

RANGERS' REVIEW

UPCOMING
CLUB TRIP

BURNERS BEACH,
YORKE PENINSULA
MARCH 2023



March 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

Welcome to Mad March!

I hope you all get out and enjoy as much of the chaos as you can. I love it. The Fringe is always a hoot, the weather is just in that mid 20s sweet spot most of the time and now that the Adelaide Cup weekend has past, we get that run of public holidays through Easter to ANZAC day where there's only a few 5 day working weeks and best of all, we can start to have a camp fire again.



*Phil Simes,
President*

I want to quickly pay tribute to Tom Sag who passed away late February. Along with Marianne, he has been an inspirational and active member of the club, longer than I've been around. Always ready for a chat and willing to share his many experiences travelling across the country. I also 'blame' Tom for getting me reconnected with the local tall ship 'One and All', after finding out during one of those chats, that he was also involved in volunteering with the ship. It was only quite recently that he needed to step back, but I have many fond memories of Tom happily climbing over the rail and out onto the jib boom to furl the jibs after a day sail. I hope we can be involved in a fitting memorial in due course, but in the mean time, raise a glass to Tom Sag next time you get a chance. He will be missed.

I can also thank Tom for me missing the Feb meeting, as I was sailing as volunteer crew with the One and All, down to Tasmania. I can only describe to trip as a once in a lifetime, epic voyage, that had a taste of just about all the weather conditions and some amazing experiences. I'll sort through the photos and do a chat at a meeting, later in the year.

You can check the Trips board at the club meetings, but you can go the Clubs web page at anytime and check out what trips are coming up. There's been a new trip added recently, over to Yorke Peninsular in the week after the next meeting, there's Doody's Mystery Trip Apr 16th, and Camp Cook May 6th at Jabuk (60kms past Taillem Bend). Get your name down and join in the fun.

Regards, 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



In Memoriam

Tom Sag



1941-2023

An adventurer in the true sense of the word.

Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club would like
to extend our condolences to Marianne and family.

Meetings & Trips

FUN & RECREATION

MARCH 2023

MONDAY 20th MARCH - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

TUESDAY 21st -

FRIDAY 24th/SUNDAY 26th MARCH

**BURNERS BEACH,
YORKE PENINSULA**

Contact: Steve Brown

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

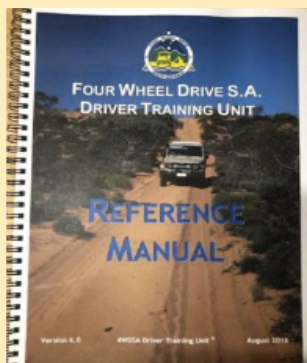
DECEMBER 2023

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

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

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Club Trip

Steve Brown is planning a trip to Burners beach (just West of Point Souttar on Yorke Peninsula (253kms from Adelaide) departing Adelaide on Tuesday March 21st at around 9am and staying until at least Friday. Depending on membership interest the trip may be extended until Sunday March 26 (for those that can only go on the weekend).

The plan is to stay at Burners beach camp ground, which is a basic camp ground suited to everything from swags, tents, up to large vans. No fires as it is fire ban season.

There are long drop toilets but everything else needs to be self-provided (water, cooking gear etc). It is a first in best dressed campsite and although needs to be booked online it can be done when there (\$20 per night per vehicle). No point in doing it ahead as there may be no sites. Steve would be available to call to ensure it's not full so people have a heads up before coming.

Steve is planning on squidding and fishing from kayaks and the beach. He has a spare kayak members can use. If the weather is off for that, there are always drives to Innes National Park, Corny Point, Marion Bay etc. Beach walks, swimming, cooking up some nice meals with good company. Just nice and relaxing! No number limits except for available campsites really.

Point Turton and Warooka are not that far away either for supplies if someone runs short.

Anyone interested in attending this trip please put your name on the trip sheet or contact Steve on 0412 416 664.



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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.”

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.

Donation



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UHF etiquette

We often head away on trips with our mates and everyone will usually have a different idea on how convoy etiquette should work. Well, here's everything you need to know about keeping a group together and ensuring no one gets lost on your next off-road adventure.

Convoy etiquette is one of those things we don't think about until we're in convoy and everyone has their own idea on what to do to, at which point it generally goes belly-up pretty quickly. Someone's pulling up for lunch at 11.30am, you're not sure who the last vehicle is, you don't know if it's left or right at the next turn, you're climbing a hill with someone's bull bar just about touching your tow bar, and things are getting real frustrating, real quick.



No matter what procedure you decide on, the first thing you should do to ensure everyone is on the same page (and the same track) is to have a little get-together before everyone heads off to agree on how things are going to run and that everyone understands convoy etiquette.

HAVE A WAY OF COMMUNICATING

If you can't chat with those in your group, you're going to have problems. If you're taking a new four-wheel driver on a trip, and they've not organised comms, or their UHF is on the fritz, it's best to put them in the middle of the group. So if anything happens, tail-end Charlie can pick them up and radio forward. That is also true for the leader, to radio back any oncoming vehicles and how many. Use comms; it will help keep your group safe.



UHF etiquette

HAVE A LEADER OR PERSON-ON-POINT

Generally whoever organises the trip, or has the least vague idea of where you're heading, should probably be the leader. They get to be up the front of the convoy, dictate the speed and are generally the one with the most responsibility. They've got navigation and comms sorted, and it's someone to blame if you all end up hopelessly lost – this is where the adventure starts.

HAVE A TAIL-END CHARLIE

Tail-end Charlie is the last person in convoy. They'll need to have comms and they're the person the leader can contact to make sure that everyone has turned at the right spot or made it through an obstacle.

MARK YOUR CORNERS

If you come to an

intersection, you want to mark your corners. That means that you will want to wait at the corner until you have the vehicle behind you in sight so they see which way you turn. After direction changes, the leader will often slow down until whoever is on tail-end Charlie duty calls up to say they have made the turn, allowing the group to close up again after a long run.

GIVE A BIT OF ROOM

On harder trails, especially when a climb is involved, give the vehicle in front of you a bit of space. The last thing they'll need when trying to negotiate a wombat-holed, off-cambered, near-vertical climb is the four-wheel-drive behind them trying to push them up a hill. Especially if they need to reverse back and have another go at an obstacle. It's easier to reverse one four-wheel-drive down a tight track than five trying to do it in concert. Synchronised reversing, anyone?



UHF etiquette

LEAVE A BIT OF ROOM, TOO

The above also rings true for water crossings and muddy holes. It's better to have one stuck four-wheel-drive than two. Or three. If someone is going to get stuck, it's easier to recover a vehicle from solid ground; if you're halfway across a crossing and the vehicle in front gets stuck and stops, this means you too must give up your momentum and will likely get stuck. Leaving a bit of room also allows you to pick a better line.

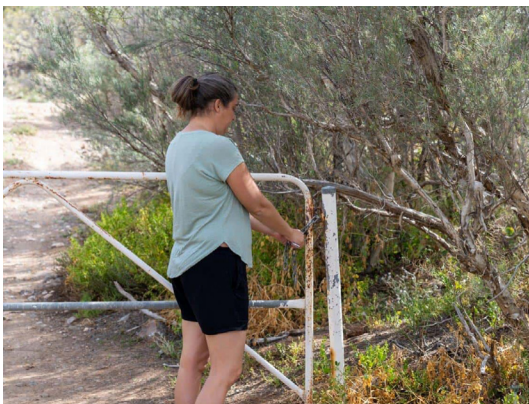


BACK OFF

If you're in a transport stage, and you're barrelling down the Peninsula Development Road (PDR), back off a touch. This keeps your vision clear of dust and also stops your engine and cab sucking in a gutful of dust from whoever is in front of you. Safety is paramount and is often part of the reason we travel in groups.

SHUT THE GATE

Lead vehicle opens gates, tail-end Charlie shuts them - this shouldn't be news to anyone. If you travel through a gate or fence line, make sure you leave it how you found it.



UHF etiquette



CALL OBSTACLES AND ONCOMING

Especially so on the PDR and on more remote outback roads, call any obstacles you see. The PDR is notorious for dust holes that usually have a 30cm lip on each end, and run for 20 metres. If you see one, call it out. Same for aggressive causeways and rocks, or in some cases boulders on the road. If you are at the front, and there's another convoy or even solo vehicles heading the other way, announce them; "four oncoming vehicles – last vehicle white Triton". That way everyone knows the last oncoming vehicle is a white Triton.

HAVE FUN

The most crucial point is to have fun. If we're in convoy, chances are we're with mates, or on a tagalong. You're out touring and exploring this great country of ours, so enjoy it. If someone is missing a bit of etiquette with their convoy procedure, when you pull up for a break, have a yarn and talk the ideas through. No one wants to be the one person who upsets the apple cart.



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Club Trip

Doody's Mystery Trip

Sunday 16th April

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For further details, but not too much detail, contact:
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Should you have any questions please contact Tom Doody
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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 browser. The header features the club's logo and navigation links: Welcome, Membership, Awareness Instruction, Trips, Rangers' Review, and Links & Files. A notice for the next club meeting is also present.

The main content area displays the event **Loftyfest Reccy** on **Saturday, May 14**. A message states: "Day trip to Argadells. Only for people who want to lead trips or run activities during Loftyfest." Below this is a green button that says "You must login to register online." and a link to "Add to Google Calendar".

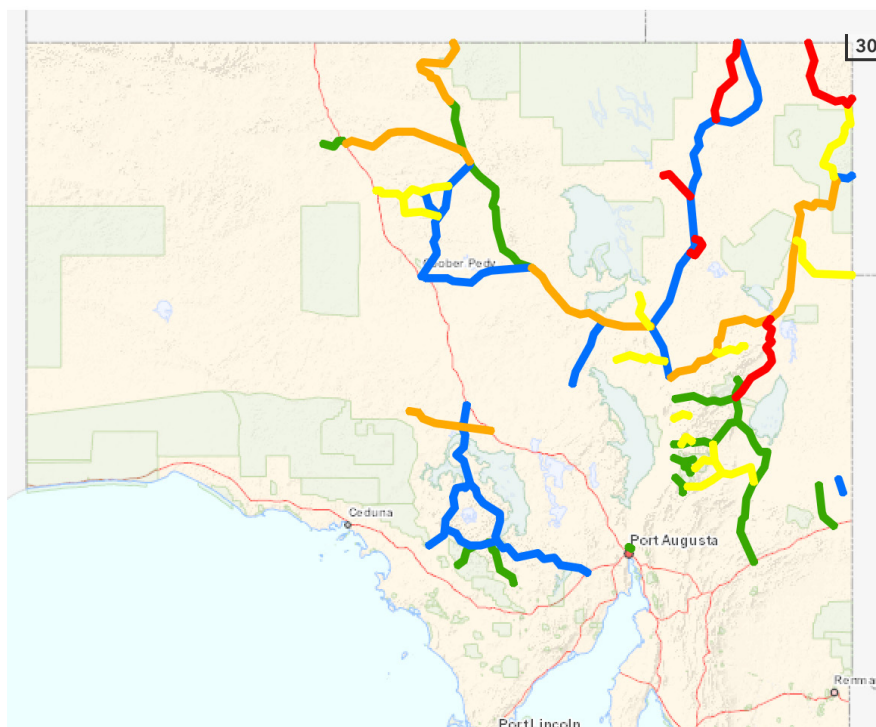
The event details include the date (Saturday, May 14), event category (Trip), and venue (Argadells, Quorn, South Australia). A map shows the location near Quorn. The organiser is Gary Light, with email goleudyus@gmail.com.

On the right sidebar, there is a "Rangers' Review" section with a link to the latest magazine (May 2022) and an events calendar. Below that is a "Support Our Sponsors" section featuring "aawindows". At the bottom, an "Upcoming Events..." section lists: May 14 (All day) Loftyfest Reccy, May 17 (All day) Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker, and May 21 (Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22) Peeke Sand Driving & Recovery.






At the bottom of the page, there are two buttons: "Annual General meeting" and "Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker." A privacy policy link is also visible.

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	 4WD / HV Open to 4WD and Heavy Vehicles	 CLOSED Closed to all vehicles
 OPEN with warnings Open to all vehicles, with caution	 4WD Open to 4WD vehicles under 3 tonne only (no towing)	

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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 17th APRIL - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 3rd APRIL - 7.00pm