



VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

Visitors Guide

Welcome to the Cross Country Vehicle Club.

Our club was started in the early 1970's by people who had 4WD vehicles and wanted to spend more time using them for what the manufacturer had intended and to further their interests with other like minded individuals.

We are very pleased to have you along on our trips. To keep us all safe and prevent vehicle damage we require you to follow a few simple rules as outlined in this booklet.

This visitors guide is intended to provide you with an introduction to 4WD'ing with our club. Please keep it handy as you should read it before your first few outings.

CLUB NIGHTS

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month (excluding January) at 7:30 p.m. at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St. Petone.

HOW TO BECOME A CCVC MEMBER

- Obtain "Membership Application Form" from the Trip Leader or the New Members officer.
- Gain the basic competencies, through our training and Family Shiny trips:
 - ❖ Pass the CCVC Training Course, recorded on the application form.
 - ❖ Complete two other club Family Shiny trips, also recorded on the form.
- Please note that there are trip fees and visitor fees for all trips.
- Obtain ALL Required Safety Equipment.
- Complete safety and equipment check, see inspector list on the form.
- Forward form to New Members Officer, with cheque for the joining fee of \$50 plus balance of the \$80 annual subscription as per the form.

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EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON CLUB TRIPS

Please note that the following equipment is required on all Club trips, although generally an exception is made for visitors and prospective members on "Family Shiny" trips only.

Front and rear rated tow hooks	Shovel
Fire extinguisher (1 kg)	First-aid kit
Basic tool kit	Kinetic tow rope/strap
Roll bar for all open / soft top vehicles	
Spare tyre and tyre changing equipment	

If these items are not present in your vehicle at the beginning of a trip, the trip leader has the authority to exclude you from the trip. Details are set out in the Safety documents in the club manual.

TRIP/CONVOY RULES

- **Safety shall be the paramount priority at all times.** Seat belts should be worn at all times and children shall be secured in a type-approved child seat and / or restraint at all times whilst the vehicle is moving.
- **The trip leader is always in charge.** Please recognise their authority, follow their instructions and give him/her the respect they deserve.
- **Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight.** This is particularly important when you come to a turn-off. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of the driver in front not obeying this rule.
- **All litter must be carried out.** Wherever possible, remove more litter than you came with.
- **Gates.** Unless otherwise decided, when approaching a closed gate, the vehicle immediately behind the lead vehicle shall remain with it until all vehicles including the tail-end-charlie have passed through. At which point, the gate will be closed and the vehicle shall resume station immediately in front of tail-end-charlie. This ensures that all vehicles shall take turns in opening and closing gates.
- **No pets** unless otherwise specified on the trip information sheet.
- **No firearms.**
- **Guests** on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them.
- **No drinking and driving.**
- **Keep** your position in the convoy i.e. no passing.
- **Watch** the vehicle spacing on public roads so that public vehicles can pass in safety.
- **Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it.**
- **If you must leave the convoy, inform the trip leader.**
- **Respect the environment.** Remember that access to land is a privilege, not a right. Abuse it and we'll all lose it.
- **Trip participants** are invited to provide a write-up and/or photos for the Club newsletter. These can be emailed to Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz.

TRIP CATEGORIES

Family Shiny:

Description: Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.

Drivers: Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

Vehicles: An important objective is minimal challenge and minimal risk to vehicles. Club safety equipment is mandatory for club members; it is not mandatory for non-members although it is recommended for vehicles once their drivers have participated in one or two trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

Shiny 4x4:

Description: More difficult family trips, for shiny wagons and drivers *with some experience* who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles. Mud tyres are mandatory.

Club 4x4:

Description: Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks. A much higher level of equipment is necessary.

Hard Yakka:

Description: Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!

Note:

- Novice and prospective members are only permitted to attend the "Family Shiny" category of club trip.
- The Trip Leader is able to waive a particular requirement for a trip, if the circumstances of the trip permit. This will be shown in the details on the Trip Information Sheet.
- The Committee requires Trip Leaders to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply.
- The Trip Categories are described in more detail on the club's website.

TRIP FEES

A Trip Fee is payable for every vehicle. The Trip Leader sets the Trip Fee to cover costs and land access fees, with a minimum of \$5 per vehicle.

A Visitor Fee of \$20, in addition to the Trip Fee, is payable by all non-member vehicles, except for visitors from other 4wd clubs. The Trip Leader will record details of all vehicles and trip fees paid on the Trip Sheet.

CLUB RADIOS Most club members have a VHF two-way radio on the club frequency. Some people use PRS radios, on channel 30.

CONTACTS

Position	Name	Home	Work	Fax	Cellphone
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Trip Coordinator	Marcel van Dorrestein	234 8054	471 4725	471 0395	027 243 4243
Welfare Officer	Gillian George	232 4200			

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY Should any members fail to return from any outing, four wheel drive or otherwise, whether as a club member or as a private individual, please in the first instance contact one of our recovery coordinators:

Jim Johnson H 04-938 9404, M 021-389 404

Gavin Holden M 025-249 1959

Rodney Bracefield H 04-234 8887, W 04-914 8383, M 021-488 808.

4WD DO'S & DON'TS

- Engage 4WD while off-road to avoid road damage and improve control.
- Use LOW ratio LOW gear during steep ascents and descents.
- You may wish to reduce tyre pressure to increase traction (20psi min.)
- Leave all gates as you found them.
- Keep yourself and others well clear when there is towing or winching.
- Don't follow too close.
- Don't cross water until depth is assessed.
- Don't leave opened gates unattended.
- Don't use tow ball for towing or recovering vehicles.
- Don't forget to re-inflate tyres at end of trip or when back on public roads.

CLUB NEWSLETTER Members receive a monthly newsletter that contains details of planned trips, reports from recent trips, general club news and the odd bit of humour. Copies are on sale for visitors and prospective members at club night for \$5 each.

Please Note

The material contained in this guide is a summary and does not fully represent all details of club policies, rules and procedures.