

# RANGERS' REVIEW



May 2024

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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

With the AGM looming next week, it's got me thinking of what it means to be part of a club.

Anyone can be a member of a club. You pay your membership fees. Tadah! you're a member.

Being part of a club is a little different. And it's okay, I get it. Everyone has their real life and their own particular priorities. Everyone has periods in their life where certain things take priority.

However, I'd like to challenge you to become 'part' of the club.

Become a member of the committee and be a part of progressing and guiding the club over the coming years. There's general positions that don't even have any particular responsibility, but still contribute to the club, partake in discussions and still have the opportunity to have some input of how the club operates.

If that is a little too much, become active in other ways. Lead a trip to your favourite place or just join a trip and go somewhere that you haven't been before.

If the time is right for you, please seriously consider how we can together improve our club.

There is currently some really interesting trips on the trip board, from training and sand driving weekends, to other, longer options. Get involved. Perhaps learn some more about your vehicle, or

just spend an evening solving the worlds problems around a campfire.

I hope to see you all at the AGM. Even if the time is not right for you, please come along and support those who take the step to be more involved.

It's all part, of being a part, of a healthy club.

Phil.



*Phil Simes,  
President*



# Your committee



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# 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](http://www.mountloftyrangers.com.au)

**MT LOFTY RANGERS UHF CLUB CHANNEL 27**

# What we offer

- Inexpensive, hassle free membership to anyone with a 4WD (this is a requirement) regardless of make or model after a qualifying period (attending three Club activities, one of which must be a Club trip)
- Promote inclusiveness and participation
- Collaborative and safe environment
- Friendship
- Variety of events, trips and gatherings
- Flexibility/informality
- An opportunity to share experiences and knowledge with other like-minded people
- Training and awareness in the safe use of your 4WD and recovery techniques
- Opportunity to do trips which you might not otherwise do on your own



# Meetings & Trips

## FUN & RECREATION

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### MAY 2024

SATURDAY 4th - SUNDAY 5th MAY

#### CAMP COOK - JABUK

Contact: Phil Simes

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MONDAY 13th MAY - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

#### AGM MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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#### NOTE: NEW DATES

SATURDAY 18th - SUNDAY 19th MAY

#### PEAKE SAND DRIVING

Contact: Gary Light

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SUNDAY 26th MAY

FRIDAY

OUTBACK

Contact: Paul Mildrum

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**POSTPONED  
INDEFINITELY**

### JUNE 2024

SUNDAY 2nd - SATURDAY 8th JUNE

#### BIG DESERT TO LITTLE DESERT

Contact: Paul Mildrum

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MONDAY 17th JUNE - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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### JULY 2024

MONDAY 8th JULY - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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DATES TO BE CONFIRMED

#### BIG DESERT WILDERNESS PARK

Contact: Gary Light

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SUNDAY 28th JULY

FRIDAY

FOWL

Contact: Paul Mildrum

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**CANCELLED**

### AUGUST 2024

MONDAY 12th AUGUST - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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### SEPTEMBER 2024

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER -

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER

#### TOURING OUTBACK SA

Contact: Alex Szabo

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# Meetings & Trips

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## OCTOBER 2024

SATURDAY 5th -

MONDAY 7th OCTOBER

### LOFTYFEST

Contact: Phil Simes

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MONDAY 14th OCTOBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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## NOVEMBER 2024

FRIDAY 1st -

SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

### SALT CREEK FISHING TRIP

Contact: Eric Kalderovskis

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MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER -

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER

### VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY

Contact: Alex Szabo

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## DECEMBER 2024

MONDAY 9th DECEMBER - 7.30pm

MLR CLUB MEETING

Blackwood Football Club,  
Trevor Terrace, Blackwood

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## EDUCATION & AWARENESS

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

# Notice of AGM

**It's your club so  
get involved!**

**AGM**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB**

**MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024**



# Notice of AGM

In accordance with the CONSTITUTION OF MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB (May 2016) the MLR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON 13 MAY 2024 AT THE BLACKWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB, BLACKWOOD.

**Nominations for Committee positions must be submitted no later than one week prior to the AGM, Monday 6th May.**

Nomination Forms are available on the next page and on the website and will be available at the preceding Club meetings, <https://mountloftyrangersonline.com.au/wp-content/uploads/docs/Committee-Nomination-Form.pdf>

**or**

register your interest by replying via email to the president or secretary.

**Please note that:** All nominations must have written consent of the nominee, who can nominate themselves.



**All positions except for Vice President & Secretary  
are open for nominations as below:**

**President (2 year term), Treasurer (2 year term), Membership Officer,  
4WDSA Delegate, Trips Officer, Training Officer, Web Master,  
Magazine Editor, Property Officer, Merchandise Officer,  
General Officer (multiple positions).**

**If you require any information on any of the positions  
please do not hesitate to contact Phil on 0412 752 192.**



## MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM

I, .....

HEREBY NOMINATE.....

FOR THE POSITION OF (tick one only)

PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM – Even Years

VICE PRESIDENT – 2 YEAR TERM – Odd Years

TREASURER – 2 YEAR TERM – Even Years

SECRETARY – 2 YEAR TERM – Odd Years

**ALL OFFICER POSITIONS ARE A ONE YEAR TERM**

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER

TRIPS COORDINATOR

4WDSA DELEGATE

MERCHANDISE OFFICER

MAGAZINE EDITOR

WEBSITE OFFICER

PROPERTY OFFICER

EDUCATION OFFICER

GENERAL COMMITTEE OFFICER

NOMINATOR SIGNATURE..... DATE.....

ACCEPTED BY..... DATE.....

# Club Trips

**PEAKE**

**BIG DESERT TO  
LITTLE DESERT**

**BIG DESERT '24**

**LOFTYFEST**

**NEW**

**VICTORIAN  
HIGH COUNTRY**

**FISHING TRIP**



# 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@mountloftyrangersonline.com.au](mailto:magazine@mountloftyrangersonline.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.**

# Sponsors



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# Trip Report

## “Two Out of Three Ain’t Bad”

### Trip Report by Paul Mildrum

Yes, I know it’s a song by Meat Loaf but it also applied to the team as we endeavoured to see the three easterly corners of South Australia.

With the team planning to go from east to west across the Simpson Desert, we regrouped at Broken Hill Hotel and reviewed the road closures and water flows. We decided to do the reverse trip as we were hearing that the NSW and Qld roads would likely open up by the time we got around to that side after the desert stage.

With a tasty bevvie or two and a hearty meal the team spread maps across a large table and we plotted our new route.

Traversing the picturesque Gammon Ranges tracks and relaxing at Cowards Springs was a pleasant start for our outback trip. The Oodnadatta Track was freshly graded and the team made swift work of this track to enjoy a break at William Creek and a fly over Lake Eyre. Finally settling by the showcase view of the Algebuckina Bridge straddling the Nappamurra River as an ideal campsite.

With the last fuel stop at Oodnadatta before crossing the desert and final booking facilities for Dalhousie Springs campsite, we topped up supplies and headed to the Springs.





# Trip Report



*The Bubbler, Oodnadatta Track*

The French Line across the desert towards Poeppel Corner was firm with some water crossings but was easily travelled over the few days with vehicles running much higher tyre pressures than expected. Many of the crew learnt that the sand was very different to the sand on beaches, especially in comparison to the recent trip to the Robe to Beachport track. Only Lake Poeppel challenged the drivers as it had a large amount of water and muddy ruts and the successful crossing was noted by the air of relief by the team. Poeppel Corner was achieved with the MLR mascots and team jointly celebrating with a lager.

Arriving to find two thirds of the Birdsville Tourist Park had been flooded, the team found a dry patch and then headed for the nice warm showers after a number of days relying on many wet ones wipes to keep refreshed.



*Outback Camp*



# Trip Report



The Birdsville Track and Cordillo Downs road was still closed so the team headed to Quilpie, crossing multiple Diamantina channels and upon hearing that the Innamincka Road was open we headed back across the lower Diamantina into Innamincka to successfully reaching Cameron's Corner and the Dig Tree.

Reaching Cameron's Corner earlier in the day, a cappuccino or latte was in order for the morning tea ritual, but to our dismay, only to find they serve instant coffee, which did not suit the true coffee aficionados.

The final track to Tibooburra and then onto Broken Hill for the final night, was appreciated by a steaming hot shower and also the team enjoyed front row seats to the early morning trotting trainers as they pressed their horses into a smooth cantor around the racecourse.



# Guest speakers

## May meeting

The logo for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) is displayed on a blue rectangular background with rounded corners. The letters 'AGM' are in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Below them, the words 'ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING' are written in a smaller, white, all-caps sans-serif font.

**AGM**  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Note: Not all committee members are re-standing so please consider filling any vacant positions.**

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## June meeting

The logo for Monroe Shock Absorbers is displayed on a black rectangular background with rounded corners. The word 'MONROE' is in a large, bold, yellow sans-serif font with horizontal lines through the letters. Below it, the words 'SHOCK ABSORBERS' are written in a smaller, bold, yellow sans-serif font.

**MONROE**  
SHOCK ABSORBERS

# “Pic” Report

## A selection of pics from the Three Corners Trip

Pics compliments of Richard Stanley



*Pink Roadhouse, Oodnadatta*



*Dalhousie Springs*



*The French Line, Simpson Desert*



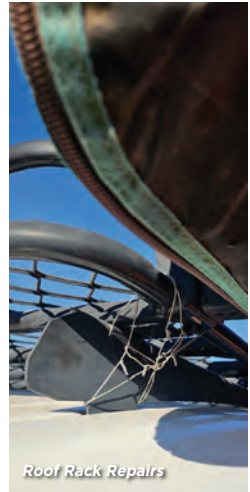
# “Pic” Report



Lake Poeppel, Simpson Desert



Poeppel Corner, Simpson Desert



Roof Rack Repairs



QAA Line, Simpson Desert



The French Line, Simpson Desert

# “Pic” Report



*Big Red, Simpson Desert*



*Cooper Creek, Innamincka*



*Deon's Lookout, Queensland*



# Education and Awareness

## SAND DRIVING AT PEAKE SATURDAY 18th - SUNDAY 19th MAY

Come and learn the skills needed in a safe, controlled & friendly environment!

**NOTE:  
CHANGE  
OF  
DATES**



Come and play in the sand.

New vehicle? Come and try it out in a safe and controlled environment.

The time spent around the campfire will be time well spent.

Everyone needs to bring some firewood please.

Cost is \$20 per day, per vehicle. Arrive Fri PM or Sat AM and leave Sunday = \$40

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# Club equipment



## Club Defibrillator

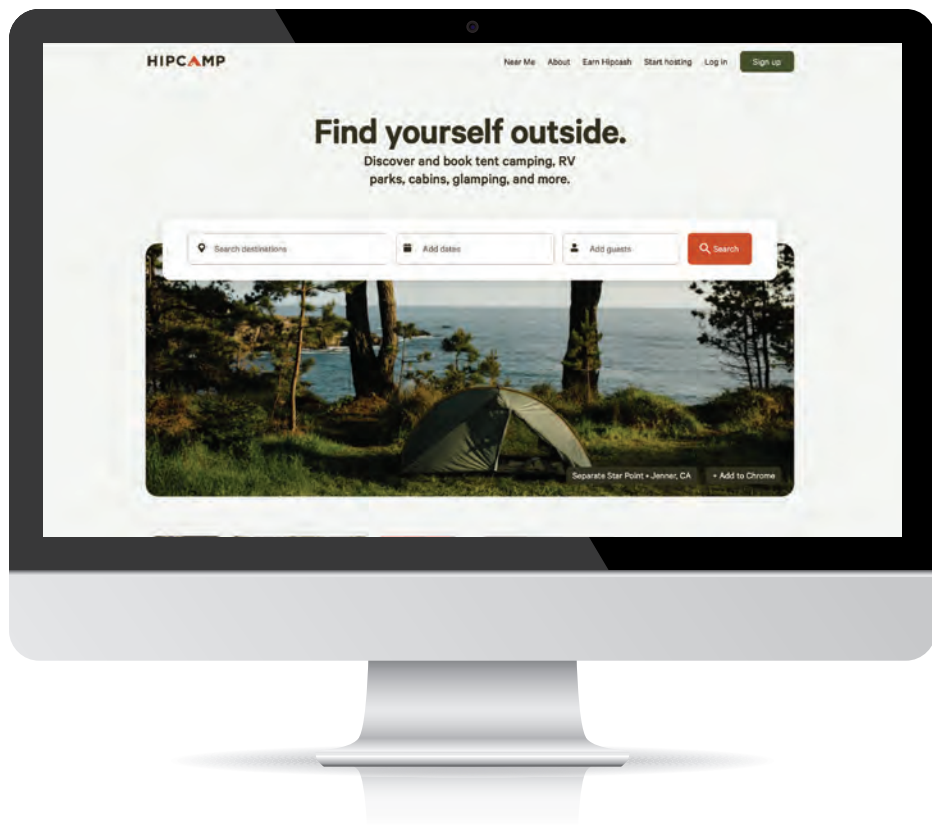
Please remember that the club has a defibrillator that is at the disposal of anyone attending a club trip.

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.**



# 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>

# Camp Cook Pics

With the sun shining and a good turn out, camp cook was a great weekend full of fun & games, laughter, great food, great company and all topped off by a wonderful rendition in front of the fire of “The Story of Rindercella” by our esteemed president.

Thanks to all for the yummy food and good times. Cheers, Lloyd



# Camp Cook Pics



**Food consumed consisted of the following delights:**

- Soups
- Salmon
- Calamari 4 x ways
- Ribs
- Potato Bake
- Casseroles
- Spiced Chicken
- South African Sausages
- Scones



# Camp Cook Recipe



## Chicken Noodle Soup

### Ingredients:

- 1 packet of Continental Chicken noodle soup powder and noodles
- 1 packet of Wiech's Barossa Valley egg noodles
- 1 packet frozen mixed vegetables
- ½ kg chicken thighs – amount will vary for personal preference
- 1 packet of chicken Stock
- 1 brown onion or a half (depend on size)
- Drizzle of olive oil in the pot & alcohol beverage of your liking.

### Method:

Step 1: open the wine and pour a glass

Step 2: top up the wine

Step 3: add some olive oil to the large pot and add enough so the food will not stick

Step 4: add chicken thighs after cutting into small portions

Step 5: once chicken thigh pieces are looking cooked add the onion in chopped up pieces

Step 6: once chicken and onion are on their way add the chicken stock all at once

Step 7: add the chicken noodle soup packet contents when stock is warmed up a bit

Step 8: add the Wiech's noodle – whole packet

Step 9: hard work so far so drink another glass of wine

Step 10: add the mixed vegetable three vege pack.

Step 11: fill stockpot with water until about 20mm from boiling over with water and set temp for a slow boil rate

Step 12-15: Stir pot regularly – have another glass of wine – you have earned it

Step 16: should be smelling pretty good by now and will be all cooked through. Allow to cool on the stove when off.

Step 17: Once getting close to being room temp decant to smaller meal size vessels to freeze or invite the masses over to have a great tasting meal. Always seems the flavour is better the next day.!

Step 18: Finish the wine – wash the glass – hide the bottle.

Salt and pepper to you liking

# Camp Cook Recipe

## Orange Vegetable Soup

### Ingredients:

- One packet of vegetable stock
- Two large carrots or four smaller ones
- Half a butternut pumpkin
- One larger sweet potato
- Sour cream – your call yes or no

### Method:

#### Step 1:

Cut up pumpkin and remove the skin – also discard seeded bit

#### Step 2:

Peel carrots and chop into smaller pieces.

#### Step 3:

Peel sweet potato and cut into chunks

Chef's note: portions should be about pumpkin 40%, carrot 30% and sweet potato 30%

#### Step 4:

Chuck in the real stock (vegetable) and allow to get to a boil. Allow to simmer once boiled for about 30 minutes or so and test if it is getting mushy easily. If not add some more time to cook.

#### Step 5:

Plate and serve. Can add any other herbs after plated to your liking.

Salt and pepper to your liking. Maybe sour cream.



# Camp Cook Recipe

## Potato and Corn Soup (sometimes known as potato corn chowder)

### Ingredients:

Potato's

One packet of vegetable stock

One or two cans of creamed corn



### Method:

Step 1: Peel the required amount of potatoes and then cut up into squares of about 15mm x 15mm x 15mm. can be smaller or larger

Step 2: Place in large pot and add vegetable stock and top up with water until covering the potato

Step 3: Add one to two cans of creamed corn.

Step 4: Cook on medium temperature and keep a watch on the potato so it doesn't go all mushy. will still taste the same but slightly solid is best.

Salt and pepper to you liking

Note: This should be not too watery for the best potato experience.

# Club Trip

## Outback Adventure Sunday 26th May – Friday 28th June



**POSTPONED  
INDEFINITELY**

Come and explore some iconic outback destinations:

Broken Hill – 3 Corners –  
Birdsville – Hay River Track – Alice Springs –  
West MacDonnell Ranges

(all subject to road conditions)

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# For Sale

## Various camping & household items Grab yourself a bargain!

ARB Awning,  
2.5m x 2m,  
with 3 walls  
**\$50**

“MSA” LED  
12 volt strip light,  
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**\$30**

Shower/toilet  
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**\$10**

15 x 600mm  
square rubber  
mats  
**\$1 each**

2 x blue  
20 litre water  
containers  
**\$10 each**

1 metre square  
“ROLA”  
roof bag  
**\$50**

2 long  
handled  
shovels  
**\$5 each**

12 volt,  
100Ah deep  
cycle battery  
**\$30**

2 garden spades,  
1 square shovel,  
1 metal garden rake  
**\$5 each**

2 seater and  
3 seater Italian cow  
leather lounges  
**\$350 pair**

**Make me an offer.**  
**Les Toomer 0409 285 232.**

# Trip Report

## Ngarkat Working Bee

Conducted over the weekend of 23rd & 24th March

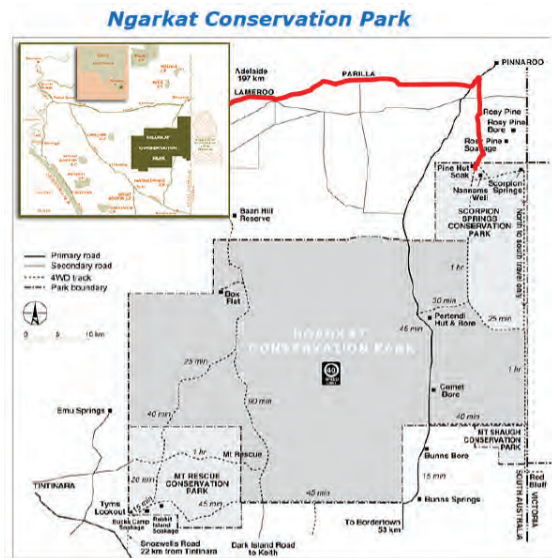
Trip Report by Paul Parsons

Due to it being the weekend prior to Easter, it was a little light on for workers, with Dave Cunningham and my self being the two representatives from Mt Lofty.

I left Adelaide just after lunch Friday 22nd and rolled through to just before Pinnaroo, airing down all eight tyres to 30psi for the last few kilometres down Rosy Pine Road to Pine Hut Soak, anticipating the light sandy track ahead. Not long after arriving, Dave also arrived and we settled into our camp.

With everything in place, we socialised with a few others from different Clubs then cooked our BBQ and enjoyed a nice red (or two). After a clear but cool night, the morning promised a warm day for the work ahead. Paperwork was completed and tasks allocated so we set off across to the Border track heading south to Hensleys Trig (151m). Our jobs were to build and install a bench seat and to also construct a low sleeper wall to retain sand around the concrete footings of the viewing platform that were in danger of becoming eroded by the wind.

The team comprised two Rangers in their Quick Response 70 series Cruiser loaded down with fire-fighting equipment plus full water tank, and two members from Barossa in an older model 79 series Cruiser, with Dave and I in my 200 Landcruiser. In all plenty of mumbo for the light sandy conditions. The drive to the trig was uneventful and



# Trip Report

we unloaded the gear and set to work. The bench was soon bolted together and the holes dug to set the top at a suitable height above the surface with some discussion on the orientation having been had.

While we did this, the Rangers set out the pine sleepers and cut some to be used as the posts to be dug in. Once the seat was completed we all assisted with digging the holes for the posts and fixing the sleepers and back filling the sand around the footings.



While this was happening a second crew arrived, the “DaVinci Team,” who were repainting the lettering on the timber signs through out the Park. So there was quite gathering at the top for lunch, including a swarm of bees trying to get to the water in the fire tank

The finished items all completed before lunch!

An interesting discussion with the Rangers while having lunch, centred around what looked like dingo tracks. In South Australia, National Park Rangers are required to investigate sightings of Dingos or their tracks and if possible, destroy them. In Victoria the Dingo is being protected, so one side of the wire in Ngarkat, the dingo is safe and on the other it isn't. It remains to be seen what wool growers in Victoria feel about this change and how it might



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affect all graziers in both states. Will we see the border fence, built in 1887 as a vermin proof fence in an attempt to control problems caused by rabbits and dingos, upgraded from its current dilapidated state to a similar condition of the Dog fence up north?

Our next tasks were to once again re-fix matting on some of the steeper sand hills and fill in some of the deep holes that invariably were located part way up the hill and always off set so you got thrown from one side to the other as you powered up.



At one point we lost forward momentum and also while attempting to reverse out. The sand was too deep and the track narrow to preclude further airing down so it was dig out the built- up sand, reverse a vehicle length and repeat until we achieved a firmer base. The tyre pressure on 22psi that we started the day with had risen due to the warmth of the day, so down they went to 18psi and no more trouble. I was amazed at how well the fully loaded QRV handled the same tracks ahead of us loaded as it was with several tonnes of water.

Saturday night was again quiet with some socialising, BBQ's and beverages of choice, and an early night for most.

Sunday was a repeat of Saturday with more paperwork recording the volunteer hours and tasks again allocated to those able to stay for the day. One task was to rescue a trailer loaded with ash from the firepits at various camps that had been left between sandhills by the Mitsubishi Club who lacked the power to drag it out. Toyota Club appeared to relish the challenge. Unfortunately as I had to be at Mypolonga for a BlazeAid Lunch to wrap up the Camp, I don't know the outcome.

My trip home was marred by the sight of a serious accident out from Peake, where it looked like a car had collided with the drivers side of a caravan heading east, ripping off both wheels from the van, thus ending someone's trip, and ending up buried against a tree on the north side of the road. Red and blue lights everywhere and I followed the Ambulance all the way to Tailern Bend.

# Congratulations

After the annual club dinner in Strathalbyn, Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club would like to acknowledge the winners of this year's club awards and the recipients of the 10 & 20 Year Continuous Membership Certificates.

Congratulations to all!



# Congratulations



**ROOKIE  
OF THE YEAR**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*John Edwards*

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IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION  
TO MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB AS  
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**QUIET ACHIEVER  
OF THE YEAR**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*Paul Parsons*

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IN RECOGNITION OF THE BEHIND THE SCENES  
DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT SHOWN TO MOUNT  
LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB THROUGHOUT 2023

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# Congratulations



**20 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO


*Trevor Harding*

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IN RECOGNITION FOR 20 YEARS OF CONTINUAL MEMBERSHIP AT MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB

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**20 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*Daniel Harding*


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IN RECOGNITION FOR 20 YEARS OF CONTINUAL MEMBERSHIP AT MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB

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# Congratulations



**10 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*Robert & Trish Dagri*

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IN RECOGNITION FOR 10 YEARS OF CONTINUAL MEMBERSHIP AT MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB

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**10 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*Henry & Kerri Heness*


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IN RECOGNITION FOR 10 YEARS OF CONTINUAL MEMBERSHIP AT MOUNT LOFTY RANGERS 4WD CLUB

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# Congratulations



**10 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO


*Steve Townsend*

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**10 Years of Membership**

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THIS AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

*Roger Wilkinson*

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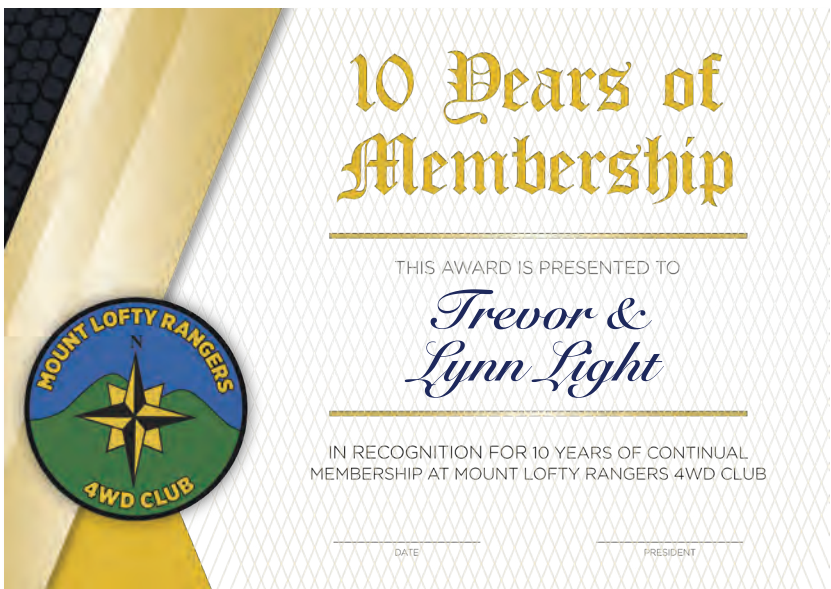
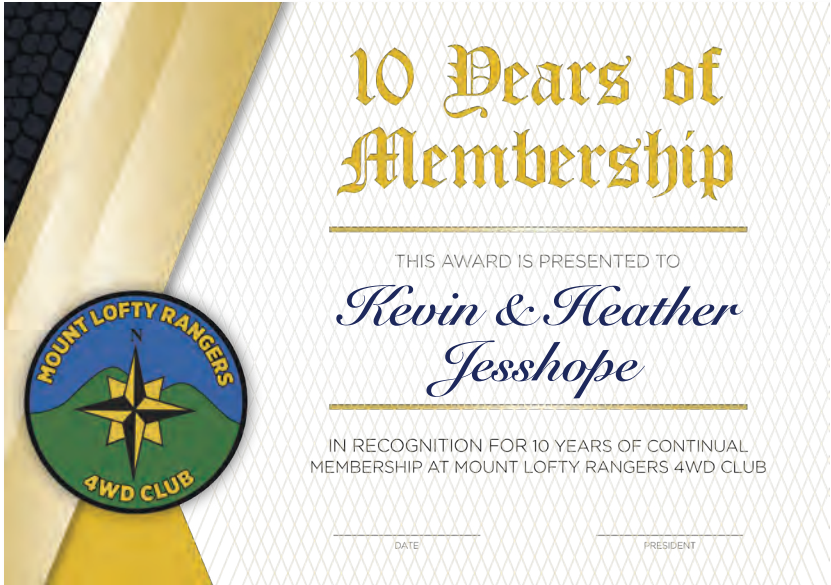
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# Congratulations



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# Healthy Hearts

## Warning signs of a heart attack

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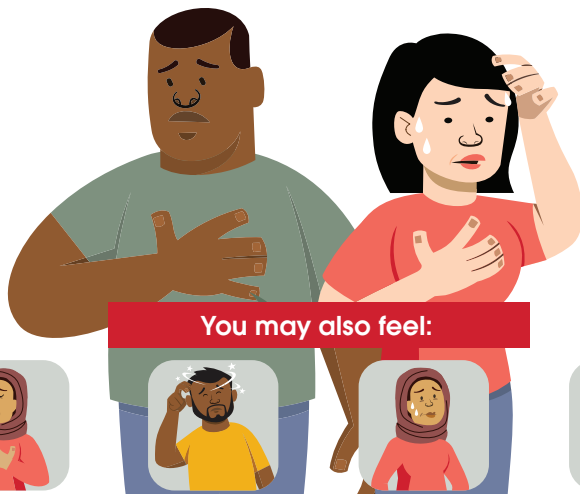
Arm/s



Shoulder/s or Back



Neck or Jaw



You may also feel:



Short of breath



Dizzy



Sweaty



Sick

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.



# 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.

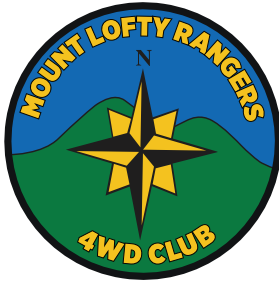
And don't forget that for every trip led also earns 10 points.

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@mountloftyranges.com.au](mailto:magazine@mountloftyranges.com.au)

Cheers, Lloyd

# 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](mailto:alex.szabo@mountloftyrangers.com.au)**

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Pale Blue



Purple



Red



Stone



# ICE Forms

**ICE**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM**

*This **CONFIDENTIAL** medical information form will be used **only** in the case of a medical emergency. Please keep one for each traveller in your vehicle glove box.*

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS**

**In a medical emergency, please notify: Emergency Contact Person #1**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**In a medical emergency, please notify Emergency Contact Person #2**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**KNOWN ALLERGIES?**  No  Yes *If yes, please list, including any medication or special needs:*

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**PRE-EXISTING MEDICAL CONDITIONS?**  No  Yes *If yes, please list, including any medication or special needs:*

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**Medicare No.:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ambulance Cover:**  Yes  No

**I give my permission, in the case of a medical emergency, to provide the above information to attending medical or first response personnel.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Guardian (if person under 18 years of age) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto: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](mailto:magazine@mountloftyrangers.com.au)

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Should you have any questions please contact Tom Doody  
[merchandise@mountlofyrangers.com.au](mailto:merchandise@mountlofyrangers.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 the website interface for Mount Lofty Rangers. The header includes the club logo, navigation menu (Welcome, Membership, Awareness Instruction, Trips, Rangers' Review, Links & Files), and a notice for the next club meeting. The main content area features a trip listing for 'Loftyfest Reccy' on Saturday, May 14. A green button indicates that users must log in to register online. The page also includes a 'Details' section with the date, category, and trip information, a 'Venue' section with a map of Argadells, and a 'Rangers' Review' section with a magazine link. A sidebar on the right lists 'Support Our Sponsors' (a3windows) and 'Upcoming Events...' for May 14, 17, and 21.

**Loftyfest Reccy**  
**Saturday, May 14**

Day trip to Argadells. 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: Australka + Google  
Trip: [View Venue Website](#)

**Venue**  
Argadells  
Quorn, South Australia  
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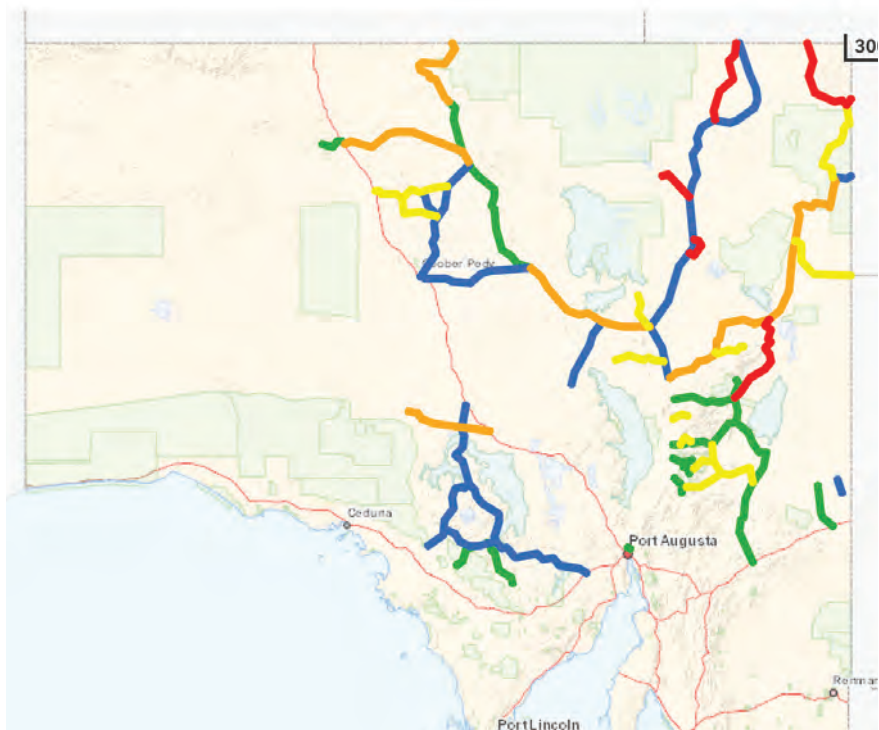
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**Upcoming Events...**  
May 14 All day Loftyfest Reccy  
May 17 All day Club Night at The Dirt, Mt Barker.  
May 21 Saturday, May 21 - Sunday, May 22 Peake Sand Driving & Recovery

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

# Road Conditions

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



## Legend

**OPEN**

*Open to all vehicles*

**OPEN with warnings**

*Open to all vehicles, with caution*

**4WD / HV**

*Open to 4WD and Heavy Vehicles*

**4WD**

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

**CLOSED**

*Closed to all vehicles*

# Historic Car Registry

**A 90 day conditional registration scheme For Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles.**

**Members of Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club are eligible for Club Registration of Historic, Left Hand Drive and Street Rod vehicles through the club.**

1. Inspect vehicle and make sure it meets the criteria for Club Registration. If previously registered bring current registration information including current permits for modified vehicles.
2. Complete MR334 form and original to owner and copy retained by Mount Lofty Rangers 4WD Club
3. Log book supplied to vehicle owner and explanation of the use.
4. Record and retain a copy of MR334, Certificate of Exemption and Statutory Declaration if needed.
5. Record the Log book Serial Number on the Certificate of Registration along with the date of issue, the Club Stamp and sign the certificate. Retain Copy of Registration papers as proof car was registered at log book issue.

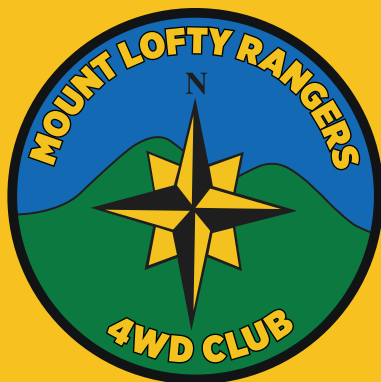
## **IF YOU HAVE CLUB REGO PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR BOOK IS STAMPED**

If you require more information or would like to proceed with a Club Registration check our website:

<https://mountlofyrangers.com.au/membership/club-registration/>  
or contact Chris Gear [classicregistration@mountlofyrangers.com.au](mailto:classicregistration@mountlofyrangers.com.au)







**NEXT CLUB MEETING:**

MONDAY 17th JUNE - 7.30pm

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:**

MONDAY 27th MAY - 7.00pm