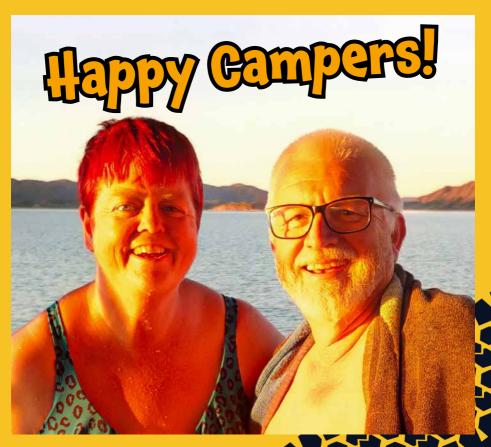


RANGERS' REVIEW



August 2024 mountloftyrangers.com.au

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

Geeeze it annoys me how you can spend days driving into a spectacular, rugged and isolated corner of this amazing country, haven't seen another vehicle for days, and you stop to have lunch or setup camp, and there's some sort of rubbish left behind by the previous campers. The worst is the dreaded 'toilet paper tree' or becoming more prevalent in recent years, the 'field of wipes'. I just don't understand some people. In the last couple of days Loveday 4x4 Park has taken the step of closing their dump point because they are sick of unblocking it due to people dumping wipes in their dunnys instead of in a



Phil Simes, President

bin. K'gari (Fraser Island) has also just had another fire caused by carelessly discarded heat beads.

I know most of us do the right thing and I've seen plenty of examples where members have just picked up that piece of rubbish without any fanfare, but I'd like to challenge you all to going that extra mile and really lead by example.

So that means extinguishing fires properly, with water, tidying fire places and picking up some of the crap left behind by others. Sometimes there's too much to pick it all up, but every bit helps. Finally, if you get to a bin and it's already overflowing, don't add to the problem. Carry it a few extra k's.

Most of this stuff takes just that bit more effort, but it will make a difference.

The next time you arrive at a pristine campsite, the reality is that someone at some stage has probably gone to a bit of effort to clean up someone else's mess, be it large or small. Next time you have the opportunity to return the favour, go to that bit of effort yourself and pay it forward.

Thankyou! Phil





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MEMBERS IF YOU WISH TO FILL THIS ROLE.



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

AUGUST 2024

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

MONTH & DATES TBC

DOODY'S MYSTERY TRIP

Contact: Tom Doody

TUESDAY 27th AUGUST - SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

SIMPSON DESERT CROSSING - PENDING APPROVAL

Contact: Kevin Jesshope

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER -SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

TOURING OUTBACK SA Contact: Alex Szabo

OCTOBER 2024

SATURDAY 5th -MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

LOFTYFEST

Contact: Phil Simes

FRIDAY 18th -

SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER

STANSBURY CRABBING

Contact: Mark Wakelam

MONDAY 14th OCTOBER - 7.30pm MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club, Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

DATE TBC

PS MARION - GOOLWA

TO WELLINGTON

Contact: Jim Bletas

NOVEMBER 2024

FRIDAY 1st -

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP

Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,

Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

MLR END OF YEAR FUNCTION

Contact: Phil Simes

Meetings & Trips



FUN & RECREATION

NOVEMBER 2024

SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER -SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY

Contact: Roger Wilkinson

DECEMBER 2024

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

EDUCATION & AWARENESS

Email: education@
mountloftyrangers.com.au
for more information or to
organise one-on-one or group

awareness training.

Club Trips







Kevin and Heather's Northern Territory and Western Australia Trip 2024

by Heather Jesshope

Kevin and I headed off on a long holiday in our LandCruiser on 1st April planning to return home on about 20th July.

We started our journey on the MLR - Three Corners trip led by Paul Mildrum, planning to cross The Simpson Desert from East to West and then head north from Dalhousie Springs. As you'll remember from Paul's trip report, the weather and road conditions had other ideas.

Instead we drove up the Oodnadatta Track together which was great. The rest of the group decided to cross The Simpson from West to East instead. This was completely the wrong direction for us, so we parted ways with the group at the Algebuckina Bridge.

General Summary:

Total distance driven: 14,620 km

Diesel: 2,165 litres used; Total cost: \$4,863 Economy: 14.81 litres / 100 km Most expensive purchased at The Pink Roadhouse, Oodnadatta \$3.19/litre

Total nights away: 84 (+ 4 extra for Kevin) Rooftop tent nights: 57 (+ 4 extra for Kevin) Free camping nights: 18 (+ 4 extra for Kevin)

At friends' homes: 7 nights with friends at Nhulunbuy

15 nights with family at Humpty Doo.

Early on in our planning we made the decision to leave our caravan at home and take the rooftop tent instead. This gave us great flexibility, kept our fuel cost right down and generally simplified things. Apart from being hot, the weather was stunning, which undoubtedly helped.





We have no regrets about this decision and would definitely do it again.

Mechanically the Cruiser coped very well. Our only damage was a broken bracket holding the exhaust. Kevin did some McGivering on the Central Arnhem Road, using a wire



coat hanger to make a temporary fix. Later, while in the carpark of Cahill's Crossing, he realised that both bolts holding the muffler to the exhaust had fallen out. One was lying on the ground nearby but the other was gone. A friendly fellow 4 wheel driver checked his toolbox and gave us a spare! Yeah!

Our camping fridge struggled off grid in the tropics. It was running pretty much nonstop so the batteries had trouble keeping up. As a result we ended up paying for powered sites more than we'd expected.

From mid April and through May the daily maximum temperature was often about 36° with high humidity (up to 80-90% some days) while the overnight minimum would be about 32° but only by about 5am. After sunset and eating dinner, we'd head to bed early to escape the



mosquitoes, beetles, moths and other bugs. We'd lay on our bed not moving until we stopped sweating. Sleeping was not too hard after that. Once the sun appeared the next morning though it was time to get up before the tent got too hot.

One of our best pre-trip purchases was a "Click" USB rechargeable fan. We'd hang it in the tent, connect it to a USB power bank and it would run all night. So good!

Early on our quilt got relegated to the back seat as it was not needed and got in the way up in the tent. From early June onwards the temperature dropped, especially overnight, which helped us all cope better (including the fridge). We even needed to put the guilt back in the tent again.





We did a lot of swimming, but only once in the ocean (at Little Bondi near Nhulunbuy). Unfortunately many beaches in the tropics aren't safe for swimming due to saltwater crocodiles and stingers. We continued to be vigilant about crocs, but enjoyed many lovely fresh water swimming spots: Dalhousie Springs (hottest); John Hayes Rockhole, East MacDonald Ranges (coldest!); Mataranka Hot Springs; Bitter Springs; Katherine Hot Springs; Goanna Lagoon near Nhulunbuy; Berry Springs (favourite spring); Florence Falls, Litchfield National Park; Buley Rockholes, Litchfield National Park; Lake Argyle; Gibb River; Warla Gorge, Mount Elizabeth Station (the home of THE rock!).

Special tours: Airboat Safari, Corroboree Billabong, Wildlands Wetlands Safari Cruises.Lake Argyle sunset cruise with Discovery Parks Lake Argyle Tours.

Special events: Parrtjima "A Festival in Light", Alice Springs & ANZAC Dawn Service at Daly Waters Pub



Unfortunately it all came to an abrupt end. We were at Warla Gorge, Mount Elizabeth Station in the Kimberly when Heather stepped on a wobbly rock and fell on Friday 21st June. We both slept overnight in the rooftop tent! It was a better option than sleeping in the car as Heather was able to elevate her foot.











The next day Kevin drove her 280 km to Derby Hospital where X-rays confirmed 3 fractures in Heather's left foot. With a moon boot on and an elbow crutch for support Heather flew back to Adelaide from Broome via Perth on Monday 24th June.

Kevin then drove home on his own, arriving safely on Friday afternoon 28th June. Overall we had a brilliant trip.

Most of the time was only loosely planned which gave us lots of flexibility. The main section needing planning was our trip to the Nhulunbuy area as we needed to have permits in place - A Recreation Permit from Dhimuru Aboriginal Corporation for the camping and visiting the area; Transit Permit from The Northern Lands Council to get permission to drive the road. Both organisations were very helpful though.

We spent time with great people, including family, old friends and new. We learnt about Indigenous culture and art, and the involvement of the NT in WW2. We explored and admired parts of our great country that we've never seen before. We've driven all of The Gibb River Road, but really only experienced half of it. We'll just have to go back again to see the rest!









Bush Medicine





WAS THIS KEVIN'S HANDIWORK ON HEATHER'S FOOT?

Club Trips Procedure



Planning a Club Trip/Event

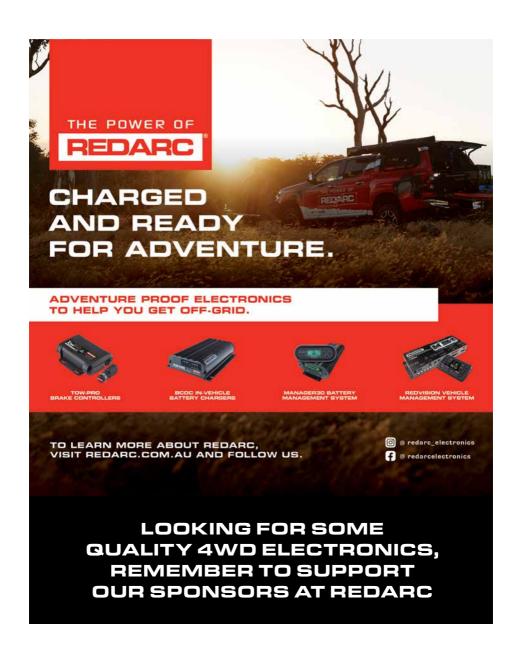
Anyone planning a club trip or event please follow the procedure as per below.

- **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 <u>magazine@mountloftyrangers.com.au</u> 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.

Sponsors





Interclub Trip







Off the beaten tracks in mid-South Australia September 2024

Seeking expressions of interest for a combined Mount Lofty Rangers and Southern Tablelands trip in September 2024 (before school holidays in each state/territory). Genuine off-road camper trailers/caravans ok - there will be a lot of corrugations.

Trip starts in Peterborough SA on Monday 9th September staying at Willangi Bush Escapes with a day off to explore and then on property 4WDing (grading depending on track chosen by driver).

Then we go remote, generally following the Old Ghan line with days off in Farina, William Creek (options to take a flight over Lake Eyre South, and drive out to Halligans Bay on Lake Eyre), on to Oodnadatta, then through the Painted Desert for a day off in Coober Pedy (own accommodation arrangements, eg underground camping).





Interclub Trip

After some bitumen, it's back on the dirt for overnights in Kingoonya and Gawler Ranges NP, before we're back on the black-top again on Friday 20th September allowing enough time for Canberrans to get home over the week-end.





For those with more time available, join us for another week on Eyre Peninsula, exploring various bays, foods and drinks (Coffin Bay oysters anyone?).

The trip will finish by mutual agreement between Cowell and Moonta about 25th September allowing time to get home by Sunday 29th September.





Initially 5 cars from each club, to be adjusted according to level of interest. If someone is prepared to act as a second trip leader, we can increase the number of vehicles by travelling as 2 convoys.

For further information please contact Alex Szabo at alex.szabo@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Big Desert Trip Report

by Jeff Sheridan

We met trip leader, Gary Light, at Tailem Bend on the Friday afternoon for an adventure weekend to the Big Desert just south of Murrayville on the Nhill Road. Weather was just clearing and a great weekend in store.

Black top road to Murrayville was straight forward, but the sand/clay



road to Big Bore campground took a few by surprise. At least two of the vehicles finding themselves without traction and ending up heading involuntarily off the slippery road into the bush. Thankfully all emerged unscathed with a gentle flick of the wrist into 4WD H finding the slippery road less challenging. Five vehicles made the trek with a roaring fire the successful recipe for the first chilly night.

With the rain alluding the well resourced camp, all departed for the White Springs Track heading north again on slippery 'main' road (in 4WD from the start this time). We diverted to a track to the west for a practice climb at a training dune first thing with Gary showing how to get stuck, but also how to self recover. After this experiment the right line at the top was identified with all conquering this first test. Tracks are well sign









posted and I was impressed with the 'way finding' and facilities in this 'free' Victorian state park. Vehicles meandered through green lined sandy tracks with a few spots of water on track, claypans allowing some to get a free car wash, which was fine if you started with a brown vehicle as you ended in one. A single kangaroo was spotted bouncing through the lush green bush, but this was to be a rare encounter with any fauna. Birds were noisy and prolific but illusive to the camera and the untrained eye! On to the big dune to test the skills, also on the big dune all lining up for the standard club photo opportunity.

Five tracks on the big Dune were presented to entice drivers skills. Some made it, others didn't, but lots of fun had. Then a call over the radio....."I think I'm in a spot of trouble". Teetering between tracks was a very tidy 200 series looking very untidy on the track, held from disaster by a bit of sand and bush.



Digging commenced to try and reduce the precarious angle. You could here the cogs churning, trying to work out the best recovery. Concurrently a winch tether was applied to another vehicle across the tracks to the roof rack to prevent tipping. Repositioning another vehicle for rear winch recovery. This was a dead weight winch recovery with the 200 series engine off due to oil draining from system due to the steep angle. So new learnings! Team 'Big Bore' made the recovery effective with no damage incurred.

After this we lost a vehicle to a sleeping mismatch to head home for the comfort of their own bed. After farewells, the 4 went back to focus on a warm camp. Fire was again the order of the night with Saturday night fever music, nibbles, reflection, a promise of a dry Sunday ahead, the perfect recipe for the camp.



The next day the Cactus Bore Track presented with some great sandy tracks, dune challenges, brilliant vistas, and some interesting gum tree out breaks amongst the desert bush. A great ridge top drive fit for royalty kept drivers interested with the blue sky above sharing this desert countries best. Time to head home on the black top with a promising shower or two to wash away the sticky stuff that makes cleaning more palatable.

All efforts have been made to hide the identity of participants, but if you zoom in on the photos all is revealed. PS: first overnight trip for me. Cheers J





Club equipment





Club Defibrillator

Please remember that the club has a defibrillator that is at the disposal of anyone attending a club trip.

Trip leaders are encouraged to take this on any trips, but it is ultimately available for all club members attending an approved club trip/event.

If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to speak to Phil Simes or any other committee member.

Club Sponsor





Torrens Arms Hotel Functions

Fill your cup, bottoms up. It's time to have some fun.

We're all about letting the good times roll.

The Torrens Arms Hotel has a variety of function areas available to suit any style of celebration, with the ability to cater for groups from 10 to 200 people.

Some of our key features include flexible layouts, a quality sound system, private spaces, quality menu options, extensive beverage range and a dedicated Functions Manager.

From long lunches with great company in our Lower Lounge, impressing your guests in our upstairs Kingswood Loft, to throwing a super fun birthday shindig in our Courtyard, whatever the occasion; we've got a space that's perfect for you.

Contact our functions manager for a tailored quote: functions@tahotel.com.au







Club Trip



Stansbury Crabbing

Friday 18th - Sunday 20th October



8 powered sites on beachfront \$44 per night Intent to catch blue swimmer crabs from beach or jetty. Other fishing options available for those interested.

For further details, contact: Mark Wakelam mark.wakelam@mountloftyrangers.com.au



Outback SA Trip Report

by Lloyd Weaver

With the weather looking good in the north of SA we headed up the highway on Friday afternoon with a Monday rendezvous in Maree with Nick. Paula and I spent the weekend at Arkaroola, which would be one of my favourite places to visit, it is simply a stunning



landscape and absolutely worth the extra couple of hours compared to the Flinders Ranges in my opinion. Nick wanted to sample the Farina bakery before they shut for the year, so made his way up there with an order from Paula and I for a couple of pies.

After restocking a few bits in Leigh Creek we met Nick in Maree, after lunch in the pub we made our way 60kms up the Oodnadatta Track to a nice bush camp. After a lovely peaceful, chilly night we made our way further north stopping to see water in Lake Eyre and then on to William Creek before pulling up at Algebuckina waterhole for the night. Again it was a lovely quiet night with a stunning sunset and some good campfire chat and lovely food to go with that.

Up early for sunrise it was time for a casual morning coffee listening to the birds at the waterhole. We packed-up and headed for the Pink Roadhouse. After filling up at \$2.99L and a final bill in excess of \$300 we headed for Dalhousie Springs, we arrived at the springs just after 1pm and was surprised to find it relatively quiet.



I think all the recent rain had changed people's plans about crossing the desert, hence far less people than I've seen here previously. After a lovely relaxing swim it was a cruisy afternoon before pizza in the Weber for dinner.

After a sunrise swim with the spring to myself we packed up under lovely sunny blue skies and headed further north. After topping up at Mt. Dare for \$3.09L we had to wait for the RFDS to airlift an unfortunate motorcyclist out, who had been riding at night time, come off and was looking very sore and sorry for himself. The Mt Dare hotel was a temporary hospital for the morning. We went over the NT border and headed Old Andado for Station. unfortunately when we arrived it was disappointing to see the place looking a bit worse for wear compared to our last visit 7 years ago. Last time we visited a 4WD club were there as caretakers, looking after the place and the experience was entirely different compared to this time. It is a shame as this is a unique place that will be sad to see fall further into disrepair









over time. We had originally planned on staying the night, but due to the facilities not entirely working and it was still relatively early, we decided to push on and headed for Lamberts Centre of Australia.

After a rough final 13kms into camp we arrived about 4.30pm, got the fire started and enjoyed a few drinks in the middle of Oz. After some gentle rain overnight and again in the morning we packed up, took some photos and started our journey back south. As we went through Finke we noticed a convoy of vehicles coming towards us looking a lot dirtier than we were at this point. We made our way towards Eringa waterhole along some muddy tracks which we tried to avoid as much as possible but inevitably the cars and campers ended up covered in mud. Weirdly enough the closer we got to camp the roads were suddenly kicking up dust again so the rain hadn't made it that far south.







First order of importance when we got to camp was getting as much mud off as possible, so with scrapers/egg flips in hand I think we reduced the weight of the car & camper by about 30kgs.

We were here nice and early and staying for 2 x nights so it was time to set-up, sit back and relax and enjoy this fantastic free camp site. Some other campers were considerate

enough to leave a yabby net on the bank of the waterhole so I put some bait in, threw it in and crossed my fingers. With the campfire right on the water it was just a case of sitting back and enjoying a beautiful sunset.

Up for sunrise again and after pulling up the yabby net to find it full of yabby's it was just one of those catch-up days with washing, maintenance, firewood collection, relaxing and preparing for roast in the camp oven all on the list. It was a good day and one that was enjoyed





after being on the move for the last 4×1 nights. We had yabby's pan fried over the fire in garlic and butter for entree and they were yum, you just need about 100 for a decent meal. Roast was great and after another peaceful night under the stars it was time to move on again.

We made our way back to Oodnadatta for lunch and to catch up on a few things with some service. After lunch we headed for Arckaringa Station and the painted desert. Luckily it was a nice calm night as the campground was extremely exposed and after going out to the painted desert in the late afternoon we sat and admired a near 360° view sunset with barely any obstruction at all, it was quite unique and stunning.



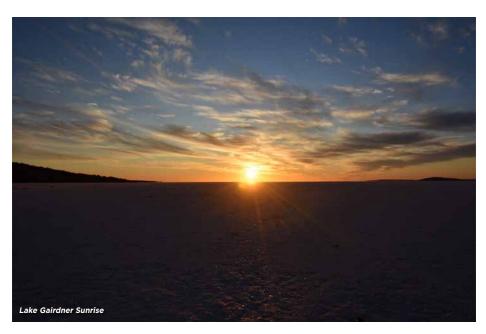


We had a longer day planned today so it was up early, packed and on the road by 8am. We headed into Coober Pedy, re-stocked and then hit the highway south for 250kms. From here we detoured towards Kingoonya and then headed south to the southern end of Lake Gairdner. Having made good time all day we pulled up at 4pm and set-up camp with a nice view of the lake. Nick put his drone up and got some great footage while we got the fire ready to go as there was a cold wind blowing and some warmth was needed. Luckily the wind died down after the sun went down and it was another still night. We could tell it was going to be cold so both campers had the luxury of running their diesel heaters all night and all I can say is thank goodness for them because we woke up to -1° in the morning with anything wet left out now frozen.









With Nick heading for home, but Paula and I making our way home a bit slower, we said our goodbyes and parted ways. Paula and I spent a stunning, still morning wandering out onto the lake, followed by breakfast, coffee, showers and a casual pack up. We left camp just after 11am and headed for Iron Knob where we aired-up, from there it was on to Melrose for our last night. All in all it was a great trip with plenty of red dust, blue sunny skies, big campfires and lots of stunning outback scenery.







Various Drone Footage

Compliments of Nick Hancock

Simply click on each thumbnail, then click allow if prompted and this will send you to YouTube to view each piece of footage seperately.



Lake Eyre Footage



Algebuckina Waterhole Footage



Eringa Waterhole Footage A



Eringa Waterhole Footage B



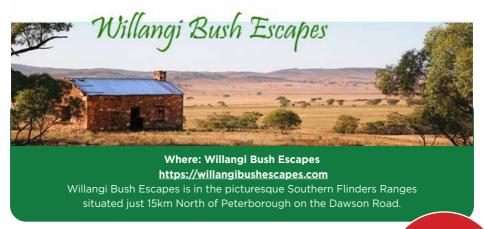
Lake Gairdner Footage A



Lake Gairdner Footage B

Loftyfest 2024





Facilities:

Toilets and showers (gold coin donation required for showers).

We will be camping at the shearing shed where there is undercover shelter if required.

All firewood to be provided.

Registration:

Via MLR Website or trip sheet. (Additional info re the weekend will be provided in due course)

Costs:

- Camping \$50 per couple per night or \$35 single
- Tracks Access to four wheel driving tracks is an additional \$45 which covers access for the entire stay (Waiver required to be signed)



Loftyfest 2024



Book and pay direct to Willangi prior to arrival.

Payment & booking details/procedure still being finalised with Willangi, we will advise once confirmed.



Print out and complete the forms on the following pages if you are attending.

Alternatively you can download them as an editable form here: https://mountloftyrangers.com.au/wp-content/uploads/docs/Willangi-Forms.pdf (You must be logged in to download the forms)

Hard copies of the forms will also be available at the next club meeting.

Activities:

- Numerous Day Trips (trip leaders needed)
- Saturday Night Live Band
- Saturday Night Camp Cook Competition -Bread / Main / Dessert
- General Socialising

See you all there!

Further information from Chris Grear vp@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Loftyfest 2024



Willangi Bush Escapes Please check in at office: 119 Hurlstone Street, Peterborough SA 5422 Ph: (08)8651 2410 Mob: 0427 014 215									
OFFICE USE ONLY									
CAMPSITE NO:				NUMBER OF GUESTS:		GROUP LEADER SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE:	
NUMBER OF NIGHTS:		- \$35.00 - \$50.00 /night (Single, Couples) - \$50.00 - \$60.00 /night (Family - 2 adults, 2 children) /night * Extra Child \$6 - \$7.50 extra adult \$17.50							
4WD TRACKS:		YES NO \$45.00							
Guest Details (Please use BLOCK letters) CASH On Arrival as we do not have credit card facilities IF YOU ARE DOING 4WDRIVING PLEASE ENSURE All 3 PAGES ARE FILLED OUT & SIGNED.								TOTAL:	
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Camping Guidelines and Conditions									

We at Willangi Bush Escapes would like to welcome you to our property.

Please take some time to read and understand the following Guidelines and Conditions. If you cannot follow the Guidelines and Conditions as listed below please be aware that you WILL BE LIABLE FOR ALL Extra Maintenance and Repair fees. It may also result in you being banned from the property in the future.

NOTE: Due to People not obeying these rules there is now a camp bond that will be used to cover any excess fire wood burned, making extra fire rings or making fire rings bigger and repairs to the environment if you collect wood or any other rule violation, further to this you will not be asked back.

It is great to have you and we hope you enjoy your stay. We have 4WD tracks suitable for drivers with competent four-wheel driving skills. Some sections are for experienced drivers, so check the map and number points.

Please follow the routes indicated on the map and do not stray onto any unmarked tracks or, make your own tracks.

FARM RULES & INFORMATION – Willangi is a working property

- · STAY CLEAR of stock, watering points, windmills and dams
- No firearms, cross bows, knife weapons, chain saws, and motorbikes.
- No dogs
- Phones do work in some places on top of the hills
- · Take only photos and leave only footprints and tyre tracks on tracks.
- LEAVE ALL GATES AS YOU FOUND THEM

CAMPSITE RULES

• Do not enter other campsites. Respect their privacy.

- TOILETS are at each site Please use long drop toilets on your site if you don't have a porta-loo in your van do not dig and bury DO NOT LEAVE TOILET PAPER LYING AROUND CAMPSITES I DO NOT LIKE PICKING IT UP.
- <u>Use "Dump Point"</u> down Main St for porta-loo disposal or you will be billed for pumping/cleaning out our long drop toilets. (Your loo liquid stops our loo's from drying out)
- PLEASE DO NOT LITTER. Take all your rubbish home with you.
- If you dig trenches or holes for your van, tents camper trailers, fill them back in after so that they don't turn into Creeks. If you don't fill them back in, you will incur a fee for filling them in.
- On leaving be sure Campsite is left clean for the next person <u>& fire is out Use water not dirt</u>

CAMPFIRES & FIREWOOD

- · No fires in fire ban season (local seasonal bans apply).
- Use only the fire rings provided at your campsite do not make them bigger. No extra fires for cooking etc.
- . Only use wood provided next to fire ring or wood you have brought yourself.
- DO NOT BURN WOOD SURROUNDING your campsite or from anywhere else on the property as this is destroying
 our environment and some creatures' home. If collect wood or make another fire you will be asked to leave.
- · WE do notice! Neil does not miss a thing out on the property.
- DO NOT COLLECT your own wood, if you are short, please ask owners for more (\$20.00 per bundle).
- DO NOT TAKE WOOD FROM SHED if you are short, please ask owners for more (\$20.00 per bundle).
- If you are here on a Day pass, Please bring your own packed lunch or your own gas bbq wood is not provided.

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TRACKS & VEHICLE MOVEMENTS

- Do not start 4wd track before 9.15am Respect other campers and Tracks close at 4.45pm.
- NO night driving or Sunset drives unless owners are with you due to insurance.
- Max 20km p/h speed limit. Watch for children and bushwalkers
- Stay on main tracks, DO NOT go on PRIVATE TRACKS (unless going to your own campsite) or Follow unmarked tracks as these are private mustering tracks.
- Respect the land, STRICTLY NO Wheelies or Doughies or 360's that may tear up the track, native grasses and sheep feed –You WILL be reported to the E.P.A.
- DO NOT LITTER. Take all your rubbish home with you.
- NO BBQs out on tracks.
- NO Smoking on tracks
 DO NOT drop your butts on the ground.
- · No Alcohol to be consumed while driving on tracks
- DO NOT CROSS BOUNDARY FENCES.
- · If walking, please do not enter other paddocks without maps and do not cross boundary fences
- ALL GATES MUST BE LEFT AS FOUND This is a working property and sheep may be present.
- · Please take care at all times, enjoy your drive and our views.
- Any time you stop along your travels and get out, watch for rocks and unlevel ground when exiting your vehicles.
 Don't roll an ankle
- NOTE: WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CLOSE THE TRACKS AT ANY TIME. Tracks may be closed on rainy days and/or fire ban
 days and/or days of extreme wind and heat.

General Conditions

As these self-guided tours operate in remote areas, the operator reserves the right to alter, and/or cancel any section and/or parts of the track which may result from road, weather or any other conditions of an operational nature. Whilst every endeavour will be made to keep all tracks open at all time, no guarantee will be made that these will be kept open. The operator will not be liable for any costs incurred through failure to connect with any other service. Any personal expenses incurred by the participant as a result of any delay, alteration or curtailment of any session whether caused by weather conditions, mechanical defects or any other causes are the responsibility of the participant. The operator shall not in any circumstance, be held liable or accept responsibility for any loss, acts, omissions, defaults, accident, misperception, delay, failure or expense on the part of the transport companies, hotel/motel contractors and the like who may provide you with services and facilities at the request of the operator.

Insurance

The operator and/or its agents are not responsible or liable for loss or damage or theft of luggage or personal belongings whatsoever or for personal injury, accidents, hospitalisation, illness or medical expenses. We strongly recommend all intending participants consult their insurance agent or employer and take out adequate insurance to cover any event and give full protection.

Liability

The operator and/or its employees accepts no responsibilities, nor is liable for any act of omission whatsoever (whether inside or outside their control or by neglect or otherwise) for any booking, contract, travel, accommodation or camp sites which may result in any loss, damage, accident, detention, diversion or theft in regard to luggage or personal belongings, and will be exempt from liability in respect of direct or indirect or consequential loss or damage, death, injury, sickness, irregularity, delay liability and additional expenses, or inconvenience or any other event beyond its control including accident or failure to machinery or equipment, accommodations or camp sites, transportation or other services, or any acts of God, dangers incident to fire, acts of government or other authorities, delays, strikes or cancellation of changes in or schedules whatsoever, howsoever by whosoever caused.

Medical Conditions

I agree to disclose any pre-existing medical or other condition that may affect the risk that any person will suffer injury, loss or damage.

Vehicle & License

I hereby declare that the vehicle I will be using during this self-guided tour is currently registered and in a roadworthy condition, and I have a current driver's licence to operate this class of vehicle.

General Conditions & Booking Acceptance

By signing below, I hereby declare I have read, understood and fully accept and agree to all guidelines, rules and conditions and booking details outlined above and in all emails received.

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		Guest I	Names			
*PERSON 1: (RESPONSIBLE PERSON)			PERSON 2:			Minor (✓)
PERSON 3:	_	Minor (✓)	PERSON 4:			Minor (✓)
PERSON 5:		Minor (✓)	PERSON 6:			Minor (✓)
PERSON 7:	_	Minor (✓)	PERSON 8:			Minor (✓)
*RESPONSIBLE PERSON (1):	FIRST NAME & SURNAME			SIGNATURE	DATI	

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4WD TRACK USE & ENTRY CONDITIONS

- The driver must have 4WD experience and ensure their vehicle is in sound condition, and exercise care at all times.
- The 2WD driver must drive only on tracks suited for 2wd and follow 2wd signs and maps.
- The driver is responsible for the conduct of his/her passengers
- The proprietors reserve the right to close or alter the track for any reason such as, but not limited to, road conditions, rain, or the likelihood of rain, or for stock management purposes etc.
- The key is to be used for the day it was issued and used during daylight hours only.
- Pets permitted by negotiation only.
- No firearms, no hunting weapons (crossbows, compound bows etc), no motorbikes, no chainsaws, no camping for the day tours
- No access permitted off any marked tracks.

Exclusion of Liability, Release and Assumption of Risk for drivers and passengers participating in Self-drive 4WD Tours In exchange for being able to participate in a self-drive 4-wheel drive tour on land owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep, I agree:

- To release Neil and Antoinette Sleep, its employees, the owners of all land over which the tour passes, their
 respective servants, representatives and agents from all liability for my death, personal injury, psychological trauma,
 loss or damage (including property damage) howsoever arising from my participation in the tour, except to the
 extent prohibited by law.
- That Neil and Antoinette Sleep, the owners of the land over which the tour passes and their respective servants, representatives and agents do not make any warranty, implied or expressed, that the tour services will be provided with due care and skill or that any materials provided in connection with the services will be fit for the purpose for which they are supplied: and
- To participate in the tour at my own risk.

I acknowledge that:

- It has been recommended that I take adequate communication equipment, first aid equipment, sufficiently
 detailed mapping of the area of the tour and navigation aids to assist me in my tour of the land owned by Neil
 and Antoinette Sleep.
- I understand the risk associated with participating in the tour includes the risk that I may suffer harm as a result
 of:
 - o Breakdown, failure or accident of the conveying vehicle
 - Venturing from the conveying vehicle onto land owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep.
 - o Tripping, falling or stumbling on the land owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep.
 - Being bitten, chased, kicked or attacked by native and non-native Fauna on the land owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep.
 - Prolonged exposure to the elements
- Being unable to secure adequate medical attention without delay in a remote area.

I accept the conditions of, and acknowledge the risks arising from, participation in the tour of the land owned by Neil and Antoinette Sleep, over which the tour and associated parties passes.

Name of Participant	Signature of Participant	Date
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Parent / Guardian Consent (for persons under 18 years of age)

I am the parent / guardian of (names of child / children) hereon-in known as the minor(s), who is/are under 18 years of age. I have read the document "Exclusion of Liability, Release and Assumption of Risk for drivers and passengers participating in Self-drive 4WD and 2WD Tours" and understand its contents and I have explained these contents to the minor(s). I consent to the minor(s) participating in the tour at his / her own risk.

Name of Parent/Guardian	Signature of Parent/Guardian	Date

30year Anniversary Club Shirts



In 2026 MLR will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary.

As per our 20 year anniversary, we will be designing a commemorative shirt to celebrate this milestone.

Each paid membership will receive a shirt as part of their 2026 membership, they will also be available to purchase separately.

With this in mind, we need your creative minds to get designing ready for 2026.

Submitted designs will be shortlisted by the committee and then put to the members to vote for the winning design.

Send your designs to president@mountloftyrangers.com.au or speak to Phil with any questions.





































Hipcamp





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

If you're looking for something a bit different which has private properties listed that aren't on Wikicamps, check out Hipcamp, you just might find a hidden gem for your next trip.

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

Club Trip



Doody's Mystery Trip

Date to be confirmed

It's all a mystery, simply sign up and wait further instructions



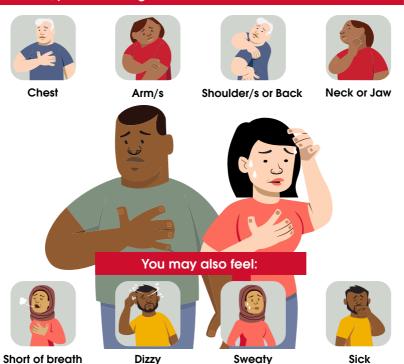
For further details, but not too much detail, contact: Tom Doody: tom.doody@mountloftyrangers.com.au

Healthy Hearts



Warning signs of a heart attack

Pain, pressure or tightness in one or more of these areas:



Tell someone how you feel.

If feeling worse or not better after 10 minutes,



Call triple zero (000)



Chew 300mg of aspirin if you have it, unless you are allergic or your doctor has told you not to.

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Trip Report Rewards



We want your Trip Reports!



For every trip report that is written, submitted and subsequently appears in the club magazine, the person that submits that report will receive 5 points towards the Club Person of the Year Award.

It doesn't need to be an essay, as they say "a picture is worth 1000 words" so just a few words with some pics is all we need. And don't forget that for every trip led also earns 10 points.

So let everyone know about your adventures, offer some inspiration and lead a trip and submit those reports and get rewarded.

Send trip reports to magazine@mountloftyrangers.com.au

ICE Forms



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Please remember that it is recommended that all attendees on any club trips/events should fill out and ICE form and keep it in their glovebox.

Forms can be downloaded from the below link: ICE FORMS DOWNLOAD

If you have any questions or concerns please speak to the Trips Co-ordinator, Gary Light

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 or speak to him at any club meetings.

Birthday Drinks

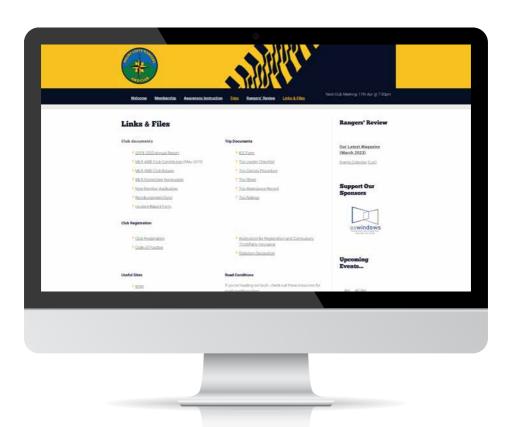




PLEASE SEE KYLIE AT
THE CLUB MEETING FOR
YOUR COMPLIMENTARY
BIRTHDAY DRINK

Links Page





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

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/

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

magazine@mountloftyrangers.com.au

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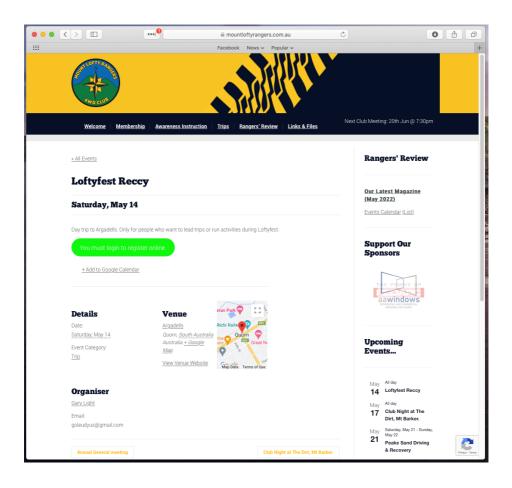
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Trips Registration



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

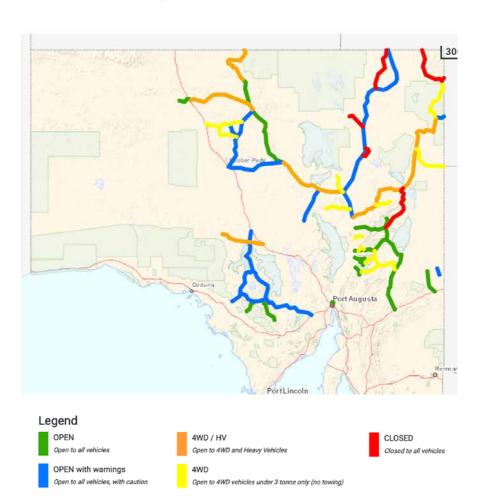
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Road Conditions



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



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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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://mountloftyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/ or contact Chris Grear classicregistration@mountloftyrangers.com.au









NEXT CLUB MEETING:

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER - 7.30pm

NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

MONDAY 19th AUGUST - 7.00pm

