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at the Petone Working Mens Club, Udy Street, Petone.**

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## Editorial Ramblings

Well, after doing it's meltdown whilst trying to compile the last Chronicle, and one power supply later, my computer is back up and running. Who know's why it spat the dummy - seems abit strange to loose two separate power supplies in about three years!

Went off on two of the fundraising trips mentioned in previous Upcoming Events columns recently. One in the Rangiwahia area (hands up who knows where Rangiwahia is?) and one based on the army land at Waiouru.

Both were nice easy tiki tours around the central plateau area with BBQ's thrown in at lunch time, Both were excellent trips and congratulations and thanks must to the organisers and assistants for great days out.

Alan...



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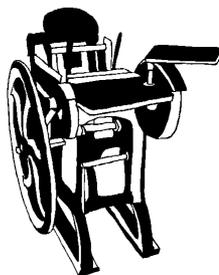
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**Cover photo:** *This is the vehicle of one of our generous advertisers out testing recovery equipment before selling it to club members.*

## President's Piece

In my message this month I would like to focus mainly on land access.

Members that come along to our monthly club nights must get tired of hearing some of our messages about land access; please bear with us, this is the most important component of our 4wd activities and it is important that all of our members do hear these messages.

We have been extremely fortunate to enjoy the use of numerous properties over many years. A number of farmers and other land owners and managers have been very generous to us and go out of their way to allow us to use their land. We do not pay them on a commercial basis - we make only a small contribution toward their expenses.

Our motto on this is: Access to properties is a privilege, not a right.

So please remember to extend every courtesy to our kind farmers, land owners, land managers and the communities around us:

- 👉 Farmland is the major asset of a farmer's business; we keep to the tracks, we go only where the trip leader has arranged for us to go, we respect stock, we drive slowly past people and buildings, we leave gates as found, we do not make wisecracks about doing doughnuts in paddocks.
- 👉 Land administered by local government councils, DOC, etc is now subject to management plans that are required by law. Our local government agencies have been most considerate in their consultation processes; we have been able to have our views heard and we have been able to contribute to the content and ongoing operation of these management plans. We therefore show through our actions that we support these management plans and that we work in cooperation with the local agencies. Otherwise how can we expect to retain the wonderful land access privileges that we currently enjoy!

Thanks to all of our members who help make land access work - without this we don't have much of a sport!

Apart from the big topic of land access, there is another really important matter that I'd like to mention. A big thank you to some folk who are not club officers but do a lot of work to make the club run smoothly:

Thank you **Harriett** and **Lindsay** for taking care of our meeting arrangements and catering, month in and month out. You put a lot of effort into this work and we all appreciate it. Every month!

Thank you **Debbie** and **Kerry** for the big effort you put in at all sorts of hours and often at late notice to publish the monthly newsletter. Our payment for your materials doesn't cover all that you do. I'd like to thank you for your labour and for that frequent extra mile!

Here's to lots of off-roading...

Grant Purdie - Club President - 30 April 2002



## Trip Categories

**Family:** Family trip for drivers new to 4WD. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary. An important objective is minimal challenge, minimal risk and no damage to vehicles. Not limited to novices anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

**Shiny 4x4:** More difficult family trips, for shiny wagon drivers with some experience who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles. Vehicles will only qualify for Shiny 4x4 trips if they have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the normal required equipment per the club's safety policy. This applies to prospective members and visitors too.

**Club 4x4:** Modest Hard Yakka trips, for drivers with suitable fully equipped SWB vehicles who don't feel ready for a full Hard Yakka.

**Hard Yakka:** The full works, where roll-overs, damage, winching and digging are more a probability than a possibility!

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## Equipment Required

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In accordance with club policy, the following equipment is required on all Club trips:

- Front and rear tow hooks
- Shovel
- Fire extinguisher
- First-aid kit
- Basic tool kit
- Tow rope
- Roll bar for all open / soft top vehicles

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.



## Trip / Convoy Rules

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1. The trip leader is always in charge. Please recognise their authority follow their instructions and give him / her the respect they deserve
2. No dogs or firearms
3. Guests on a Club outing are the responsibility of the Club member who invited them
4. No drinking and driving
5. Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight. This is particularly important when you come to a turnoff. There is no excuse for vehicles taking the wrong track because of the driver in front not obeying this rule
6. Keep your position in the convoy i.e. no passing
7. Watch vehicle spacing on public roads to ensure that public vehicles can pass in safety
8. Make sure the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it
9. If you must leave the convoy, inform someone
10. Respect the environment
11. Expect to provide a write-up and / or photos for the Club newsletter from time to time if you participate in Club trips.



# Welfare Report

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Firstly a big THANK YOU to Glenda Young our outgoing Welfare Officer. Glenda has done a great job behind the scenes for the last 2 years, and has left big shoes to fill. Thanks Glenda from all the WCCVC Committee & Members.

Introduction:

Hi, for those that don't know me, my name is Barbara Blackie. I ride Shotgun for the Mighty Fridge Magnet (no, not fridge), converts to a White Mitsi Pajero LWB, with bullet holes (they were meant for the driver). I've been in the club for 2 years. My fulltime employment is as Accounts Administrator for Foodstuffs Produce based in Grenada. I've been married to our Club Secretary (Neil/Nelly) for 8 1/2 years, and we live in Maungaraki. I'm a Leo, so am allowed to be bossy. My interests are 4x4ing, of course, Rugby Union, and can be seen at the Stadium roaring my head off, for the Hurricanes or All Blacks, 10 Pin bowling, Reading, Travel, and Dining out.

## NEWS

Mark & Julie Beckett - are leaving our area to live in Chch, Mark as been extremely helpful with the Club, and will be missed.

Phil & Karen Flowers- got married recently, all the very best to them.

Ron Johnson - ended up in hospital again recently, our thoughts are with him and his family, for a speedy recovery.

The job of welfare officer can only be done with the help from you our members, so please if you know of a member, having a baby, getting married, have an illness, or accident, or someone's died, please drop me a email at [mud.flingers@paradise.net.nz](mailto:mud.flingers@paradise.net.nz) or phone me, my number is at the front of every newsletter. We are getting bigger each month and have even more reason to care about our fellow 4x4ers.

Thanks & Regards  
Barbara Blackie (K177)

PS Thought for the Month:

## TAKE A DETOUR

We may feel at our most frustrated when a barrier stands in our way.  
But some of life's most fortuitous outcomes are the result of detours.

Welcome the detours. Often they redirect lives in a profitable way you may never



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## Upcoming Events

### **May 25-27:** Rural and Outdoors.

Greymouth to Kaikoura with challenging but not overly difficult driving, featuring early snow in the high country; from the Coast to Coast organisers. Contact Frederick Cassin 03 547 7706 or email on [c2c4x4@jhug.co.nz](mailto:c2c4x4@jhug.co.nz)

**Jun 1-2:** Offroad Racing Association of New Zealand championship. Enduro/short course, Christchurch. Contact Ian Foster on 09 838 4791 or email [ian@fostersigns.co.nz](mailto:ian@fostersigns.co.nz)

**July 20:** NZ4WD Magazine Auckland Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email [subs@adrenalin.co.nz](mailto:subs@adrenalin.co.nz)

**Jul 28:** Offroad Racing Association of New Zealand championship. Enduro, Hawkes Bay. Contact Ian Foster on 09 838 4791 or email [ian@fostersigns.co.nz](mailto:ian@fostersigns.co.nz)

**Aug 24-25:** Offroad Racing Association of New Zealand championship. Enduro, Nelson. Contact Ian Foster on 09 838 4791 or email [ian@fostersigns.co.nz](mailto:ian@fostersigns.co.nz)

**Oct 26 - Nov 5:** Rainforest Challenge in Malaysia. Team event designed to test a teams ability to overcome various adventure -type obstacles.

**Oct 26-27:** Offroad Racing Association of New Zealand championship finals. Enduro/short course, Auckland. Contact Ian Foster on 09 838 4791 or email [ian@fostersigns.co.nz](mailto:ian@fostersigns.co.nz)

**Oct 12-13:** NZ4WD Magazine central North Island Readers Trip. For details contact Mechelle on 09 478 4771, Fax 09 478 4779 or email [subs@adrenalin.co.nz](mailto:subs@adrenalin.co.nz)

**Jan 25-30, 2003:** Northland Kauri Coast safari. Third running of this popular event, starting and finishing in Dargaville. \$325 for vehicle and driver, \$170 for extra adults, \$75 for children 5-12. Entries to be in by August 20 to PO Box 18, Dargaville.

Details in the column appear courtesy of Sam Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.

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This mongrel mob member goes in to WINZ, walks up to the counter, bangs his fist down and declares loudly "I want a job!"

The sheila behind the counter replies "Certainly, I'll get a consultant for you". The consultant comes out, shows the mobster to his office. The Mobster again slams his fist on the desk and states loudly "I want a job". The consultant says "Yeah mate, got a job for you. Working for Dominion Breweries as a mystery shopper. That's means you have to go to all the DB pubs in the country and sample their brew and service. So you can do this we'll give you a new Holden, a Koru card and put you up in the best hotels".

The mobster then asks "What does it pay?". "Well, we'll start you off at \$80,000 and put it up to \$120,000 after a couple of months"

The mobster say "You're bullshitting me aren't ya mate?"

The consultant replies "Yeah, but you started it!"

*A young woman was pulled over for speeding. As the motorcycle officer walked to her car window, flipping open his ticket book, she said, "I bet you are going to sell me a ticket to the Highway Patrolmen's Ball." He replied, "Highway patrolmen don't have balls."*

*There was a moment of silence while she smiled, and he realized what he'd just said. He then closed his book, got back on his motorcycle and left.*

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## TRIP CATEGORIES UPDATE

It is now some two years since we last updated the Trip Category descriptions. In the meantime we have been through a big cycle of developing and implementing our safety policy and we have now reviewed the Trip Categories.

With some experience in applying the safety policy to our trips, it has become obvious that over the years we have unwittingly exposed ourselves to the risk of some unsafe practices through inexperienced drivers or inadequately prepared vehicles coming along on trips they are not suited for.

Therefore the Committee has accepted recommendations from the Trip Leaders Forum to tighten up the Trip Category descriptions and to enforce them. As a result, from now on the only trips that inexperienced drivers or non-members can participate in are the Family Shiny trips. We will also be enforcing the vehicle requirements, for example if mud tyres are required for a trip, then you will be turned away if you don't have mud tyres.

Once the Committee has agreed the updated wording for the Trip Categories, these will be published in the monthly newsletter and on the web site. The new wording will cover further details not explained in this note.

Grant Purdie  
Club President  
30 April 2002

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# Competition Report

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I hope I can do this role justice. I've been in all the Club competition events in the Pajero since Barbara and I joined the Club two years ago (Barbara's missed a couple). That's actually not many so there's lots I don't know, but that's OK because I won't be doing this alone - one thing about this Club is that plenty of people will help if given the opportunity and enough notice. Actually running competitions is definitely too much for one person to handle with at least seven events to be run this year - so anyone who would like to be involved (on a regular basis, now and then, or just once), let me know because I will need your help. We will take an organised approach though with a small sub-committee set up to plan things - again if you want to be on that call me - no experience needed, how else can we learn?

Hopefully you'll all know that the Club competition events are now designed to be accessible to and appeal to the majority of members. Most of us drive shiny (or previously shiny) vehicles and enjoy social events with a bit of a challenge. Competitions are perfect - plenty of time to watch others and chat, no driving all day long, and every obstacle is just that - an obstacle with usually several challenges. Basic BBQ lunch and port-a-loo on-site. If you want to learn how to drive off-road and improve your skills - attend the basic training courses, get some experience on trips and then enter the competitions. You can learn more in a day than you might otherwise learn in a year. Not for everyone of course and not expected to be - we couldn't cope with 100 vehicles!!

This year we'll have two Manufacturers Challenge events, at least one gymkhana and four Club Champs. I'm keen to try and get the Club Champs back to a true champs event. This will mean having several classes so us shinies are not competing directly against the hard yakka's. Well, we'll see what we can do. Any suggestions for suitable sites gratefully accepted.

We're not quite finished with the competitions from last year as we still have the prize giving to come - mark Saturday the 13th of April in your diary, we're having a big awards and social night at the Petone Working Mens Club. Lots of prizes to be had for those who did well and plenty of spot prizes for anyone attending. The Club Champs results are somewhere in the newsletter - the scoring system is - the worst two scores for each driver in each round were discarded, each round has been scaled so that the points available for each round are equal, the best three rounds for each driver are counted and the winner is found. I have all the results if you want to see how you went.

Neil Blackie  
K177

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King Toyota	Trade prices on parts & accessories

Please show your membership card to obtain all discounts.

### Club Member Trades, Services and Supplies

A few years ago it was suggested that we have a listing of club member's trades and services so that if anyone was looking for a trades person then they could refer to the Chronicle and give club members the chance to get additional business. So if you'd like to include your business on our list please contact the editor on 564 3045 or email [newsletter@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz)

### Trip Report – Southern Area Family Trip

As new members, we were looking forward to our first trip. The day dawned fine and we met at the Brooklyn wind turbine. It was good to see a range of different vehicles and after paying our money and letting down tyres, we were off.

The road led down to a farm and after a bit of easy ups and downs, we came to our first very steep descent. At the bottom there was a small stream and another steep hill on the other side. We really enjoyed the terrain as well as the fantastic views from the top.

After a variety of tricky and fun tracks we decided to head down to the South Coast for some lunch on the beach. Some people tried their luck on the sand and a couple of recoveries were necessary. Hint: never follow a Suzuki on the beach if you own a heavy vehicle! After lunch it was back into the hills with the only hiccup being a broken throttle cable on a Landcruiser. This

gave us time to enjoy views of the rugged coastline.

We went to the site where the club champs were held and had great fun playing in the mud and watching different vehicles going through the obstacles. The trickiest spot was the last hazard of the day. After getting through a tight, muddy spot we had to gun it up a rutted hill where some chose instead to sit and watch the goings-on. It took us a couple of runs to get up and then we helped anyone that needed a tow up. Some ingenious person decided we'd go back through the obstacle in the opposite direction. Vince got through fine but when it came to our turn, the off-camber bank was looking a bit suspect. We decided that full lock and full pedal was the way to go. Obviously not! – the bank collapsed and we were totally stuck on one side with the front wheel jammed against a big log and the back jammed on the bank. After about an hour of winching, head scratching and going nowhere, we finally decided to cut the log. God knows why we never thought of that in the first place.

Thanks to all who came on the trip and to those who got us out. It was a great day and we really enjoyed our first trip with the Wellington Club. And we're not too worried about the panel damage – now it matches the other side!

Cheers, Rick and Nycki Proctor.

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*Driving to go fishing this morning I was travelling on the Southern Motorway - over to my left and there was a woman in a brand new BMW doing 85 MPH with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner! I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup!!!*

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*It scared me so bad, I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the bacon sandwich out of my other hand. In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, knocked my cell phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs, splashed and burned Big Jim and the Twins, ruined the damn phone and DISCONNECTED AN IMPORTANT CALL!!!!!!*

*F\*\*KING WOMEN DRIVERS!!!!!!!!!!!!*

## The Staircase Trip (aka – what flavor are your noodles?)

Hard Yakka trip – down and up in the dark..Saturday 20 April 2002.Akatarawa Forest  
Start time: 16.30

The start....

I was first to turn up– keen to go in my pretty much standard FJ70 Landcruiser, the next to arrive was Eric Dodds in a Nissan Safari SWB with Garrard, then Anthony Royal in his Nissan Patrol V8 LWB with John Walls and clan, followed by Roger in his Nissan Safari SWB with Murray, next was Marcus Steeneken and friend in a Suzuki Vitara “lightly” modified and lastly and late was Grant Purdie in his FJ40, with his son James.

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## Perham's Track.

First we went up Perham's Road side tracks, the first track was easy, the second one taught me about descent angles. Going down and getting caught on the new front bumper – now damaged -at 75 degrees or at least it felt like it, the lightly modified vitara pulled me out with no problems. At this point it was still daylight.

## Pram Track.

Tree clearing exercise. We drove up to clear the track from a fallen rimu. We had been helped out by a previous visitor, so we continued on up Perham's Track, A few more side tracks were undertaken, then a decision was made to turn around and clear some more of the tree while it was still light out. Eric and Grant had the chainsaws but Eric beat Grant on size.

## The Ruts.

This is where I learnt I NEED BIGGER TIRES... as my 31s were a little bit undersized –everyone else went through fine and Eric had to back track and tow me out of the last one.

## Devils Staircase

Now it was dark, and everything is looking different. Very rutted but easy going, it was all down hill from here. There was a river crossing. Not really a river more of a stream really. Hard left on the way out or land in a big hole, everyone made it okay.

## Rock Garden & Dinner

Very rocky uphill part. Dinner was on Deadwood Ridge, which is where if we had a camera we could have done a TV add for pasta heat and eat snacks, Hot and Spicy tomato and corn appeared to be the favorite. By this time it was 10.30 at night.

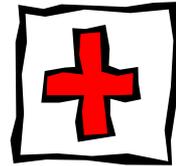
## Return trip home

We decided to return the same way as we had come, back up the Rock Garden and then across the river. Roger decided to try and go up a steep exit out of the river, which took at least 5 attempts, but with a lot of horsepower, big tires and airlockers he eventually made his way out after blowing his front airlocker hose. Everyone else except for me crossed the river the same

way we came in, roger had to help me up the steep part, Anthony attempted the step part but eventually gave up and went out the same way as everyone else, getting stuck in some ruts, eventually working his way out.

The hard way out.

Next we up Devils Staircase (now also known as Diff Break Hill), half way up Grant broke his rear diff which then locked solid, he tried to winch himself up, which didn't work, so his rear axles were removed and he continued home in Front wheel drive only. Then Anthony went up and broke a front CV on the same part of the hill. My cruiser made it up after a few attempts, unbroken. Marcus came last and broke his front diff, also.



Don't forget that the club has four comprehensive first aid kits that are available for trip leaders to carry on any trips they lead.

They are a backup emergency kit that is supplementary to those kits carried by individual trip members.

Contact Wayne (025 467 935) to arrange collec-

### **Haywards Meander**

I have been looking forward to a pleasant family trip like this one to take my little girl Emily, who is 5 years old, on. She isn't up to the throwing around that my boy Daniel, who is 7 years old, has been exposed to on numerous trips around the coast.

Both of them were suitably impressed with the climb and views offered, as we climbed Mt Cecil. The contrast of the howling wind, but bright sunlight was quite exhilarating. The pines, dense at the bottom, opened right out, higher, where the new

planting was going on.

At the top, the view of someone chasing a hat or similar brought peels of laughter from them as everyone got out to look at the 360 degree views, around the extremes of the Wellington region. We meandered over farmland for a while. It was quite surprising to see a modern family car sitting next to a shed in the middle of nowhere, however a gravel road brought us down to the main road, where we had a rest and a drink in a paddock.

Up we climbed on a new property, this time through open scrub and cleared plantation, weaving down to a good lunch spot, where my little girl proceeded to make new friends as she normally does. We carried on down the road and then entered a farm near the golf club, climbing up a gravel road, and then making our own way across paddocks which my kids thought was quite exciting. We stopped for a while on a plateau, and then proceeded down, coming out near the top of the Haywards Hill.

We apparently went through ten properties on our travels. I was amazed at the huge expanse of farmlands and bush seldom seen from normal travels on the normal roads. I was also interested in the old sealed road we were following in the third part of our journey, which probably meant they were public at some stage in the past. I then took the Pajero for a wash in the river near the Belmont Hall which the kids thought was pretty cool.

This is my fourth trip with the club, and I can't say enough about the friendly nature and helpfulness of everyone I speak to.

Steve Devine

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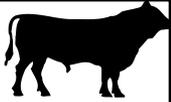
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# **Cross Country Chronicle**



The winner of the Gumboot award

for this month is Gavin Holden - for failing to sufficiently tighten the locknut on the left wheel of the new club trailer (see also Orange Roughy below)



The winner of the BSA award this month is

Eric Bon (see Gumboot and Orange Roughy awards)

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The winner of the Orange Roughy award for this month is Eric Bon - for bending the left mud guard on the new club trailer by allowing the left wheel to come off while towing it round to the Workingmans Club on club night (see also Gumboot)



The winners of the Golden Kiwi's for this month are Andy Rowden, Chris McManus, Mark Becket, Daryl King, Vince, Gavin, Jim Johnson, Eric Bon, Dave J and Barry for rescuing an Isuzu stuck in the Hutt river. Grant P and Glen Clark for assisting Andy C during his predicament on Thompsons Track.

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# King Toyota

King Toyota now offer trade prices on all Toyota Genuine Parts & Accessories on production of your membership card. Also available are new and used vehicles at good rates. Any problems, please contact Andrew Mitchell at work on 9207770 or home 5269285.

## FOR SALE



*Land Rover 2A SWB  
186 Holden motor  
Overdrive, Bullbars, Green/White  
Tidy condition*

*Phone Dennis on 235 6125*



Pix ex Ralph Dobson from a previous trip in the Akatarawa Forest.



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## NEW MEMBERS



The following person, subject to trip sheet and safety checks will be welcomed to the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc this month as new member:



Andrew Farmer - Land Cruiser  
Gordon Fenwick - Land Cruiser



### Invitation to members of other clubs:

*Members of recognised 4WD clubs are welcome to attend CCVC trips. On presentation of your membership card you will receive the same privileges as CCVC members.*

### FOR SALE

Adjustable cam sprocket for Vitara. (19mm wide x 40 tooth). Allows the cam timing to be dialled in for perfect running. Or to be advanced and retarded to suit on / off road tuning.

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## **Pureora Forest Mid - Winter Trip Queens Birthday Weekend - Fri 31 May to Mon 3 June 2002**

The annual winter trip to Pureora has been arranged again for Queens Birthday weekend this year. Pureora Forest (78,000 hectares) is west of Lake Taupo and east of Te Kuiti. It is a hidden wonderland of tall trees, clear rivers, and rare wildlife. Little known yet easily accessible for those prepared to make the short diversion off State Highways 4, 30 or 32.

It is worth starting your visit to Pureora Forest Park with a trip to the Field Centre Office. They have information on the park which will help you decide where to go and what to do. Within 10 minutes drive of the office there are a number of sites of special scientific and historic interest.

The area at Piropiro Flats is strongly recommended for visiting 4WD as there is no restrictions and there are many tracks to explore also Gorge Rd and Bogg Inn Rd which is accessible off Link Rd, with many more tracks off Link Rd which can also be explored. The area is suitable for Shiny 4x4, Club 4x4 and Hard Yakka trips.

Accommodation has been booked at both the YMCA and DOC Camps.

### **YMCA Camp.**

Take SH32 (Western Lake Taupo Rd), turn off at Kakaho Rd (also know as Link Rd). Follow for 10kms, turn right into Waimoana Rd sign posted YMCA Camp, follow for 2kms then turn right into Arataki Rd, follow for 4kms to intersection and turn left, Camp is about 200m along road on the left in the native bush.

The accommodation consists of two A frame huts which sleep up to 50 people, Also a lodge which has a kitchen with a wood range which includes a wetback hot water system & a three ring gas cooker. The ablution block has showers in both mens and womens facilities with hot water provided by a large wood burner. Lighting is provided in all facilities by a petrol generator.

What to bring. Bedding or sleeping bags, kitchen utensils -pots, pans, knives, forks plates,etc. Food and refreshments, Extra gas cookers and gas lights if you have them  
Price. \$5.00 per person per night.

### **DOC Camp.**

Directions as for YMCA Camp but follow Kakaho Rd (Link Rd) to "Y" intersection (about 25 km). Turn right on to Barryville Rd, then left on to State Highway 30. Take the first right on to gravel road (Gully Rd) and first right again, follow to the end (about 3 to 4 km). Lodge at the end of road.

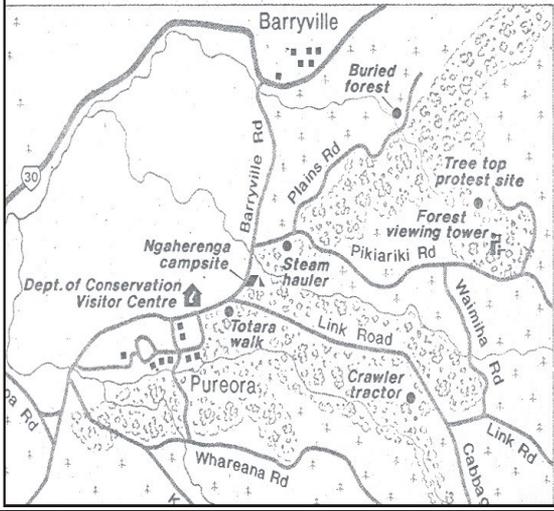
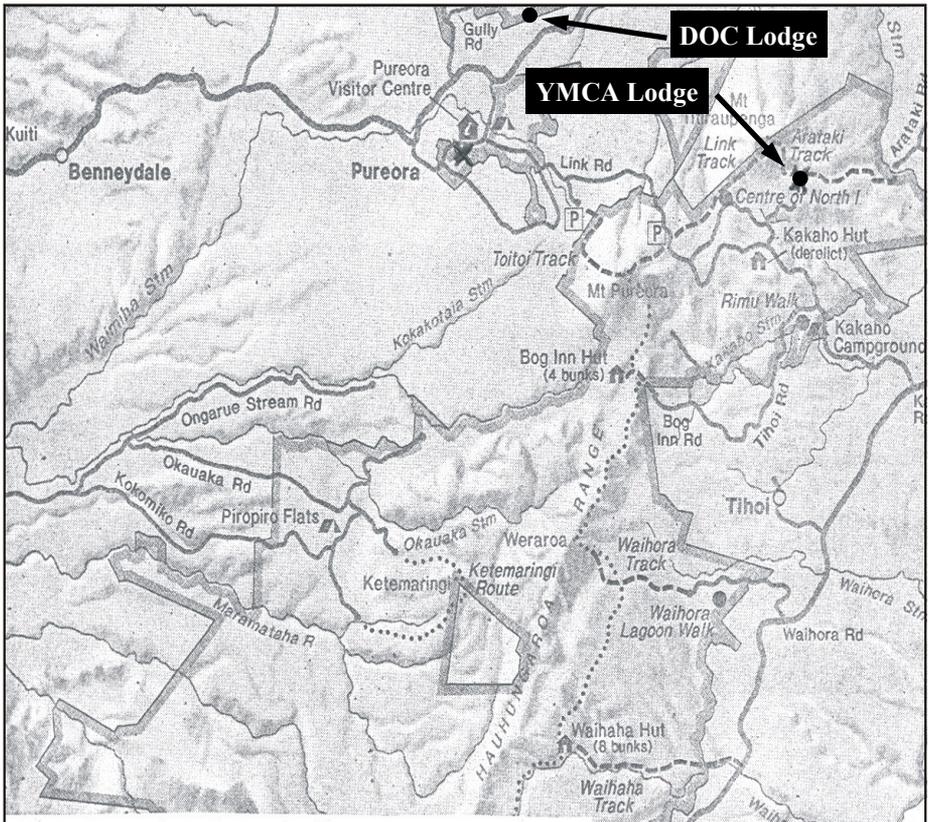
Accommodation. Large lodge which sleep up to 50 people in bunk rooms of about 10 per room. Large kitchen with ovens and cook tops, Pots and pans available but most are large catering pans, may pay to bring some same pots etc also plates knives and forks

What to bring: Bedding or sleeping bags, food and refreshments

Costs: \$10.00 per person per night

Payment: Full payment for accommodation is required by club night 8th May 2002

Bookings: Beds are still available - please contact John Vruink on club night, or on phone 567 01142 or 025 439 981



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## Committee Meeting Highlights

- ◆ **Treasury** - 2001/02 accounts currently with auditor - expected back very shortly. Budget scrutinised and to be presented to the club shortly. All other financial matters progressing as planned.
- ◆ **Land Access** - A few matters under progress. It has been suggested that we keep off the Odlins side tracks for a while.
- ◆ **MotorSport** - Details finally obtained from MotorSport New Zealand and are being scrutinised by the MotorSport sub-committee. Same committee to look into NZ4WDA membership as well.
- ◆ **60k Committee** - Still looking around for the right place at the right price. Report to be presented at the next meeting.
- ◆ **Safety** - First Aid courses (including a refresher) being planned. See details elsewhere in this Chronicle.
- ◆ **SAR** - Continuing, but lost one member with Mark Beckett emigrating to Christchurch.
- ◆ **Assets** - Old trailer to be tendered now that new one is in action.
- ◆ **Trip Leaders Forum** - Productive meeting held with plenty of issues to progress.
- ◆ **Club Objectives** - List reviewed and progress noted.
- ◆ **Insurance** - Club insurance policy being scrutinised to ensure it provides the protection needed for all club members, landowner, etc.

### Old Club Trailer For Tender

One careful owner

Never (well, would you believe hardly ever?) taken off road

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Marked "Trailer Tender"



## PENCARROW PEREGRINATION April 21<sup>st</sup> 2002

At the entrance to Rimutaka Forest Park 23 vehicles (including 8 prospective new members) were lined up for the trip briefing by Ron Wadham. Ron had the sad task of telling us that the advertised trip, round the Orongoronga Coast was off – sorry, but the landowner has “other plans”.



Not to be daunted by this Ron had put his thinking cap on, and came up with a frolic over Pencarrow Station - owned by Jane and Mike Curtis. This plan change didn't seem to disappoint any of us, at all! “It has to be short though, said Ron – we have to be off the property by 12.30 when the horse treks start”.

10.00hrs and off we set – crossing the fordable river, then - up, up, up, up a pretty steep and rutted climb to start (but with wonderful views back towards Wainuiomata - for those not driving) and onto the ridge. We chugged, past some established rimu trees, a bit of scrubby manuka, (it grows in neat piles up there to) and the odd tree fern or two. Suddenly, we popped out from the ‘folds of flora’, to the magnificent sight of Wellington Harbour, the Heads, and Cook Strait, (all together), on a clear, cloudless, windless day – try to beat that!

We traveled along the ridges on smooth farm tracks and past, so the signpost said, Paiaka Camp. I thought that must be English translation from Maori for “pikers”, as the walking track up to this small ‘flat enough to pitch a tent’ area must have been hard going! Even the Westpac helicopter, as it “chopped” passed us on its way north, was at eye level. No time to tarry - down past Pencarrow Lodge, where the only life form to be seen was the nearly barkless dog. Maybe Jane was making our Devonshire morning tea? However - on rolled the convoy!

A short descent, at what I assume is Pencarrow Point, took us to the beach where we turned to the left, up the coast and jiggled along for about a kilometre. The afore mentioned Camp, as we soon found out, got it's name from the rusted ship hull that stands upright on the beach some way along this track. The steamer Paiaka was wrecked in Fitzroy Bay (near Wellington Heads) in 1906. It was recovered from it's watery grave a few years ago and is now on display. This beach track ended for us, abruptly – “a locked gate and a six



foot drop” said Ron. So it was turn around time.

We followed the loop track back through the Station, passing a very impressive stand of Nikau Palms in a gully to our left, and, avoiding the very mucky part, that may have mucked up our exit deadline... pity, I love a bit of muck... wended our way back down the steep climb, and back through the ford.

A few keen ‘trekkers’ were beginning to saddle up as we slipped quietly past and returned to Rimutaka Forest Park at 11.30, for a sociable, early lunch. Home came a bit soon though - still time left to finish those weekend jobs before dark, damn it! The truck wasn’t even dirty enough to clean.

Thank you Ron, for the effort you put into getting us “across the country” when “around the coast” fell through. It was an enjoyable Peregrination.

Yours, in 4x4 enjoyment, Verity and Colin



Me thinks  
someone is a  
little under  
the weather!



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# CCVC Tyre Discounts

**Firestone**

**BRIDGESTONE**

For those of us in the market for one or a set of tyres, Marcus has arranged a great discount for club members. The discount covers both Firestone and Bridgestone tyre brands.

For further details, contact Marcus on (04) 565 1707 (Hm) or 021 439 183.

## First Aid Refresher Training : 22 June 2002

### Requirement for refresher training

Members who have completed a 16 hour First Aid training course are advised that their training needs to be refreshed every two years, and a new two yearly certificate issued.

### Cost of training

The cost to participants is \$40 (the balance of the cost will be picked up by the Club).

### Training Course Details

The club has arranged for a First Aid refresher training course (8 hours) to be held on Saturday 22 June 2002, 8.30 start. The course will be held at the St Johns Training Centre at 47 Collingwood St, Waterloo, Lower Hutt.

If you wish to attend, please forward payment to the Safety Officer at 39 Spennmoor St, Newlands, BUT make your cheques payable to Cross Country Vehicle Club.

Wayne Jansen

Safety Officer Ph 478 7311 (025 467 935)

or email to [rowan.anderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rowan.anderson@xtra.co.nz)



## CCVC - 2001/2002 Club Champs Results

Lowest 2 scores in each round dropped

Round scores scaled so each round is equal

Adjusted total shows the best three round total

Place	Name	Vehicle	Rnd 1	Rnd 2	Rnd 3	Rnd 4	Total	Adjusted Total
1	Steve McAuley	Landcruiser	1601	1470	1281	1458	5810	4529
2	John Lau	Landcruiser	1601	0	1519	1397	4517	4517
3	Andy Rowden	Suzuki	1590	1540	1295	1330	5754	4459
4	Roger Seymour	Safari	1353	1500	0	1310	4163	4163
5	Neil Blackie	Pajero	1397	1600	952	1141	5090	4138
6	Richard Clulee	Suzuki	1161	1455	0	1458	4074	4074
7	Rodger Wilson	Suzuki	1557	1605	0	0	3162	3162
8	Gerald Bull	Suzuki	0	1525	0	1485	3010	3010
9	Wally Simmers	Vitara	880	1325	595	776	3576	2981
10	Gary Rowden	Isuzu Trooper	1474	1475	0	0	2949	2949
11	Guy Hayward	Suzuki	1353	1575	0	0	2928	2928
12	Brett Chapman	Suzuki	1474	1405	0	0	2879	2879
13	Chris McManus	Land Rover	1348	1440	0	0	2788	2788
14	Mark Wilson	Landcruiser	1408	1320	0	0	2728	2728
15	Larry Haines	Safari	0	1420	0	1222	2642	2642
16	John Hughes	Trials Car	0	1395	1169	0	2564	2564
17	Mark Williams	Hilux	660	1525	0	0	2185	2185
18	Phil Senior	Toyota	847	0	672	641	2160	2160
19	Wayne Mulder	Terrano	0	1450	665	0	2115	2115
20	Marcel v Dorrestein	Terrano	0	1675	0	0	1675	1675
21	Colin Frost	Pajero	0	0	420	1249	1669	1669
22	Alistair Lambie	Terrano	0	1600	0	0	1600	1600
23	Craig Mulholland	Toyota	0	1575	0	0	1575	1575
24	John Vruink	Toyota	0	1560	0	0	1560	1560
25	Peter Gerring	Suzuki	0	1540	0	0	1540	1540
26	Paul Adams	Pajero	0	1520	0	0	1520	1520
27	Craig Smith	Jeep	0	0	0	1519	1519	1519
28	Steve Lacey	Suzuki	0	1470	0	0	1470	1470
29	Lynley Manning	Suzuki	0	1465	0	0	1465	1465
30	Andrew Chapman	Landcruiser	0	0	0	1458	1458	1458
31	Warren Perry	Landcruiser	0	0	0	1384	1384	1384
32	Andrew Gee	Vitara	0	1270	0	0	1270	1270
33	Mike Walczak	Pajero	0	0	0	1269	1269	1269
34	Peter Johnstone	Landcruiser	0	0	0	1256	1256	1256
35	Howard Yates	Pajero	0	0	0	1222	1222	1222
36	Chris Hughes	Trials Car	0	0	1218	0	1218	1218
37	Colin Brewer	Patrol	1210	0	0	0	1210	1210
38	Andrew Trimmer	Patrol	1188	0	0	0	1188	1188
39	Don Beattie	Landcruiser	1150	0	0	0	1150	1150
40	Peter Jenkins	Lada	0	0	1127	0	1127	1127
41	Gary Wong Too	Landcruiser	1073	0	0	0	1073	1073
42	Eric Dodds	Safari	0	0	0	871	871	871
43	Brendon Millard	Surf	704	0	0	0	704	704
44	Oleg	Pajero	0	0	525	0	525	525
45	John Western	Isuzu	0	0	420	0	420	420
46	Alan Geeves	Isuzu	0	0	357	0	357	357

# First Aid Training July 2002

## Arrangements

A 16 hour First Aid training course has been organised for the evenings of

- **Wednesday 3 July 6 pm to 10 pm**
- **Thursday 4 July 6 pm to 10 pm**
- **Thursday 11 July 6 pm to 10 pm**
- **Wednesday 17 July 6 pm to 10 pm**



The courses will run from 6 to 10 pm, with a short coffee break. The course is NZQA certified. The courses are run at 47 Collingwood St, in the St Johns Centre, at Waterloo in Lower Hutt. The cost to participants is \$40 (the balance of the cost is picked up by CCVC), cheques to be made payable to the Cross Country Vehicle Club.

## Assessment

The assessment is carried out during the training by the participants demonstrating what they have learned as they go - there is no written exam. Don't be put off by the word "assessment" - the courses are serious, but they're good fun.

## Expressions of Interest

At the next club night, you can register your interest in attending this course, or contact me directly.

Wayne Jansen  
Safety Officer (04 478 7311 or 025 467 935)  
Email [rowan.anderson@xtra.co.nz](mailto:rowan.anderson@xtra.co.nz)

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## Vehicle Inspections

Just a reminder that you can start getting those vehicle checks done by any of those friendly vehicle inspectors listed in this mag.

Wayne Jansen  
Safety Officer



12B Paekakariki Hill Rd  
RD 1 Porirua

Grant Purdie  
63 Kahu Rd  
Paremata

15 April 2002

Dear Grant

A big thank you to you and the team for your great effort at the Festival. The 4WD rides really were the surprise hit of the day (although perhaps no surprise to you?!).

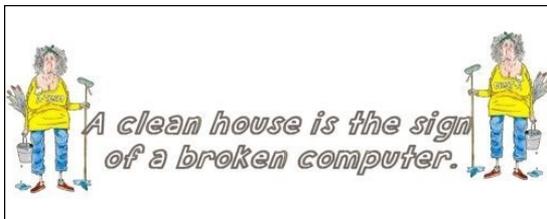
The Festival overall seemed to go really well too. We had a good crowd, the weather held (just!) and the survey forms we received back from Festival-goers were very positive.

We are still totting up some bills, but it looks like we made around \$6000 on the day, which is a very pleasing start for this type of event. Of this, just over \$1000 came from the 4WD rides, so it really made a significant contribution to our profits. The proceeds will go towards Pauatahanui Preschool and Plimmerton Rotary as joint organisers.

Many thanks again

Jenny Pyatt  
On behalf of the Organising Committee

PS I hope you had a good day at the trail ride!!



(Editorial comment - my house didn't appear to be any cleaner during my recent computer-challenged times???)

## Fire Extinguishers

A reminder from our Safety Officer that the Club's fire extinguisher specification has a minimum size required of 0.9 kg dry powder or 1 litre foam.



*And also, members should have their fire extinguishers checked yearly, and Wormalds in Cuba St Petone will do this service free of charge.*

On the back of a Suzuki, next to the tow hook:

Attach buggered Toyota here

Sticker across the rear window of a Suzuki:

When I grow up I want to be a Land Cruiser!

Dear Sirs;

I've had a lot of time on my hands of late and believe that I may have the solution for the prevention of hijackings, and at the same time we just might get the airline industry back on its feet.

Here's my plan: -

Since Muslim men are not allowed to look at naked women we should replace all of our female flight attendants with strippers. Muslims would not get on the planes for fear of seeing a naked woman. Of course every businessman in this country would start flying again in anticipation of seeing a naked women. Hijackings would come to a screeching halt and the airline industry would probably have record sales. Hell, I'd fly all over just for the scenery. It truly puzzles me that congress didn't already come up with this.

Am I the only one who thinks clearly on these issues?

Sincerely,

Bill Clinton

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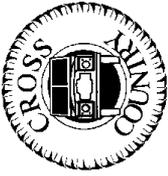
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