

RANGERS' REVIEW

*So that's
what sunshine
& blue skies
looks like!*



July 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

I write this sitting at Newman in WA's Mid North, after spending the last 9 days out in Millstream and Karijini National Parks. It's nice to be able to have a proper shower and wash some clothes but wow, what amazing scenery.

The car, the camper and our clothes all have a red hue to them now. I'm not sure I'll ever get it all out of the car and camper.



*Phil Simes,
President*



As we were pumping our tyres back up to bitumen road pressures I found myself thinking about the absolute flogging our equipment has received over the last 6 or 7 weeks, and how our choice of

quality tyres, suspension and accessories has, so far, proven to have been good insurance. The Great Central Road, although corrugated at times, is at least maintained to a degree, where as a couple of roads through coastal stations and through Karigini were brutal. I don't think they've seen a grader in years. We've been counting the dead car bodies on the side of the road since Pt Augusta and the tally stands at 249 cars, 5 trailers and 1 truck. I'll have a final tally next month.

Anyway, if you plan to be travelling in these remote areas, and you can afford it, save a few extra \$ and invest in some quality because this is where it pays off.



Phils Phinkings

The other thing to think about is how much stuff do you actually need. It's ok if your style is a big caravan with Sat TV etc., but you need to be content with the compromise. We still like being able to get that bit further off the road than most, and as a result, our compromise is carry less but we still don't miss out on much.



I wouldn't have wanted to be towing some of those big vans through some of the soft sand or tight tracks that we've done. Having said that, a heater would have been appreciated this last week when we haven't been able to have campfires and it's been down to zero overnight! But again, that's our current compromise. It may change in the future!

So now we start to head home. It's still a long way, but we've turned south, will head down to Kalgoorlie then back across the bight. I've been keeping an eye on the weather and glad we've managed to dodge the rain, but it certainly hasn't been quite as warm as I was hoping. But I'm ok with the dry.

Thanks to those on the committee keeping things ticking along while some of us are galivanting all over the country.

I'll see you soon.

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

JULY 2023

MONDAY 10th JULY - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

FRIDAY 14th -

SUNDAY 16th JULY

BIG DESERT WILDERNESS PARK

Contact: Gary Light

MONDAY 31st JULY -

MONDAY 7th AUGUST

GLENDAMBO TO FOWLERS BAY

Contact: Paul Mildrum

AUGUST 2023

MONDAY 14th AUGUST - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

MONTH & DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

DOODY'S MYSTERY TRIP

Contact: Tom Doody

SEPTEMBER 2023

MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER-

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

LOFTYFEST

Contact: Phil Simes

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

Meetings & Trips

FRIDAY 24th -

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

MLR END OF YEAR EVENT

Contact: Kylie Cooper

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

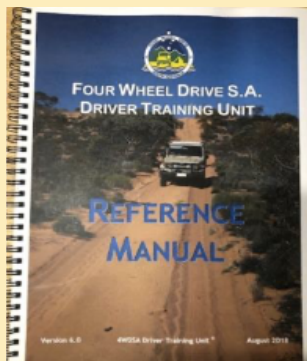
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Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Email: education@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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



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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.**

Club Trip

Glendambo to Fowlers Bay via Trans Access Road and Googs Track Monday 31st July to Monday 7th August



- Travel to Glendambo
 - Glendambo to Mount Finke campground
- Mt Finke to Googs Lake • Googs Lake to Ceduna
- Ceduna resupply, fuel up • Fowlers Bay (2 days)
 - Return to Adelaide

Tents & swags only, requirements are UHF and recovery gear, higher clearance, possibly sat phone or PLB

Contact: Paul Mildrum 0414 610 917

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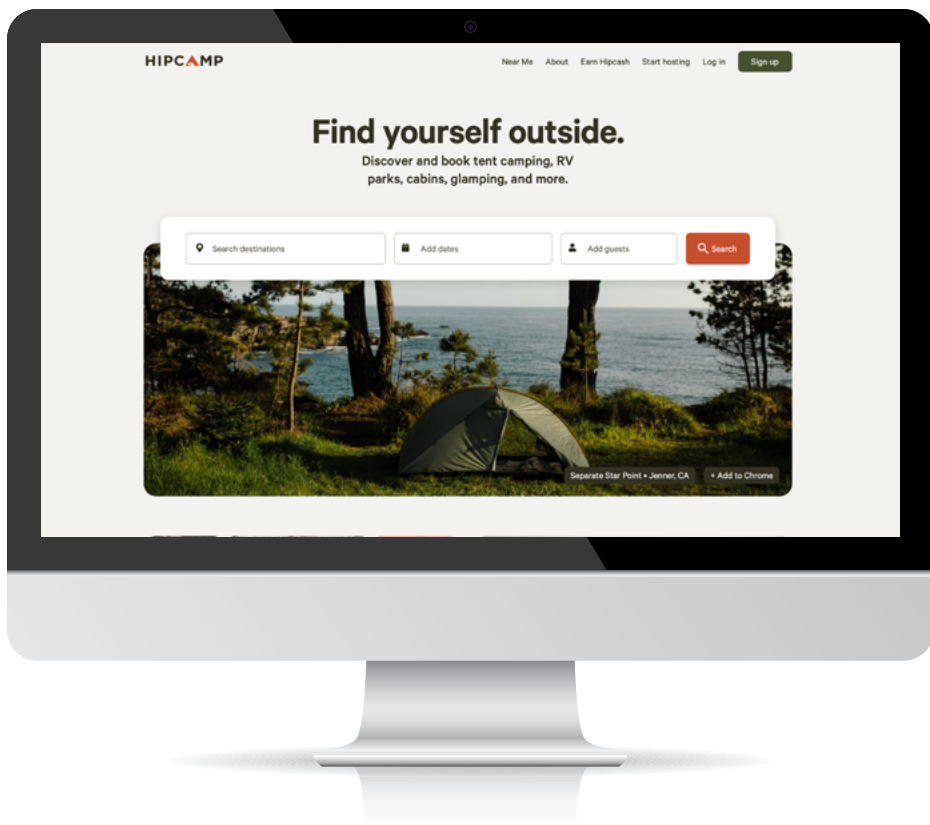
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Most of you would have heard of, and used Wikicamps.

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

Committee Positions

**WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF 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 • TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR**
- **MERCHANDISE OFFICER**

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<https://www.kaon.com.au/recovery-tow-point-prado-150-fj-cruiser>

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Contact: Lloyd Weaver 0411 265 960

Club Trip

Doody's Mystery Trip

New date to be confirmed

Everything is a mystery until the day!!



For further details, but not too much detail, contact:

Tom Doody: tom.doody@mountloftyrangiers.com.au

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@mountloftyanglers.com.au or speak to him at any club meetings.

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Early Deadline



I am heading north for 6 weeks
to escape winter in the hills.

Due to this, anyone that has anything they want
included in the August magazine, can you please send
it to me prior to Wednesday 19th July.

This will enable me to include it in the magazine
before we depart.

Cheers, Lloyd

**Please send anything prior
to Wednesday 19th July**

Club Awards



MLR Quiet Achiever Award

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

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

Eligibility

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

Nomination Process

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

Nominee Criteria

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

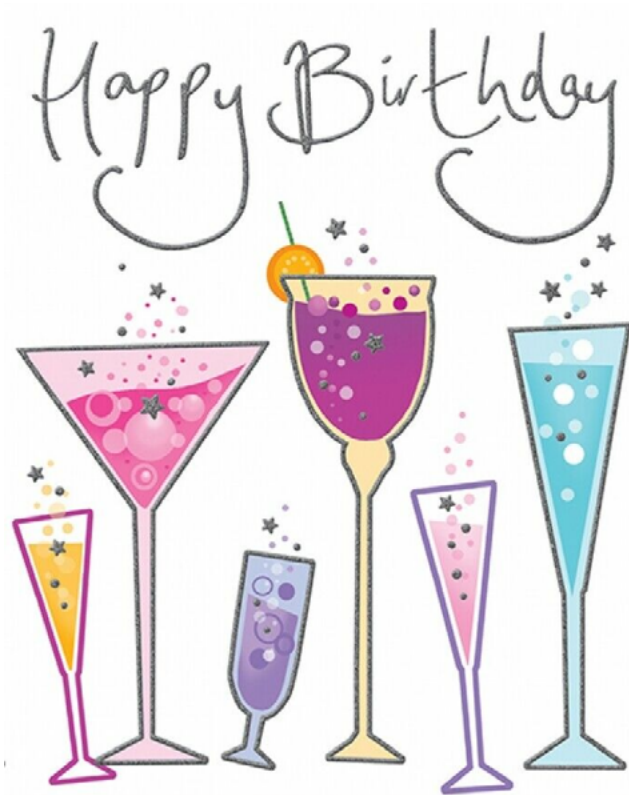
NB – there is no requirement to have lead a trip to be eligible for this award

Selection Panel

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

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

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:

<https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/links/>

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Club Trips Info

Planning a Club Trip/Event?



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Cheers, Lloyd

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Should you have any questions please contact Tom Doody
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MLR End of Year Event

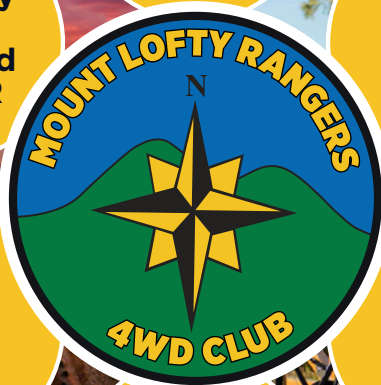


**Spend
the night
or the whole
weekend**

**Saturday
dinner
provided
by MLR**

**Walk or
Ride the
Riesling
Trail**

**Come
& enjoy
the
region**



**Wine
Tours,
Escape
Room &
Movies**

**Come
away &
relax with
friends**



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 image of a kangaroo is visible on the right side of the header. The main content area is titled 'Loftyfest Reccey' and 'Saturday, May 14'. It includes a green button that says 'You must login to register online.' and a link to '+ Add to Google Calendar'. The 'Details' section lists the date as 'Saturday, May 14', the event category as 'Trip', and the organizer as 'Gary Light' with email 'goleudyus@gmail.com'. The 'Venue' section shows a map of Argadellis, South Australia, with a link to 'View Venue Website'. The right sidebar contains a 'Rangers' Review' section with a link to 'Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)', a 'Support Our Sponsors' section with a logo for 'awindows', and an 'Upcoming Events...' section listing 'May 14 Loftyfest Reccey', 'May 17 Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker', and 'May 21 Pease Sand Driving & Recovery'.

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Welcome Membership Awareness Instruction Trips Rangers' Review Links & Files

Next Club Meeting: 20th Jun @ 7:30pm

All Events

Loftyfest Reccey

Saturday, May 14

Day trip to Argadellis. 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
Organiser: Gary Light
Email: goleudyus@gmail.com

Venue

Argadellis
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Australia + Google Map
View Venue Website

Rangers' Review

Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)
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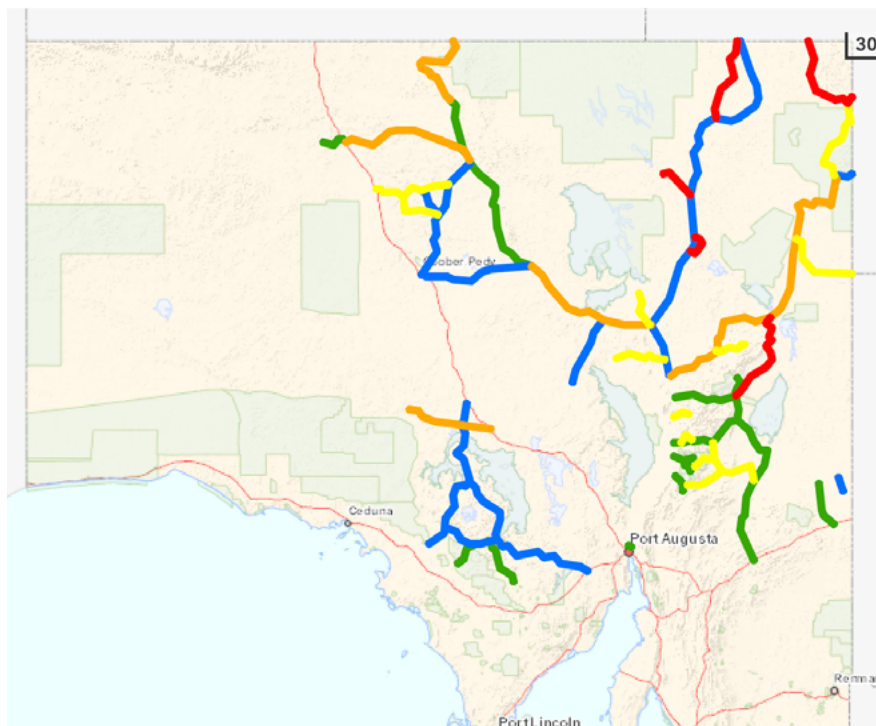
Upcoming Events...

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 Pease 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

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 14th AUGUST - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 24th JULY - 7.00pm