

# RANGERS' REVIEW

## PEAKE 2023



**June 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

Over the last 6 months, I've made no secret of looking forward to sitting next to a campfire. I've since managed to do this a few times and feeling much better for it thank you!

The Campcook fire was an absolute belter. With a selection of wood supplied, from massive to modest, we were able to fuel a very comfortable campfire both Fri and Sat nights, supply more than enough coals for everyone to cook on and actually had a bit left over!

I'm now sitting next to a much more modest firepit on the WA coast after coming across the Great Central Road from Uluru, but mindful that there's campfire ediqite that as a club, we should revisit from time to time.

There is mention of this in our club bylaws but it's just general and as with most things, needs further discussion, particularly with new members coming along.



*Phil Simes,  
President*



# Phils Phinkings

After seeing some of the camps along the GCR and the state that some people leave their campsites, I'd like to give you my interpretation of what's written in the bylaw.

1. Don't make your fire bigger than it needs to be.  
(Sometimes I bend this one a little)
2. Don't throw cans and rubbish in your fire unless you're going to hook it out and dispose of it properly.  
(Sometimes we do this to remove remnants of food before putting tin cans in our rubbish)
3. Don't make another fireplace if there are others already there.

And/or

4. Fill in your fire place before you leave so there is no evidence of you being there. (I personally take a little pride in this one.  
\*A quiet nod to a previous prez Graham Jones for leading by example years ago\*)
5. Extinguish your fire, or the coals from your firepit, properly, with water, before leaving camp. Dispose of your coals responsibly. Make sure they are out.

Don't just bury your hot coals. They stay hot and in some cases will smoulder for days. Others could step on them, particularly if you've done point 3.

That's it for now.

I'll provide an update of my travels next month. :)

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](http://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

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### **JUNE 2023**

MONDAY 19th JUNE - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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MONTH & DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

**DOODY'S MYSTERY TRIP**

Contact: Tom Doody

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### **JULY 2023**

MONDAY 10th JULY - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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FRIDAY 14th -

SUNDAY 16th JULY

**BIG DESERT WILDERNESS PARK**

Contact: Gary Light

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### **AUGUST 2023**

MONDAY 14th AUGUST - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

MONDAY 11th SEPTEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER-

MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER

**LOFTYFEST**

Contact: Phil Simes

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### **OCTOBER 2023**

MONDAY 9th OCTOBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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### **NOVEMBER 2023**

FRIDAY 10th -

SUNDAY 12th NOVEMBER

**SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP**

Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

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MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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# Meetings & Trips

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FRIDAY 24th -

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

**MLR END OF YEAR EVENT**

Contact: Kylie Cooper

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## **DECEMBER 2023**

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

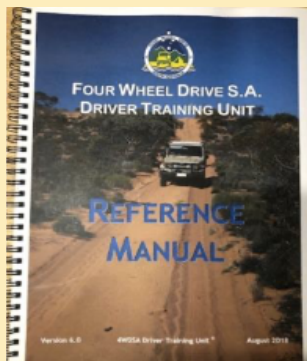
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# Cheers to Tom Sag



Marianne Sag was kind enough to bring a few bottle of Port that Tom had stashed away in his cellar.

There was no better way to remember Tom than to raise a glass to him, next to a campfire, with some great company, prior to getting stuck into some amazing camp cooking.

Cheers Tom!

# Tom Sag Wake



A number of Mount Lofty Rangers members and partners attended Tom's wake held on Saturday 20th May 2023 at the Somerton Surf Lifesaving Club. The celebration of Tom's life alongside family and friends was a real tribute to Tom's life and personality.

He held the position of Mathematics Teacher/Lecturer at Flinders University, excelled in the role of Volunteer with the One and All and was attributed as being one of four volunteers who was responsible for saving the One and All and keeping her sailing, long after the assigned Government Department withdrew funding and walked away. Tom lived his life to the fullest and experienced many a venture including those with the club.

A handyman for all, a treasurer, a sailor and an academic. Tom was a well-known and respected member of many clubs and associations and well known for giving his time and service in a voluntary capacity. We send our sincerest condolences to Marianne and the family. We will miss Tom's face around our campfire.

# Trip Report

## Peake Sand Driving Trip Report by Axel

Hi all, we attended the Peake trip and had an awesome time, great company, great fire, and great training with some great driving, there were some new people at Peake and everyone had a great time, the weather was sort of kind with only a couple of showers, can't wait for next trip!



# Trip Report

## Loves Mine Track Working Bee

### Trip Report by Paul Parsons

This community service project came about via a discussion with the 4WDSA Natural Resource Advisory Unit's, John Pointon, regarding two other potential projects. When he mentioned assisting the Rangers at Ikara-Flinders National Park in the Oraparinna area by clearing vegetation along the Loves Mine Track in the Bunker Ranges, it seemed the perfect fit.

Wednesday the 10th May saw six of us gather at The Oaks shearers quarters just out of Hawker for the night, as the quarters at Oraparinna were supposedly not available. Rob camped at Dingley Dell and Con arrived at the quarters to find them empty, but camped as he had intended. It appears that the Rangers confused the departure date for the Friends of Oraparinna, who left at lunch time on the Wednesday.

Thursday morning saw the crew vacate The Oaks and head into Hawker to fuel up with diesel and coffee then drive the additional hour to Oraparinna and settle into the spacious quarters. Ranger Tom McIntosh met us and provided an induction briefing to all as Phil had also arrived after an early start from Adelaide.

We re-grouped at 12 noon to head out via a park maintenance track to Wirrealpa Road and down to the small weighbridge at the start of the Boralinna Track. After encountering a fallen Red Gum branch across the path, we detoured around it via the creek bed, and further along till we came across a deep narrow washout. Careful and judicious use of the throttle saw most through safely, although Con's Jeep took an amazing leap as he gunned it across the last section. As we would be passing over this to get to and from the work it was decided to pull out the shovels and fill it. After about 5km, we turned onto the actual Loves Mine Track originally used to transport Barytes from the mine further north out and down to Quorn for processing.

[Baryte ( $\text{BaSO}_4$ ) is a dense white rock used in drilling mud, paint, cosmetics and as barium used in Xrays, among other uses]. We continued along for about 4km to a clearing where the tools were distributed and the afternoon work commenced, trimming, felling and removing anything that was either close to the track or overhanging it. Almost 2km completed.





# Trip Report

On our way-out Paul 1, Paul 2 and Richard stopped and cleared the fallen Red Gum branch so we could drive on the track instead of crossing the creek. It was here that Paul 2 placed his water bottle on the bull bar, but more of that later. The two Pauls and Richard stopped at the weighbridge and to our delight, it still worked, so we weighed the front and rear axles of the Landcruiser at 1ton 9.5 Cwt and 1 ton 8.5Cwt. respectively. Giving a total of about 2,630kg. The weigh bridge was made in Kapunda, so good old Aussie workmanship still working!! That evening was spent around a camp fire after hot showers with tea prepared using the built in Heatlie stainless steel BBQ under the alfresco roof, the gas stoves or microwaves in the kitchen, (No expense spared for the Friends).



A few ports and reds were consumed along with the customary beers while Phil attempted to discover the emu in the sky (Dark Emu) without a lot of success with some staying up to see midnight.

Friday dawned crisp and clear, breakfasts were had with all ready to go at 8.30, so we loaded up into four vehicles, with Rob leaving after lunch to “go walking”. As we approached the creek where the large branch had been removed the evening before, we noticed something on the track, it looked like a torch so Paul 2 got out only to discover his water bottle was not Landcruiser proof having been carried for several metres until it parted company with the bull bar and went under the lefthand wheel. We started at the start (where else?) and worked through until we reached the end from yesterday and had our prepacked lunches in the clearing where we started on Thursday. That afternoon, more washouts were filled as we progressed, cutting and clearing with Tom using the pole saw for those branches too tall for the rest of us. We knocked off at 4.30 having cleared a further 6 km and the evening was a repeat, except Phil managed to discover the Dark Emu he was looking for, was there, but the opposite way to what he thought. (It might pay to check his navigation on future trips)

Saturday again was a repeat with all setting out, except Con left early to be home for Mother's Day. Work continued with the end in sight as the vegetation became smaller and lower as we approached the northern end of the track. We pushed on and finished around 2.00pm having decided to complete the last section before we stopped for lunch, this time in the wide Billy Creek off the Wirrealpa Road, where Ranger Tom caught up with us.



# Trip Report

We were intending to do some sightseeing and Tom suggested we should also drive-up Mt Sunderland to view the sunset. On hearing we were going to Appealinna he asked us to take a shovel and clear any dead Kangaroos from within the buildings as they seek shelter as the end approaches with tourists mistakenly reporting to Rangers that “kangaroos have been shot and dumped”. Tom then asked if we could clear the first section of the Boralinna Track on Sunday as the Rangers didn't think we would have finished the main work so early.



*Con navigating a washout*



*Dewi on the track*



*Work in progress*

On the way we went past the weigh bridge and convinced Pete to put his Patrol over it and while we were there, Rangers James and Tanya stopped having checked our work by driving the Track and commenting on how good it was, so smiles all around.

The Appealinna Ruins are the remains of the mining settlement with some intricate stone work remaining. There are story boards detailing the fight between Wills, a pastoralist who built on the south side of the creek (Left hand photo) and the copper miners who built on the north side of the creek (right hand photo) and forced him out. The copper mine was adjacent the start of the Boralinna Track, about 2 miles to the north east of the buildings. A fair way to walk to start work!!



*Joseph Will's ruins*



*Mine Manager's ruins*

# Trip Report

The drive to the Golden Spike took us in along the Brachina Gorge road turning off at the Trezona Camp ground and then in to the new carpark with interpretive signs for the Ediacaran Global Stratotype Section and Point (GSSP).

This is the only marker in the Southern Hemisphere and identifies the end of the Elatina Glaciation and the Cryogenian Period, and the start of the Ediacaran Period. The Ediacaran Period, from 635 to 540 million years ago, is the final part of the Proterozoic eon, when multicellular life first emerged, so it's an important marker in the geological time sequence.

The difference in the rock strata is strikingly obvious with a pinkish shale below a brown silt stone layer. Several circular holes have been bored that show the magnetic alignment has changed with this area being north of the equator when the silt was being deposited.

After a quick look at the Trezona camp ground we drove back to the Quarters swapped some vehicles, picked up our nibbles and beverages, chairs and wind proofs and headed out following Tom's brief description of where to go. After a little longer than we thought we found what we thought was the Mt Sunderland track. Not expecting it to be about 5.5km in length, we were wondering if we were on the right track, but a quick check of the GPS showed all was OK. The track was generally just a rough dirt two-wheel meandering until we hit Mount Well Creek, when it turned into a real 4WD ascent to the top. The view was 360 degrees and we were just in time to see the dusty haze turn to pink as the sun dipped towards the horizon.



*The Golden Spike*



*Cairne at the summit*



*Sunset from the top*

# Trip Report



*Nibbles with a view*

The table was set and we farewelled the day with our beverage of choice while enduring a brisk cold breeze, all thankful for the wind proofs we grabbed just before we set out. With two bars of 4G most phones kicked into life with emails and messages while calls were made home prior to Mother's Day.

Sunday's late start didn't happen, hitting the Boralinna Track again at 8.30, trimming the small prickly acacia shrubs and bushes, lopping the overhanging trees and filling the deeper ruts as we worked our way to the junction of the Loves Mine Track, some 5.2km away. By 11.00 am we were at this junction where we had morning tea. A tree that had been pushed across the path, when the Loves Mine Track was part of the Willow Springs Sky Trek Trail to prevent a wrong turn, needed to be removed. Pete hooked up the Patrol and with a roar it was dragged halfway to the Bunkers, well off the track.

Rangers Tom and James then suggested a "secret squirrel trip" just one of the benefits of attending, to see a feature that is quite unique. But because of its uniqueness we are not permitted to say anything more.

Back to the quarters so those leaving could undertake the cleaning of their rooms or hooking up the caravan and we farewelled Phil, Pete and Deb leaving Dewi, Paul, Paul and Richard, pictured below, for the final evening.

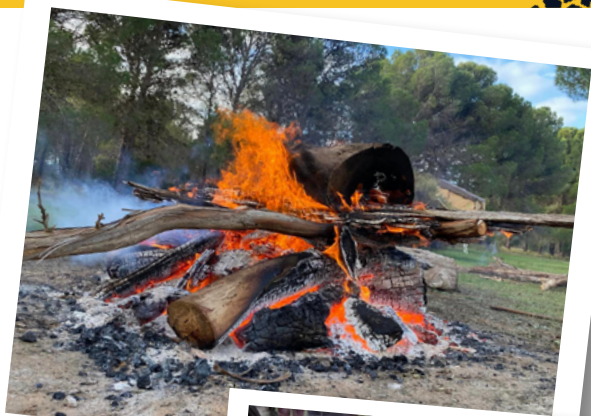
Monday morning we carried out the rigorous clean and refurbishment of the quarters prior to departing with Richard heading further north for a few days while the rest of us headed home.

Thanks to Rangers Tom, James and Tanya, and MLR members Phil Simes, Rob Stevens, Con Koulouris, Dewi Morgan, Paul Mildrum, Richard Stanley, Peter Reed, Deb Ophof and Paul Parsons for the work, the fun and fellowship.



*Some of the crew*

# Camp Cook '23





# Camp Cook Recipe

## Marianne's Moroccan Stew

### Ingredients: Spice mixture

1 tsp cinnamon, 1 tsp cumin,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp turmeric  
1 tsp salt,  $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp ginger,  $\frac{1}{8}$  tsp curry powder  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp cloves,  $\frac{1}{4}$  tsp nutmeg.

### Ingredients: Vegetables

1 Onion (diced)  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup diced dried apricots  
2 cups spinach or Kale Approx. 3 cups veg or  
4 carrots (diced) chicken stock  
2 sweet potatoes (diced) 1 cup red lentils (rinsed)  
3 large potatoes (diced) 1 tin diced tomatoes  
1 zucchini (diced) 1 tin chick peas (drained)  
Optional: 500gms diced chicken or diced hard Tofu

### Method:

Mix all spices together.

Fry onion in oil, add spinach and spices, cook till fragrant.

Add stock and all other vegetables. Stir well.

Add tomatoes, lentils, apricots and chick peas.

Simmer about 30min till veg and lentils soft.

Note: If using chicken. Fry this with the onion, before adding other ingredients. Tofu can be added during cooking.

# 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](mailto: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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# Committee Positions

**WE STILL HAVE A NUMBER OF POSITIONS  
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TO FILL ONE OF THE VACANT ROLES.**



## **CURRENT VACANCIES:**

- **VICE PRESIDENT • TRIPS CO-ORDINATOR**
- **MERCHANDISE OFFICER**

# Trip Report

## Peake Sand Driving Weekend

### Trip Report by Jon Edwards

**In attendance: Steve Townsend, Pedro, Little John (Edwards), Mark (Axel) Foley & Ruth, Lloyd Weaver, Terry, Martin Ebourné, Chris, Glenn & Julie Lawson, Tony & Judy**

Friday, Pedro and John met Steve at the shell servo at Taillem Bend. Refill and light lunch before heading in convoy to Peake and then the farm.

Mark and Ruth were already on location and setting up their caravan. The rest of us found our flat spots and proceeded to setup too, John opting for the shed as shelter instead of a tent.

4 o'clock ish and happy hour commenced, John rustled up some cheese, crackers and fruit for those in attendance and a fire was lit. Pedro thought about a roast lamb in the camp oven, but eventually opted out for bebies and a lamb chop or two. Chris and Lloyd turned up around dusk, setup their respective camps and joined happy hour.

Axel Foley started roasting his own lamb roast pretty late in the ole weber, what seemed to take forever to cook, but Axel (the electrician) was also having issues with his genny so some garnishes and the "bloody gravy" were not going to be microwave cooked (yah gotta have gravy man or at the least mint sauce/jelly), too late, offers of gravox was denied.

Steve and John had steaks of sorts (on gas), Lloyd had a curry on the open fire, Chris had roast lamb with Axel and Ruth.

Engaging conversations then ensued with many new people around the fire. John broke out the Clinkers, much to Steve and Pedro's amusement and a few more bebies were had. Martin arrived pretty late, setup his campsite and also visited the fire. A couple of stragglers lasted til after midnight and Martin stumbled off to bed at about 1.30. Was a coldish night with a few bursts of light rain most of the night.



Saturday early, Glenn and Julie and a little later Terry turned up, no open fire, but many breakfasted in preparation for an engaging day. Lloyd had a visitor during the night which spoiled his muffins and sleep cycle.

# Trip Report

Ready, set, go at about 10.30. Tyre pressures downed, with the consensus being 18psi or lower or user preference. Martin and Lloyd set off to the left of camp (Lloyd/Martin might like to add their own experiences here) and the rest of us headed off to the right. Steve parked his truck and provided instructions to us all riding shotgun with Pedro in his manual Hilux.



**Tip 1:** Tyre pressures and momentum are key to good sand driving. Some of us were running 15psi cold and some even as low as 10psi. Staun, Compass (set psi deflators) and tyre pressure gauges were being used to deflate tyres, but other suggestions would be appreciated. Tyre pressures will most certainly need to be rechecked throughout the day as temperatures increase/decrease.

**Tip 2:** When sand driving you should consider increasing your seat height and move closer to the steering wheel as this helps to see over the bonnet. Also recommend that you do not have any loose objects/projectiles in the front or back seats and always wear your seatbelt.

**Tip 3:** When sand driving you should always be in 4L, with traction control off (if possible). Newbies note that if 4L or equivalent is flashing then you are not in 4wd. Changing from 2wd to 4H is permitted whilst travelling at speed, but for 4L it is recommended that you are stopped, in Neutral and then select 4L, the reverse is recommended when coming out of 4L too.

**Tip 4:** We don't expect any damage to our vehicles when 4 wheeling, but when in close quarters with mallee trees/shrubs and rocks, a few new pinstripes (scratches) and other types of damage can occur.

Tony & Judy have turned up.



# Trip Report

**Snatch Training:** Steve with the assistance of Terry purposely bogged his d-max and proceeded to show the group how to setup and conduct a snatch recovery.

Using John's Ranger and Terry's recovery gear (his vehicle was the one that was stuck) we soft shackled and dyneema roped the 2 trucks with 2 sets of drag chains to use as dampeners, with a go direction from Steve, our first attempt failed as Terry was still in 2wd (see Tip 3) as used to get bogged in the first place, we reset and the second attempt was successful.

Many ups and downs on the sand dunes were achieved by all, with a few failures by experienced and amateurs alike, reversing down to try again or on one particular stubborn hill we might hail as "Heartbreak Hill", the reverse option was used/more successfully traversed.

Back to camp late Saturday afternoon and Steve has the fire going and has setup a demonstration to show, hear and experience the power of a snatch strap letting go. Firstly, without a dampener showed us the forces and the loud rifle shot like sound that occurred when the rope broke, secondly with a drag chain as a dampener, what a difference. Would not want to be standing anywhere near a snatch breaking without using the correct dampener.

Pedro has finally put his large roast lamb on, using a mega camp oven. The thing sizzled for about 2 and a half hours, which everyone heard, salivated over and we were all eager for a taste. Most of the group had already partaken/cooked and eaten their meals by the time the lamb roast was ready, nonetheless, Pedro let Lloyd carve it (chopped or pulled really), but, it was really scrumptious - thanks Pedro.

At the fire, drinks in hand, clinkers and choccy, many discussions ensued and many rubbish pallets added to the fire, everyone moving further outwards and then further inwards after about 20 minutes, some going so far as stripping down to a t-shirt, unfortunately some precipitation occurred and most people opted to go to bed.



# Trip Report

Rained pretty heavily during the night. John awoke at about 4.30 and tended the fire, much to everyone's delight for the morning as it was quite chilly. Lloyd exclaimed that he was visited again by his furry friend, not sure what was taken this time, we hope you have not packed it away in your tent.

Many people breakfasted with the usual bacon and eggs or coco pops and a cuppa or two or three.

Pretty late start on Sunday. Cold and a bit windy. Lloyd, Pedro, Axel Foley & Ruth, Steve, Chris and Tony & Judy left the group. Greg and Julie, Terry, John and Martin (as lead) spent a good 2 hours or so traversing the left and right side of the camp. We once again returned to "Heartbreak Hill" whereupon it was said that no-one in the group had been able to traverse it. Martin then tried a number of times to traverse the hill, we think the first attempt was the best one, but alas HH has beaten us all. Thank you Martin for the accurate communications and guidance - it was exhilarating.

Packed up, pressured up, said our goodbyes and pretty much left the campsite at the same time.

A big Thank you to Steve for all of his wisdom, advice and great conversations, we all appreciate you stepping in as lead over the weekend.



## Takeaways:

- Do not step over the rope when two vehicles have been rigged for a recovery.
- Spectators stand well clear of the area.
- Drag chain or 2 lengths of 5metre chain and a couple of jockey straps. To be used for a snatch dampener.
- Tyre pressures.
- Mouse trap...



# 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](mailto: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@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto:property@mountloftyrangers.com.au) or speak to him at any club meetings.**

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# 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.

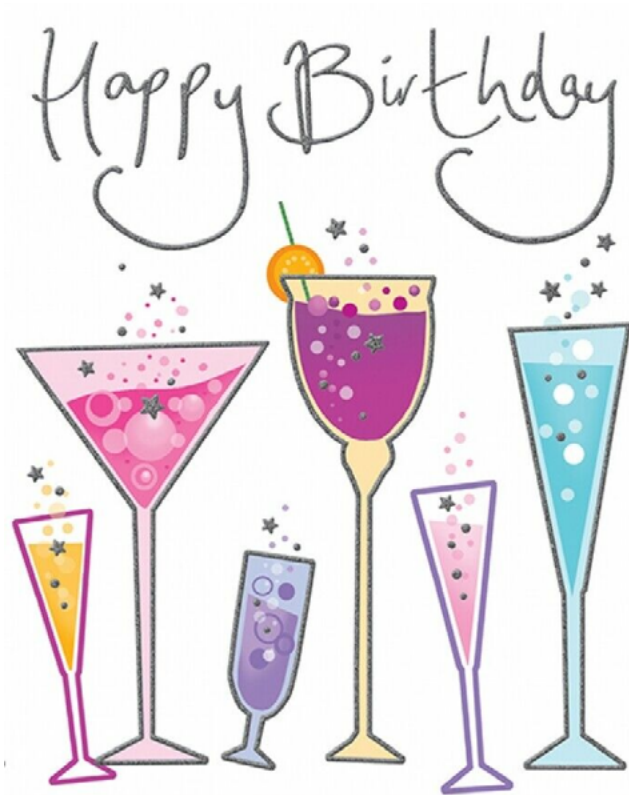
*NB – there is no requirement to have lead a trip to be eligible for this award*

### Selection Panel

Nominations are to be forwarded to the MLR Secretary at [secretary@mountloftyrangers.com.au](mailto: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:

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# Club Trips Info

## Planning a Club Trip/Event?



Once your trip has committee approval, just send me as much detail as you can and I will put together something to go into the magazine leading up to your trip/event.

Cheers, Lloyd

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# MLR End of Year Event

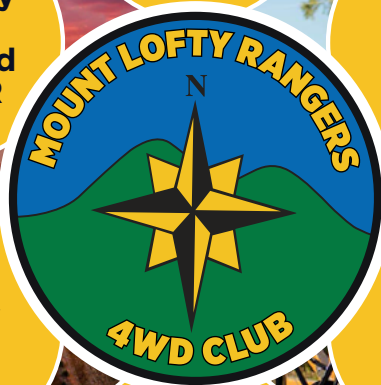


**Spend  
the night  
or the whole  
weekend**

**Saturday  
dinner  
provided  
by MLR**

**Walk or  
Ride the  
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**Come  
& enjoy  
the  
region**



**Wine  
Tours,  
Escape  
Room &  
Movies**

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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. The main content area highlights the 'Loftyfest Reccey' event on Saturday, May 14, with a note that registration is online-only. A green button prompts users to log in. The 'Venue' section includes a map of Argadellis in South Australia. The 'Organiser' is Gary Light. The right sidebar contains a 'Rangers' Review' section with a magazine link, 'Support Our Sponsors' featuring 'awindows', and an 'Upcoming Events...' calendar listing events for May 14, 17, and 21. A footer contains links for 'Annual General meeting' and 'Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker'.

mountloftyrangers.com.au

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

### Venue

Argadellis  
Quorn, South Australia  
Australia + Google Map  
View Venue Website

### Organiser

Gary Light  
Email: goleudyus@gmail.com

### Rangers' Review

Our Latest Magazine (May 2022)  
[Events Calendar \(List\)](#)

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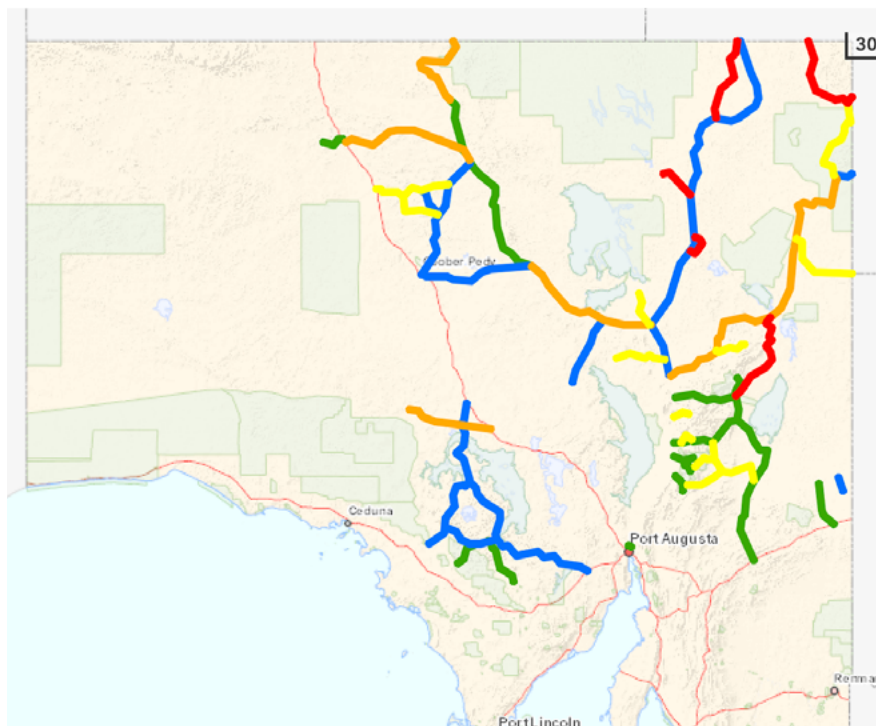
### Upcoming Events...

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 Peeke Sand Driving & Recovery

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

# Road Conditions

Planning a trip in outback South Australia?  
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**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](mailto:secretary@mountlofyrangers.com.au)





**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

MONDAY 10th JULY - 7.30pm

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MONDAY 26th JUNE - 7.00pm

