long weekend.

We met new members Alex & Andrea Szabo who live in Meningie and made new friends with their fellow Southern Tablelands 4WD club member Matt who was on his way on a 12 month Australian touring journey. Familiar face and new member Edward "Johno" Johnson joined us once again from Wimmera 4WD club based in Horsham for his 2nd time in Beachport with MLR, bringing friends Craig & Kathy from Wimmera who also are beginning on their 3 month travelling journey. Potential new member Fred Wright was accompanied by his brother Eric who completed the run to Carpenter's Rocks with a somewhat semi-serious self recovery required, leaving the notorious strip of beach reputation intact.

Standard trips to and from Beachport to Robe and Carpenters Rocks were made each day. Blacktop drives to Cape Northumberland, Mount Gambier and Naracoorte Caves made for off-road options. Not to mention visits to the icrecream shop by many (twice by some but we won't mention any names)! Always an adventure to be had.



Trip Report



Sun, sand & 4WD's = fun day out

Amazingly perfect weather ranging from 25-35 degrees every day until Saturday night when it rained from 6pm right through until 2.30am making pack-up a wetter task than usual.

Cars and campers alike were all reviewed with interest to see others set ups and shake downs. Happy hour was held in the communal hut most nights with always a brilliant assortment of 'dip n bickies' to share. Early morning people set off for their ritual walks from 6am, a few even



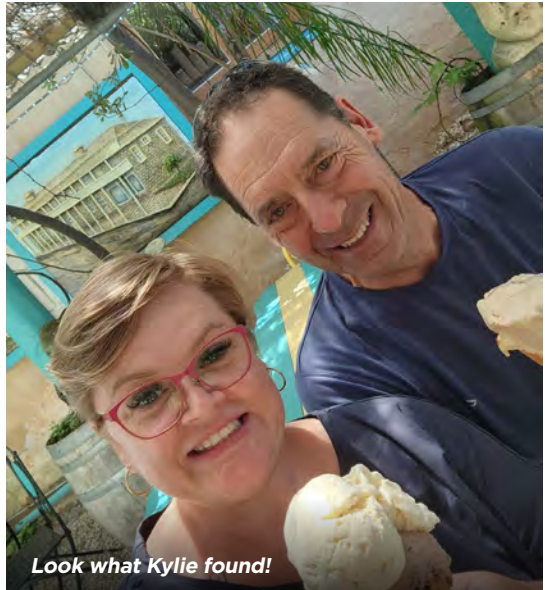
Obligatory lunch at Nora Creina Bay

Trip Report

braved the icy cold Southern Ocean for a brisk dip or gave the stand up paddle board a try. Books were read, card games played, crosswords completed and fishing rods reeled.

We have received notification that after 8 years as managers Heidi and Dan are leaving for a new adventure, we thank them for supporting MLR on the Australia Day weekend during their time.

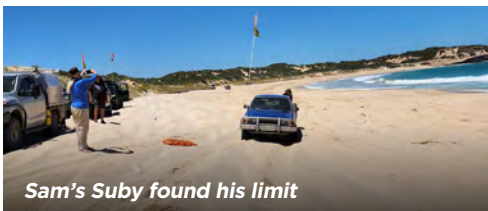
Until next time... we thank you for your clear skies, icy blue water, white sandy dunes and flavoursome ice cream shop!



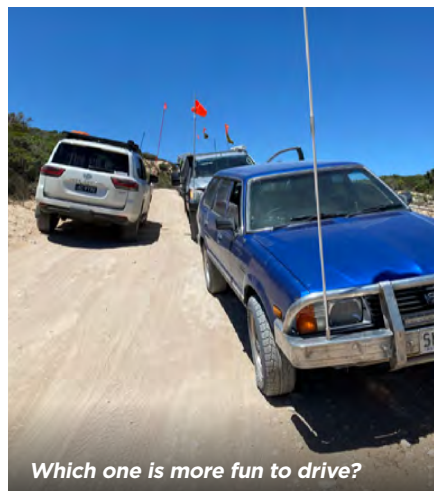
Look what Kylie found!



Recovery Pete doing his thing



Sam's Suby found his limit



Which one is more fun to drive?

Trip Report

How “not” to drive on the beach Report by Garry Blunt

A Timely Reminder.

After Tom talking about the necessary items needed for Beachport at the last meeting, I was reminded of our trip along Goolwa beach to the Murray mouth over Xmas.

We had 3 4wd's that morning. Two of us dropped tyre pressures to 15psi and the other one (son-in-law in a Navara) – “Nah, she'll be right. Didn't drop me tyre pressures last time I was here and I got through.”



So, anyway, he got bogged about half way between the turn off to the beach and the beach in all that luvly soft sand! Right next to a clown in an old single cab tray top ute. (Toyota) The other fourby in our little convoy – (Toyota 100 series) snatched/dragged this bloke to the beach. It was 4wd (with obligatory dog in the back) BUT no front hubs locked in, normal road tyre pressures and kept his wheels turned at 45° to direction of travel while being dragged to the beach. But he knew what he was doing – or so he said.

On the way back, there were 3 cars blocking the exit off the beach. Two were 4wds with absolutely clueless drivers, and someone had driven a new MG into the sand and managed to get half way before getting bogged to the axles.

We got the two fourbys going with lower tyre pressures and actually engaging 4wd. The MG was eventually dragged out backwards to the road by a Hilux. By this time there were about 40 cars waiting to get through to the beach!

Oh, and my son in law? Drove off once he dropped his tyre pressures and stuck the Nissan in 4wd – how strange.

Meetings & Trips

FUN & RECREATION

FEBRUARY 2023

MONDAY 13th FEBRUARY - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

MARCH 2023

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

SATURDAY 25th -
SUNDAY 26th MARCH
**INTERCLUB -
NGARKAT WORKING BEE**
Contact: Paul Parsons

APRIL 2023

SUNDAY 16th - APRIL
DOODY'S MYSTERY TRIP
Contact: Tom Doody

MONDAY 17th APRIL - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

MAY 2023

MONDAY 8th MAY - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

JUNE 2023

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

JULY 2023

MONDAY 10th JULY - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

FRIDAY 14th -
SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER
BIG DESERT WILDERNESS PARK
Contact: Gary Light

AUGUST 2023

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

Meetings & Trips

SEPTEMBER 2023

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

OCTOBER 2023

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

NOVEMBER 2023

FRIDAY 10th -
SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER
SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP
Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm
MLR CLUB MEETING
Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

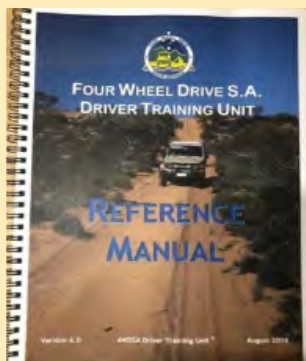
DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm
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Trip Report

Murray Mouth and Beyond

Trip report by Chris Grear

A large crew set off at 0845 on an adventure to see the effects of the Murray River with a large volume of water flowing out to sea. The weather was on our side and was cool and not too windy. First stop was the barrage at Goolwa where the all the water restrictions were sitting out allowing free flow out to the Coorong and the ocean. Large numbers of dead fish seen floating in the reeds was interesting with thousands going out to sea as well. All Carp I was told. The flow of the river was quite quick and would be hazardous to any one if they fell in. A couple of seals lazing around and basking in the sun waiting for their photos to be taken.

Next was a look at the Murray mouth from Hindmarsh Island. The mouth was quite wide and no dredgers were in use and maybe not for a while. Interesting the mouth seemed closer to the weir than I remember and there was very little sand near the mouth to drive around the end of the dunes. I guess the mammoth flows have been the cause.



Trip Report



Following the Hindmarsh Island visit we took off for Clayton Bay and then Milang with a short visit just for looking at the Lake and levels and fluid adjustments.

Lunch time was fast approaching and we set off for Wellington to see the sites.

We had lunch booked and nearly were late. The water levels at Wellington really showed the river at a high level with some buildings opposite the hotel were quite close to the water and I expect some homes may be impacted.

Beer was cold and the food was quite exceptional and we spent some time just catching up and chatting. The casual day came to an end and we all parted company and went our various ways.

Thanks to all who attended.



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This membership year is for a full 12 months from 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023.

Please check your emails for the reminder notice.

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

Somewhere in the middle

Overview

Following on from last month please see below information for the centre of each of Australia's states and territories.

Struggling for where to go next, why not tick these off your list?

Centre of Australian Capital Territory

The centre of the Australian Capital Territory might be thought of as the former site of the Honeysuckle Creek Tracking Station, approximately 35km south-south-west of Canberra. The tracking station played a leading role in the NASA Apollo missions, closing in 1981 with the end of the Skylab program. The radio telescope was dismantled and relocated to Tidbinbilla in 1983.

Location: 35° 29' 24" South, 149° 00' 05" East

Position on SI55-16 Canberra 1:250 000 and 8726 Michelago 1:100 000 scale maps.

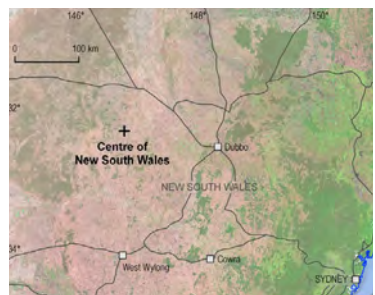


Centre of New South Wales

One possible definition of the centre for New South Wales is located just off Cockies Road, 33km west-north-west of Tottenham (Tottenham is 110km west of Dubbo). This spot, south of the Fiveways Intersection, is marked by a large sign, constructed for Australia's Bicentennial celebrations.

Location: 32° 09' 48" South, 147° 01' 00" East

Position on SI55-03 Narromine 1:250 000 and 8333 Tottenham 1:100 000 scale maps.



Somewhere in the middle

Centre of Northern Territory

Using the method described earlier, one estimate of where the centre of the Northern Territory lies can be found approximately 91 km west-north-west of Tennant Creek. A short distance past the Kartijirarrakanya Claypan, this centre is in a particularly harsh, arid part of the territory.

Location: 19° 23' 00" South, 133° 21' 28" East

Position on SE53-13 Green Swamp Well 1:250 000 and 5559 Lee 1:100 000 scale maps.



Centre of Queensland

In Queensland, the geographical centre is located 17km north-west of Muttaborra. Also famous from a paleontological perspective, this region was once a pre-historic inland sea. A wealth of fossilized remains has been uncovered here, and when a previously undiscovered species was found, it was became known as the Muttaborrasaurus.

Location: 22° 29' 13" South, 144° 25' 54" East

Position on SF55-09 Muttaborra 1:250 000 and 7753 Culloden 1:100 000 scale maps.



Centre of South Australia

Despite three sides of its border being straight lines, defining the centre of South Australia is no easier thanks to an irregular shaped coastline. According to one method, the centre is near the Churchill Smith bore, which is approximately 12km north-east of the Mt Eba cattle station. In relation to more commonly known landmarks, the centre of South Australia is located some distance south-west of Lake Eyre.

Location: 30° 03' 30" South, 135° 45' 48" East

Position on SH53-11 Kingoonya 1:250 000 and 6037 Eba 1:100 000 scale maps.



Somewhere in the middle

Centre of Tasmania

One possible centre for Tasmania is found on the western shore of Little Pine Lagoon. This small lake lies next to the Marlborough Highway, between the towns of Bronte and Miena. On the Lyell Highway, just a short distance east of Bronte, lies a cairn which was erected in 1983 by members of the Institution of Surveyors (Australian Tasmanian Division). This marker commemorates the early surveyors who explored and mapped the state, and marks Trig Point 715 - said to be near the geographical centre.

Location: 42° 01' 17" South, 146° 35' 36" East

Position on Tasmania South East 1:250 000 and 8214 Meander 1:100 000 scale maps.



Centre of Victoria

Located around 10km south-south-east of Bendigo, the centre of Victoria might be considered to be on the steps of the Mandurang Uniting Church. No longer in use, the church sits on the site that corresponds with centroid calculations from a number of different organisations, including Geoscience Australia, the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), and the Department of Geospatial Science, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT).

Location: 36° 51' 15" South, 144° 16' 52" East

Position on SJ55-01 Bendigo 1:250 000 and 7724 Bendigo 1:100 000 scale maps.

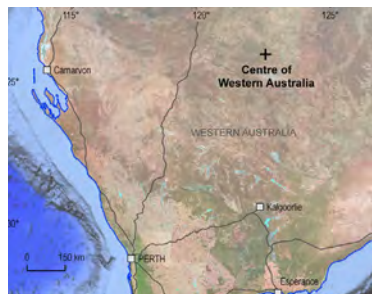


Centre of Western Australia

In Western Australia, what could be called the centre is found in the Gascoyne Region, east south-east of the Glenayle Homestead and north east of the Glenayle - Carnegie Road.

Location: 25° 19' 41" South, 122° 17' 54" East

Position on SG51-06 Stanley 1:250 000 and 3347 Glenayle 1:100 000 scale maps.



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)

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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 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 image of a kangaroo is visible on the right. The main content area displays details for the 'Loftyfest Reccy' event on Saturday, May 14. A green button indicates that users must log in to register online. The event details include the date, category, and organizer (Gary Light). A map shows the venue location in Argadells, South Australia. The right sidebar contains sections for 'Rangers' Review', 'Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)', 'Support Our Sponsors' (featuring a logo for 'a windows'), and 'Upcoming Events...' listing future club activities.

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: Australia + Google Map
Trip

Venue

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Organiser

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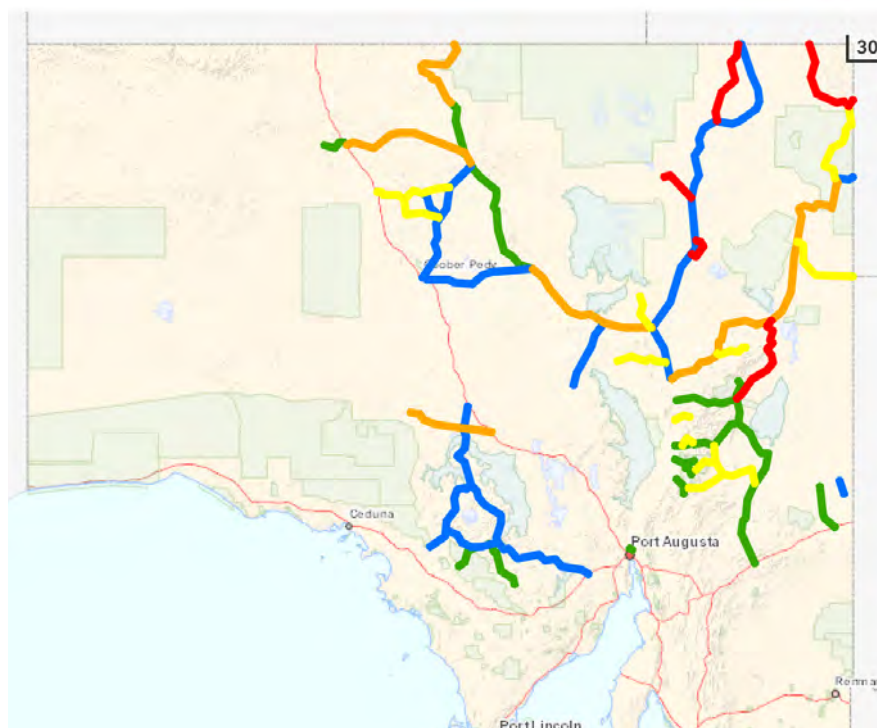
Upcoming Events...

Date	Event
May 14	All day Loftyfest Reccy
May 17	All day 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.

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





NEXT CLUB MEETING:

MONDAY 20th MARCH - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY - 7.00pm