

# Ranger Reflux #8

*The antidote to information overload*

Hey you awesome Rangers...we're less than 80 days to Blazing Swan and things are starting to crank-up in preparation for the Burn. This edition of Reflux provides; the steps you must take to complete your Ranger registration process, updates on training and ticketing, dates for Ranger meet-ups and Busy Bees, laminate requirements and info on a dedicated Ranger camping space.

Rangerly love  
Pommie

## Completing Ranger Registration Process

Those of you who have registered to Ranger this year will have received an email from me through Volcor alerting you to this newsletter. Please follow the steps below to complete your Ranger Registration. If you've not yet registered and wish to...better jump on to Volcor pretty sharpish!

1. Register for a Ranger Training event. All new and returning Rangers must attend a Ranger Training session before they can do a shift.
2. Send me a photo for your laminate (see below).
3. Read the Ranger Training Manual
3. Sign-up for your three shifts. Shift sign-up opens at the end of January.

## Ranger Training

Dates have been set for a number of training events and sign-up is open. These are published on the website and a guide to eligibility is outlined below.

Training	Date	Venue	Notes
<b>Art of Green Dot</b>	Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> February  10am – 1pm	The Nest, Fremantle	Learn about peer counseling, psychological First Aid and Green Dot & Sanctuary protocols. Pre-reading required, discussion and scenario-based training. Earn a 'Green Dot' patch!  Open to any Ranger who has completed basic training and Rangered in Jilakin Rock City or new Rangers with a background in Drugs/Alcohol, mental health or medical services.
<b>Provide First Aid HLTAID003</b>	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 8am – 4.30pm	Carnegie Wave Energy Research Facility, 21 North Mole Drive, North Fremantle	Blazing Swan provides accredited First Aid training with St. John's Ambulance every year for a limited number of Crew and Rangers.
<b>New/Returning Ranger Training</b>	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 9am – 3pm 12.30pm – 3pm	The Nest, Fremantle	All Rangers must pre-read the Ranger Training Manual and attend a training session before they can undertake their shifts. Discussion and scenario-based training. Returning Rangers

			attend 12.30 – 3pm.
<b>New/Returning Ranger Training</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 9pm – 1pm	Sanctuary Rear of Ranger HQ Jilakin Rock City	See above.  Returning Rangers attend 11.30 onwards.
<b>Art of Green Dot</b>	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2pm – 5pm	Sanctuary Rear of Ranger HQ Jilakin Rock City	See above.
<b>Art of Black Swan</b>	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 10am – 1pm	Sanctuary Rear of Ranger HQ Jilakin Rock City	Fancy taking on a Black Swan shift in 2019? Come and learn about being the voice behind the radio at Ranger HQ. Open to any Ranger who has undertaken at least one shift. Pre-reading required. Earn a coveted 'Black Swan' patch.

Click the links below to register your interest in training...

Ranger Training: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2287\\_Rangertraining1](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2287_Rangertraining1)

Ranger on-site training: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2288\\_Rangertraining2](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2288_Rangertraining2)

Provide First Aid: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2286\\_1stAid](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2286_1stAid)

Green Dot training: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2289\\_Green\\_Dot1](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2289_Green_Dot1)

Green Dot on-site training: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2290\\_Green\\_Dot2](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2290_Green_Dot2)

Black Swan on-site training: [http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2291\\_Black\\_Swan](http://volcor.net/TakeSurvey2.aspx?s=2291_Black_Swan)

## Laminates

Ok...I need Radio handles and laminate photos asap (see requirements below) as they need to be ready before Blaze.

This year, all Rangers on shift will need to wear their 'Lam' (short for laminate). You will be issued yours at Camp Hart when you sign-in for your first shift. There will be three attached to your lanyard:

- Identification: Photo, Radio Handle & Jilakin Rock Ranger logo
- Must Report Protocols: How to call-in and deal with a 'Must Report' situation
- Emergency Medical: Recovery position & DRSABCD

**Please note the following laminate requirements.**

**Photo:** Head and shoulders only, no sunnies or hats. No one else in the shot.

**Radio handle:** All Rangers have a radio handle that becomes their Ranger community nickname. Appropriate handles should be: 2-4 syllables long, not your legal name and easily and obviously pronounceable.

Please send your photo and radio handle to me by return of email.

## Ranger Training Manual

A reminder that this is hosted on the website and must be read before training. Currently on V1.6, which tidied up a few typos and punctuation, there will be one more revision before our next Blaze. 2018 will provide protocols for Ranger involvement in the revamped Emergency Response Plan (currently being put together by Risky's team).

Download the Ranger Training Manual here:

<http://blazingswan.com.au/wp-content/uploads/Blazing-Swan-Ranger-Training-Manual.pdf>

# Welcome Ranger Twilight

Ranger Twilight has kindly offered to Co-Lead the Rangers this year alongside Pommie & Butterfly Girl.

Ranger Twilight has served as a Black Rock Ranger for ten years. During that time, he has served as part of the Green Dot and Mentor leadership teams. During the year where BRC Rangers had to double their workforce, he also chaired the Recruitment Committee that made it happen. He didn't stop at Burning Man; he served at Nowhere in Spain, and for the past five years, he has worked extensively with AfrikaBurn Rangers and serves as a member of their Ranger Council. His professional background includes healthcare, information technology, and aviation. He very much looks forward to serving as a Jilakin Rock Ranger in 2018!

## Busy Bee

As we grow in numbers...the preparation and administration task are getting a little burdensome for one person to carry out effectively! This year, I'm keen to share the load and enlist some Ranger support in the lead-up to Swan. There will be a couple of Busy Bee preparation sessions at The Nest between now and our time Beyond the Black Stump to lay the foundations for another successful year of Rangering. If you're keen to roll-up your sleeves and muck-in with things like:

- laminate preparation;
- making some Ranger schwag and
- digging through, dusting-off and cataloguing our Ranger HQ resources...

This is a great opportunity if you are new to Rangering and wondering what you've let yourself in for or a crusty old returning Ranger wanting to reconnect with your Ranger-Fu. Come and hangout at the Nest for an hour with your comrades, chew the cud and generally yarn about all things Rangerish and Blazing Swan while helping to get this show on the road.

Please pencil any of the following dates in your diary and swing-by The Nest for an hour or two:

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January 10am – 12pm

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 3pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 6pm – 8pm

## Jilakin Rock Rangers Leadership Group

The Ranger leadership group met this weekend to review and discuss:

- Update on Rangers 2018
- Gift Ticket eligibility
- Green Dot & Sanctuary
- Ranger Resources
- Ranger Training
- Busy Bees

Many thanks to those that were able to make time to attend and support. There will be another meeting mid-February to finalise Ranger requirements before we head out to site.

## Ranger Kit

If you thought the Rangers looked sexy as in 2017...wait until you see what we have for you this year! More info next *Reflux* ;)

# Ranger Camp

2018 will see a dedicated space for Ranger camping. This will provide an opportunity for Rangers to collaborate in the lead-up to Blaze and share resources such as a camp kitchen and/or communal chill space etc. The camping space is located across from Camp Hart, next to The Intelligent Deviant theme camp.

New for 2018 is a collaborative venture with the Intelligent Deviant's theme camp to create an off-duty bar for Rangers and Deviant crew members that would operate on the principle of gifting...it will be open to all participants, and staffed by Deviants & Rangers. Want to bring something to gift at Swan this year...all donations of alcohol, mixers, salted nibbles, pickles etc. will help lubricate your off-duty resource and will be gratefully accepted!



## We Love You Rangers...

Let it not be said that we don't look after our awesome Ranger Crew...you guys are the heroes and heroines of each Blaze, providing participant care and safety and an ability for Blazing Swan Inc. to pull off this amazing annual event celebrating the Western Australian Burner community. While we all gift our time, skills and resources unconditionally at a Burn, the Blazing Swan Committee do like to show their appreciation to the Ranger Crew who are doing the hard yards. This year will be no exception and by way of thanks for your efforts, the following will be gifted to all Rangers:

- Access to an 'Early Entry' pass;
- Free training events;
- Dedicated Ranger Camping;
- Sexy Ranger Gear - Logo Shirt (for new Rangers only...returning Rangers can request one every 2 years), a hat and Ranger Fanny Pack;
- Ranger Schwag Pack;
- Hot showers (one per completed shift);
- Patches (for training, each annual event and completing 24 hours of Swing or Graveyard);
- Device charging facilities in HQ;
- Tea/coffee and sweet treats at HQ and

- Reduced price entry for the next year.

## Blazing Swan Tickets

If you've not yet got your ticket for 2018...there are only Tier Three (\$300) tickets left.

**I have one ticket left to gift to any returning Ranger who is prepared to commit to 28 hours of shift time. First in – best dressed.**

## Jilakin Rock Rangers Website

Remember to check-by the Ranger page on the Blazing Swan website. Any important documentation is held here along with info on future training dates. The web page and this newsletter are the primary points of information sharing.

<http://blazingswan.com.au/participate/volunteer/rangers/>

This edition of Reflux was brought to you by Pommie who was getting his groove on listening to Faze DJ Set #10: Oliver Koletzki. Feedback, observations or items for next Reflux all graciously accepted:

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*You are receiving this email because you volunteered as a Ranger for Blazing Swan 2017/8 either through the Swan website, as a returning Ranger or requested to opt-in. Please email [Pommie@blazingswan.com.au](mailto:Pommie@blazingswan.com.au) if you wish to be removed.*