

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.

As a visitor you may participate in our Family 4x4 trips only, unless you can show the trip leader that you belong to another 4wd club.

CLUB NIGHTS

You're welcome, on the second Wednesday every month (excluding January), at 7:30 pm at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St. Petone.

HOW TO BECOME A CCVC MEMBER

- Obtain "Application for Membership" from the Trip Leader or the New Members officer.
- Gain the basic competencies, through our training and Family 4x4 trips:
 - ❖ Complete CCVC Driver Familiarisation.
 - ❖ Complete two other CCVC Family 4x4 trips; make sure these are also recorded on the form, to validate your application.
- Please note there are trip and visitor fees for all trips.
- Obtain ALL Required Vehicle Equipment.
- Complete the equipment check, see inspector list on the form.
- Forward form to New Members Officer, with cheque for the balance of the \$87 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 to the recovery equipment required 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
Roll bar for all open / soft top vehicles	Kinetic tow rope/strap
Spare tyre and tyre changing equipment	Basic tool kit

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.
- **Vehicle recovery.** If a recovery is necessary to get a vehicle “un-stuck” or back onto the track, the trip leader must be advised.
- **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 4x4:

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!

Notes:

- Novice and prospective members are permitted to attend only the "Family 4x4" category of club trip.
- We recommend that you check that your insurance covers you off-road.
- 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

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WHEN HELP IS NEEDED: Should any participant fail to return from any club trip, please in the first instance contact the Recovery Co-ordinator.

SOME KEY 4WD DO'S & DON'TS

- *Do* engage 4WD when off-road to avoid road damage & improve control.
- *Do* use LOW ratio LOW gear during steep ascents and descents.
- *Do* consider reducing tyre pressure to increase traction (eg 20psi).
- *Do* leave all gates as you found them.
- *Do* 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.