

RANGERS' REVIEW



October 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

What a great weekend up in the Southern Flinders Ranges for our annual Loftyfest. Some entertaining driving, great views, yummy food and good company. Although warm during the day, it was comfortable enough in the shade, with a light breeze and just cool enough overnight. Particular thanks to those who lead trips during the weekend, whether it was for a drive for a train ride or to watch the footy. It all helped make the weekend a success. For those that couldn't make it, put it in your diary now for next year. We're thinking of taking it elsewhere next year and have a few ideas of how we can improve it. More info will become available in due course.



*Phil Simes,
President*



Loftyfest campcook at dusk

So now our attention turns to the Salt Creek Fishing Comp, the End of Year event at Blyth and then our annual pilgrimage to Beachport at the end of January!

Don't be concerned if you're not an experienced fisher. Eric and the other fishing tragics are all keen to show you how it's done and they usually have spare rods, bait etc., if you don't have the gear. I've been to one of these weekends and not even bothered to fish. It was still an awesome weekend enjoying this spectacular bit of coast. If they do help you out, perhaps offer a refreshing beverage in return. Have a chat to Eric at the meeting. I'm sure you'll be able to work something out.

Phils Phinkings

The catering for Blyth is still being finalised, but we'll work out those final details and inform you as soon as we can. No booking is required for camping at the oval, but we will need to confirm numbers closer to the event. Get your name on the trip sheet.

Finally, for the info of newer members, we head down to Beachport each year for Australia Day weekend and stay at the Southern Ocean Tourist Park. Book a day or two of leave either side of the weekend so you can kick back and really enjoy this beautiful region. You can do as little or as much as you like, with trips ranging from a walk to the ice cream shop, to full on 'get yourself bogged on the beach' type drives. Get your name on the trip sheet, then call Southern Ocean Tourist Park and book your site down in Section D. All the sites are grassy and there's both powered and unpowered options.



Please be aware that particularly for some of the more challenging trips, (not just Beachport) the trip leader has final say, based on their own assessment of vehicles and drivers, on trip participants. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive club and acknowledge that you learn more by driving in some of these situations. However, some sections of beach near Beachport are extremely unforgiving, and one trip in particular almost always ends up with mechanical failures and winching. Please don't be offended if someone suggests a given trip is not suitable for you. There are so many options, I'm sure we will be able to provide enjoyable trips for all levels of vehicle capability and driver experience.

As always, if you'd like to discuss any of this further, please chat to me at the meeting or give me a call.

Regards, 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



Meetings & Trips

FUN & RECREATION

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

FRIDAY 24th -

MONDAY 27th NOVEMBER

MLR END OF YEAR EVENT

Contact: Kylie Cooper

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY 11th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Email: [education@
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for more information or to
organise one-on-one or group
awareness training.

Club Trips Procedure

Planning a Club Trip/Event

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

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

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

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

Step 4: Get out there and have fun!

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

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

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Lion Hearts Learning is a South Australian registered children's charity that provides learning and education opportunities to children impacted by cancer.

The organisation was founded in 2017 and provides a free playgroup/preschool service that ensures a very clean and hygienic environment required by children with severely compromised immunity systems. At the same time Lion Hearts Learning provides social, emotional and educational (preparing for school type) learning that is not available elsewhere for these children. They also offer online (On Lion) learning including posting out craft and education packs to children impacted by cancer on a regular basis.

Based on the principles of learning, loving, and living, Lion Hearts Learning has created a safe, fun community for little ones undergoing oncological treatment.

Attending is free for oncology kids and their friends, but Lion Hearts relies on donations to keep going.

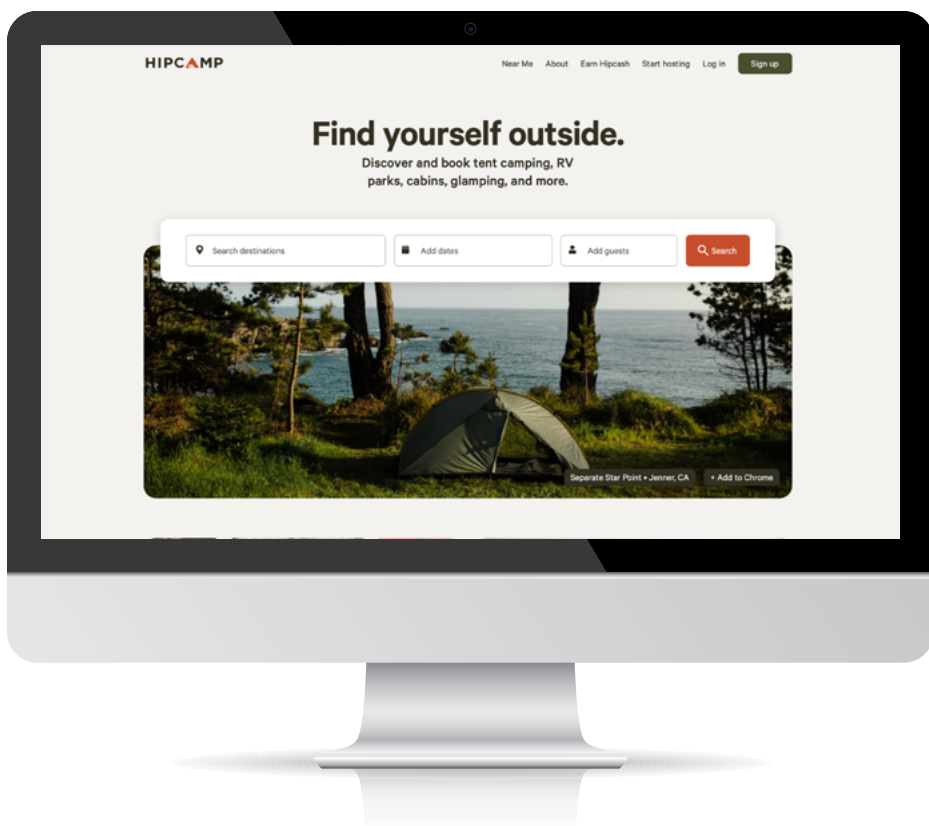
Thanks, Mat Townsend/Steve Townsend



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

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Lonely grave on the Willochra Plain



Being guided down

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MLR End of Year Event

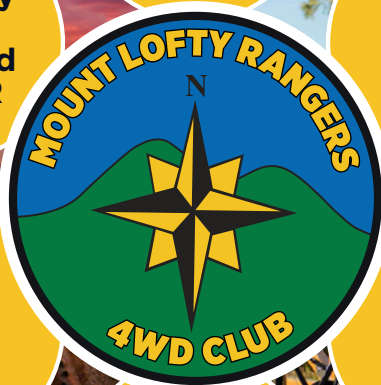


**Spend
the night
or the whole
weekend**

**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**



Trip Report

Lloyd & Paula's NT & Arnhem Land Adventure Part 2

Day 11: Maguk Campground - Ubirr

Up early again and packed up before it was too hot. We kept heading North into Kakadu stopping at a lookout, cultural centre, billabong and an aboriginal art site before getting to Jabiru for lunch, had a quick look around and not a lot to see, had lunch in the IGA before heading to camp at Merl Campground. Arrived at camp around 2pm, set-up, got the lie of the land and sat around trying to stay cool as it was definitely warm today, the temp was around 34 degrees and reasonably humid.

We then went off to see some amazing aboriginal artwork en-route to the Ubirr lookout over Kakadu to watch the sunset. It was very impressive as you slowly climbed up to the high point with expansive views over the landscape. We were quite happy sitting there watching the sun go down and were quite content. After the sun set we went back to camp for dinner and awaited the Armageddon of mozzies that was meant to come. We layered up with Bushmans, lit the fire and had a platter for dinner. The mozzies were out and about but very bearable luckily. Went to bed at 9pm but it was still extremely warm. We plugged in the fan which provided some relief but it wasn't the best nights' sleep we've had.



Day 12: Ubirr - Jabiru

A very cruisy day today, woke up again to the sounds of lots of tropical birds which is quite different. Packed up again early before going for the short walk to Cahill's Crossing to look at the crocodiles cruising around in the water. It was then into Jabiru to kill some time before checking into the caravan park. We went to the IGA and got a few bits before going into an art gallery, which had some stunning pieces of art. Spent the afternoon doing a few odd jobs, having a swim and showers before a night off from cooking by having dinner at the poolside bar. A bit of organising for Darwin and a generally relaxing day/night.



Trip Report

Day 13: Jabiru - Darwin

Up for a slow and easy pack-up before heading west towards Darwin. We stopped and looked at a billabong along the way before making it to Darwin by 11am. First port of call was the car wash where everything was given a blast to get rid of the layer of dust. It was then off to the laundromat for some much needed washing, these machines were HUGE! We had some lunch and I went and got some spare parts for the jockey wheel while we waited. After everything was done we checked in at 2pm, settled in and made ourselves at home before a few drinks on the balcony. It was then lamb cutlets and sausages on the BBQ which was yum before an early night enjoying the benefits of an air conditioned room.



Day 14: Darwin - Day 1

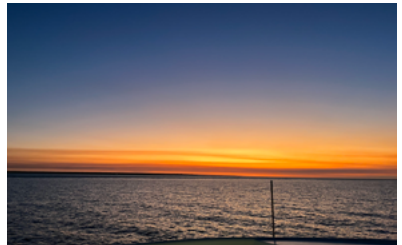
Slept in until just after 7am, which would normally be an early rise but not on this trip. Had coffee and breakfast before heading into town at 9am. Had a wander around the waterfront, had a coffee before having a look through the oil tunnels. It was then out to the Stokes Hill Wharf for the RFDS/Darwin bombing tourist attraction. We easily spent 2 hours in there which was very interesting with loads of info on both things. I have to admit it seems an odd combination of things to have in the same location but there you go. Had lunch on the wharf before realising the gaol was closing at 2pm. We made a mad dash to have a quick look and the lady was nice enough to let us in for 15mins. It was then back to Darwin to have a wander along the esplanade and sit in the shade killing a bit of time before the markets opened. We went down there at 4pm and had a wander around, Paula bought a painted rock from an aboriginal lady who was just trying to make a little bit of money. We were a bit underwhelmed by the markets as we thought there would be more stalls. There seemed to be more food vans than anything else. We had some yummy Mexican chicken for dinner and then had sickly, sweet sorbet for dessert. Overall not the best part of our day. We were ready to head back by this point after a long day, it was a good day without being too stressful but being out in the heat for most of the day has taken it out of us. A few drinks on the balcony before another early night.



Trip Report

Day 15: Darwin – Day 2

A nice cruisy day where we went and did a big re-stock of groceries at Palmerston before going back to the cabin for lunch. It was then off to the art gallery for a look which I really enjoyed but Paula was a bit so-so with. We then went and sat down at the waterfront and relaxed a bit before our sunset cruise, we have both been suffering from a bit of diarrhea and eventually worked out it was due to dehydration. We tried to keep our fluids up today and felt better for it. It was then time for our cruise which was lovely. The food was great, the wine nice and the company enjoyable. It was a great night out on the water watching the sunset and just what we both needed.



Day 16: Darwin – Day 3

Today we had to be up early to get into town for our WWII tour. The first half of the tour was on the bus going around to some significant sites. The tour guide was an absolute wealth of knowledge and very passionate about the war history of Darwin. It was great to get some more detail about what happened here and when you learn more about the details it makes you appreciate what happened on a different level. Our hearts absolutely go out to the Post Office workers that were killed on that day. The second half of the tour was spent out on the water which gave a different perspective again of what happened that day. After the tour we went back to the cabin and did a bit of organising before heading back into town for dinner at the sailing club. It was a lovely setting to enjoy another lovely Darwin sunset. The food was OK and the wine was nice. After dinner it was back to the cabin for some entertainment in the name of fundraising for The Variety Club before another relatively early night.



Trip Report

Day 17: Darwin – Katherine Gorge

We were up early again for a slow pack up at the cabin before hooking up the camper again for the next leg of camping. We left around 8.30am before stopping at The Lazy Lizard for a coffee and stretch. It was then onto Katherine and the Nitmiluk Info centre to book a tour for tomorrow. After a lovely salad for lunch we found out the tour we want to do is booked out so we will be going canoeing instead... which Paula is thrilled about. As the canoe tour starts relatively early we have decided to stay at a caravan park closer to the gorge than originally planned. It is a bit more expensive but is quite a nice park and will make things easier tomorrow. Chicken fried rice for dinner and a nice night sitting outside as it is a bit cooler here than what it was in Darwin.



Day 18: Katherine Gorge

After a night where we heard everything including: dogs barking, birds singing, rooster crowing, jet planes flying, people snoring, caravan air conditioners and road noise, it wasn't a great nights sleep but we were up early to be at Nitmiluk for 7.30am ready for our half day canoeing trip in Katherine Gorge. We had a quick run up the first gorge in a boat before we got into our canoes. We canoed up the 2nd gorge but being early, the sun was right in our faces which was making it hard for photos. You could continue into the 3rd gorge but that required getting out and lifting your canoe through to the next gorge. We decided against this as Paula was more than happy to stay in the canoe and not tempt fate having to get out and back in again, plus we figured it would just be more of the same. We turned around and started drifting back with the current and wind assisting. It was nice and peaceful in the gorge as most people continued on while we turned back. As we cruised back we had a good look around and took more photos now the sun was at our backs. We stopped on a small sandy beach where I got out and had a quick swim, it was nice and refreshing even though



it wasn't too hot due to the breeze and staying in the shadows of the gorge. After the tour it was then back to the info centre for another yummy salad lunch and then into Katherine for a few more supplies. It was a case of filling up, including the jerry can, last minute fruit and veg and a couple of other bits before we hit Arnhem Land tomorrow. Hamburgers for dinner and an early night before the adventures start again tomorrow.

Trip Report

Day 19: Katherine – Mainoru Store

This morning was spent leaving camp just after 8am and heading into Katherine for a few last minute supplies before heading in to Arnhem Land. Once we turned off it was nice to have bitumen all the way to Beswick. We stopped and had a look at the art gallery/cultural centre, there was a man named Dave there who showed us through and explained lots of things to us. It was very educational and informative and Dave was very patient to explain different things about aboriginal culture to us. We then had a look through the art gallery which had some very significant pieces on show which we felt privileged to see. Unfortunately it was a “sorry” day in the community due to a recent death, so no-one other than Dave was there to show us through. We bought a canvas from the gallery by a local artist, Norman, which has a nice story attached to it. It was then onto the Jurassic Lookout for lunch which had a great outlook over the countryside. From there it was just over an hour to camp at Mainoru Store, what a lovely spot to stop and spend a night. We had showers, went for a swim and chilled out chatting to fellow travellers all afternoon. It was then up to the store for a couple of huge burgers for dinner. We met a lovely local guy named Peter and had a good chat over dinner. He gave us a few good tips and had a beautiful dog as his companion. After dinner it was back to the hub of activity along the billabong with all the other campers. All in all it was a good, easy day with some nice scenery and not too much stress. We have a longish day in the car tomorrow but if the roads stay as they did today it shouldn't be too bad.

3rd and final installment coming next issue!



Committee Positions

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



CURRENT VACANCIES:

• VICE PRESIDENT • MERCHANDISE OFFICER

Club equipment

The Club has a variety of tools and items available for loan at no charge to members, items can be used on club trips/events and any other relevant club activities.

Items available include:

- Grate mates
- Uniden UHF handheld radios
- Tyre repair kit (large & small)
- Bead breaker
- Gazebo 3m x 3m
- Hot water urn and kettle
- Tifor hand winch and cable
- Car Bra
- Trestle tables, plastic folding 1.8m (x2)
- Recovery bag (inc snatch straps, extension strap, tree trunk protector and shackles)

Note: All club equipment is securely stored within the club trailer at Lonsdale

For further information on any loan equipment, please email Property Officer: property@mountloftyanglers.com.au or speak to him at any club meetings.

Birthday Drinks



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

Links Page



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

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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
merchandise@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Trips Registration

Don't forget that all current members can register for any club trips/events via the website, simply log-in and register your details.

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

The screenshot shows a web browser displaying the Mount Lofty Rangers website. The page features a yellow header with the club's logo and navigation links: Welcome, Membership, Awareness Instruction, Trips, Rangers' Review, and Links & Files. A banner for 'Loftyfest Recce' is prominently displayed, indicating it is on Saturday, May 14. A green button prompts users to log in to register online. The page also includes a map of the venue, Argadell, and a list of upcoming events. The footer contains contact information for the organiser, Gary Light, and a link to the club's website.

Loftyfest Recce
Saturday, May 14

Day trip to Argadell. Only for people who want to lead trips or run activities during Loftyfest.

You must login to register online.

+ Add to Google Calendar

Details
Date: Saturday, May 14
Event Category: Trip

Venue
Argadell
Quorn, South Australia
Australia + Google Map
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Organiser
Gary Light
Email: goledyus@gmail.com

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

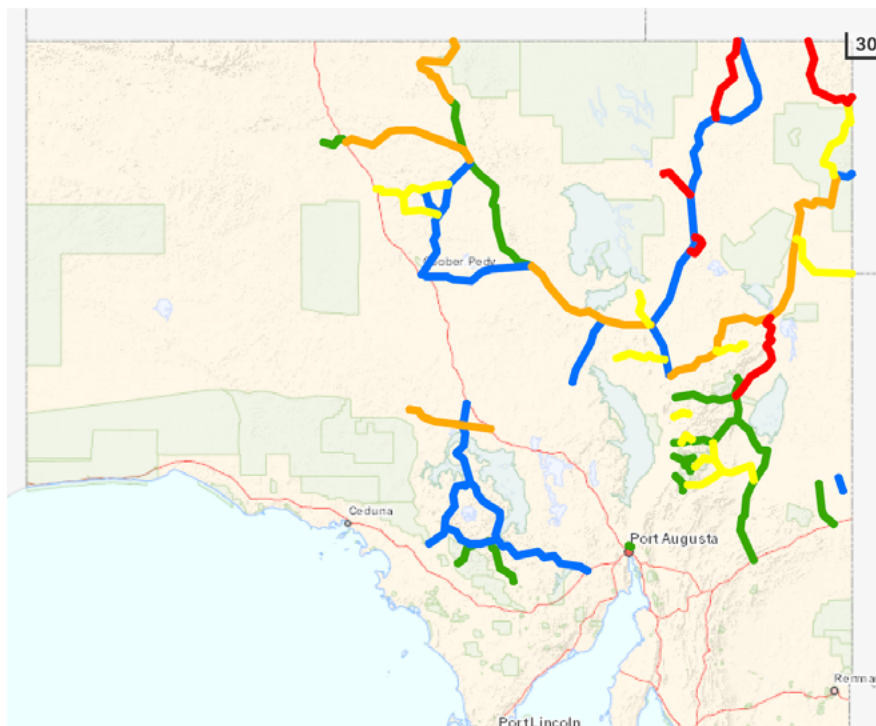
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Upcoming Events...
May 14 All day Loftyfest Recce
May 17 All day Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.
May 21 Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22 Peske Sand Driving & Recovery

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

Road Conditions

Planning a trip in outback South Australia?
Be sure to get the current road conditions at
<https://www.dit.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads>



Legend

OPEN

Open to all vehicles

OPEN with warnings

Open to all vehicles, with caution

4WD / HV

Open to 4WD and Heavy Vehicles

4WD

Open to 4WD vehicles under 3 tonne only (no towing)

CLOSED

Closed to all vehicles

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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





NEXT CLUB MEETING:

MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER - 7.00pm