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Upcoming National Events

Mar 14-15: Hokianga Safari 2015

Hosted by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club of Dargaville. There will be tracks for both club shynys & tuff trucks. Full day of 4x4in on Saturday and 1/2 day on Sunday. Dinner Saturday night, breakfast & lunch on Sunday provided. Lunches for Saturday available for order. Prices to still be confirmed. Proceeds to Northland Rescue Helicopter. Contact Serena at aneres@xnet.co.nz or phone 021 159 2720 or 09 439 0064

Mar 21: Te Awamutu Rotary 4WD Safari Ngaroma

Annual Te Awamutu Rotary Safari is this year based at Ngaroma, approx. 45 minutes south east of Te Awamutu. Meal options available. Entries close 13 March 2015. For further information and registration forms visit www.teawamuturotary.org.nz click under 4WD safari or contact David Samuel on 07 871-5889 after hours (before 9.00pm) or email be dsamuel@clear.net.nz

Mar 22: Central Zone Challenge

Hosted by the Desert Defenders Off Road Club at Ohakune

Apr 03-06: Force4 Novawin Winch Challenge

Possum Palace, Northland. Starts off with night stages Easter Friday and finishes Sunday night.

Apr 03-06: Zukfest NZ 2015

In Reefton hosted by the Canterbury Suzuki 4WD Club. Open to Suzuki 4WD vehicles with mud tyres. 3 different grade trips over the weekend. Details available from Zukfestnz@gmail.com

Apr 11: Tapuhi High Country Safari

Hosted by Hukerenui School and Whangarei 4x4 Club. Tag-a-long day on un-driven Northland terrain, elevated views, bush and streams. Lunch included \$45 for driver and vehicle, \$8.00 passenger. For further information or to register contact the Hayes family on 09 4339 838 or email hayesfamily22@gmail.com

Apr 18: Kaihere School 4x4

Held at Patetonga. Fundraiser for Kaihere School. \$80.00 for the day. To register or for further details contact Terry Casey on 021 0267 5462 email principal@kaihere.school.nz or Paul Tilsley Ph 027 939 6119.

May 22: Northbank Challenge Teams Event

Hosted by Marlborough 4WD Club. 3 vehicle teams event aimed at Club vehicles. Max tyre size 35", one vehicle in each team must be running 33" or smaller. Only one Outlaw vehicle per team. Drivers must be members of NZFWDA. Further details and to register email northbankchallenge@vodafone.co.nz

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

G. Guy Motors

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Going loopy at Otapawa: Waitangi Weekend

Another trip planned for Otapawa. Yes, put our names down! Otapawa is always fun; whatever the weather and we love spending time there and reconnecting with the Robbies, the farm owners. Stewart was busy at work so asked Graeme if he could lead for the Friday. Okay....but did we remember which gate we went in to start each loop! Ahmmm! Graeme had got the GPS maps from Brent C. for loops we had done before.

There were 3 vehicles for Friday, Graeme and I, Richard and Phil and Frank all with short wheel- based vehicles, 2 Suzukis and a Pajero.

We had lunch and began with the right angled bridge loop. This loop can be a challenge in wet weather and for long wheel based vehicles when coming back over the bridge. No challenge here though, but with lots of comment over the radio about who got where or needed help the last time. Loop number 1. Time about 45 minutes!

With that loop completed, we travelled about 200 metres up the road to the start of the next loop. After Graeme herded us into the sheep yards....all we needed to do was shut the gates! We realised that wasn't quite the route. With a few to and fro's we started the loop up the hill, running parallel to the road to the back of the farm and alongside son Stewart Robbie's house until we found the downhill route. We didn't always find the route first time, even with a blue line on a GPS. We did manage a lot of circles and figure of 8s on our route finding. You could be a paddock or gate out and then be faced with a ravine that we had to go around; or just not be able to see the track. At one point we found that a water hole's sides had collapsed in the dry making negotiating around impossible so after a team discussion we choose to hug the fenceline going steeply up and over bypassing the waterhole.



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There were several times that we had to get out and walk around to find the route. This particular loop ended up at the "waterfall". Not much water this time! We had to imagine how pretty it can look. The bridge had been fixed (last time we couldn't cross because it had broken away) and a new culvert inserted.

We did see the farm truck, sitting near a full waterhole, that Don Robbie had been driving when his brakes had failed. A very lucky escape for him after a very hairy downhill "trip"! Loop number 2.

Our next loop was up the hill to do the short track near the play area and which followed the fenceline down. We chose to go up the fenceline (Have we ever been able to go up before?) once we had negotiated our way round a paddock that had more weeds than sheep feeding crop and found that a new fence had been erected in the centre of the paddock. Once we completed this we came back to the play area to find some mud. No mud, so it was a brief drive through the play area and back onto the road. Loop number 3.

Maybe there would be some mud in the swampy area, so we went to have a look. No blue line to follow this time, so past the sheep yards, turned right and we weaved our way across the paddocks mostly by guess work. At times we would recognise features....Ah this was where the culvert gave way on another trip or this was where we surprised ourselves and made it up the hill. Here was the swamp, but completely dry this time. No Fun! We knew from past occasions that we were on a loop which came out by going down to a creek, crossing and coming out a gate onto the road. We could see the outer gate but had to negotiate around ravines and across paddocks, through gates that were hanging by the do-up latch only, and other gates that were easier to take off at the hinge end rather than the latch until we finally came out the gate on the road that went past the school. Loop number 4.

Stewart and Jane joined us that night so Stewart became the leader for the next day's loops. The 2 German girls who were staying in the Backpackers quarters and who were working on the farm joined us for the day as passengers. Add another Pajero so it was then two Pajeros and two Suzukis. Our first loop was the short one going up the side of the hill to the Airstrip. Our tracks from last time were still visible and very predominant on

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the airstrip. We hope they haven't had to land any plane there in the meantime. Loop number 5.

We went further up the access road and started a loop which had a short blue line on the GPS. Graeme took one track a bit wide and ended up nearly burying us in a large tomo. A quick strop out by Stewart. (Was that the reason we had to have the wheels realigned when we got home?) We looked at this tomo once we had been pulled out and realised that a Suzuki could have dropped entirely into the hole...the edges had disintegrated and it was hollow underneath! We continued with a few wrong turns, a sticky ditch that caught Stewart, and being on the wrong side of the fence, where the guys walked back up to the gate to clear it of debris meaning that Jane and I had to drive our vehicles down a rutted piece of "track" between the trees to the gate.

With a bit of to-ing and fro-ing, we ended up on the next hill to where we knew we should have been looping back, so we continued for a recce. It turned out that it was the track to the infamous zig-zag. Stewart attempted the first downhill corner and managed an interesting parking angle with one wheel way up in the air.



We managed to attach a strop to him and brought him level again. He tried to do a backwards manoeuvre (as we have done in the past....back down the first bit and then go frontwards down the next!) but that didn't work either so we then did some digging to level the track out a bit so all the vehicles could get down. That loop was the most eventful of the whole weekend. Loop number 6.

Stewart asked Graeme to lead us again back down the waterfall loop. We could do this fairly easily because we had done all the extra track finding the day before so knew that we had to turn right through a gate at the water container and turn a sharp left downhill through another gate and that the track went downhill right where Phil had been standing (although he wasn't standing there on the second day and we commented on that) Loop number 7.

We then went up the track past the play area, to the hill top where the communication tower is, past the 200+ year old cabbage tree, through the paddocks and we came out down a lane on the school road. It was on this loop that we noticed a banging in the rear. A first we thought it was the partially empty fuel tank rattling in the

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"post-box" container on the back. We discovered however that our rear swing bar had cracked on one of the upright supports and was banging against the vehicle. We called for some tie-downs (cable ties, our regular stand-by couldn't cut the mustard this time) and Frank came back with some. When we got back to the farm we talked to Don who was happy to lend us his welding gear to strengthen the support bar so we could get the vehicle home, but more importantly be able to open and close the rear swing bar and door without it all falling in a heap. Loop number 8.

Once the metal bar had been welded we did our final loop of the day. It was up the hill from the sheep yards. At one point a fallen tree had blocked the track completely but with a bit of manoeuvring we went around it down a narrow steep forest "track" and up the hill on the other side. This loop came out on another lane also on the school road. Loop number 9. That is the largest number of loops we have completed on any weekend at Otapawa. Other times we have only got 200 metres inside each gate and spent at least two hours getting turned around and back out or have spent over two hours getting in the gate to the play area.

The next morning 3 of us went up the access road to meet up with Pori Rd which took us back to Route 52.

Thank you everyone for a great weekend.

Linda Millard - Suzi Blue

Coastal Plant Tour - Parks Week

Owhiro Bay quarry South Coast, Wellington

Saturday 14 March 2015 8:45am – 12:00pm



When: Sat 14 Mar 2015, 8:45am–12:00pm 📅

Where: Owhiro Bay quarry, South Coast, Wellington

Restrictions: All Ages

Ticket Information: Admission: Free

Listed by: Wellington City Council

Join Cross Country Vehicle club members and botanists in a drive through Te Kopahou reserve returning via Kinnoull dunes and South Coast stopping for photos and to look at unique plant communities. This event will go ahead regardless of weather.

Registrations are essential due to the use of 4-wheel drive vehicles. Please email fran.mcewen@wcc.govt.nz to register or phone 803 8571 (Max. 30 people)

For more information contact Coastal Ranger Brian Thomas, 021 227 8394

This event is being organised as part of Parks Week 2015. Parks Week is an annual celebration of the important role that our parks play in contributing to the health of our communities. A range of formal and informal events take place across Wellington and New Zealand during parks week - there is something for everyone!

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Takapari Road and A-Frame

Purpose of Consultation

The Department of Conservation (DOC) is charged with managing Takapari Road and the A-Frame Hut in the Ruahine Forest Park. A-Frame Hut is also known as Traverse Hut.

DOC recognises that getting community input into management decisions is key if the community are to get maximum enjoyment while the biodiversity and cultural values are protected.

DOC would like feedback on the best future management options for the Takapari Road and A-Frame Hut.

After receiving feedback DOC will seek to work with partners and secure funding to undertake future work. DOC funding is contestable and cannot be guaranteed.

Background on the Road and Hut

Takapari Road is an attractive drive to the top of the Ruahine Ranges, with views of the South Island, Tararua Ranges, Mt Taranaki and Mt Ruapehu when the weather is clear. Takapari Road is the only public 4WD Track in the Ruahine Forest Park.

There are three sections of the road within the Forest Park. The first section goes from the entrance to the look-out was recently upgraded to 'shiny' 4WD standard. The second section goes from the look-out to the Hut and has not been maintained for several years. The third section is from the Hut to the end of the road. The last section is recommended for 4WD vehicles with very experienced drivers only. DOC has no annual budget for the road.

The A-Frame Hut is 11 km along Takapari Road. Over the last 15 years the services offered at this hut have been steadily decreasing due to ongoing vandalism and a lack of recorded use (bed nights). The building has suffered from vandalism and a pit toilet was removed due to it being unsanitary (very high water table lead to effluent spilling on to ground). The A Frame is currently designated as a basic hut/bivvy and receives minimal maintenance from the Department. There is no DOC-installed water system at the Hut (due to it being vandalised and unfit for use). However, a rainwater catching system was installed by volunteers in May 2014. There is no clear viewing point from the Hut.

Implementation of any new management options will be dependent on securing funding. Any future development would be subject to environmental and cultural assessments. Subject to those assessments, funding and any other required consultation, management options (such as creation of a viewing platform, picnic table and/or toilet) could occur anywhere along Takapari Road.

Questions follow

1. What is the main reason you use Takapari Road and/or the A-Frame Hut in the Ruahine Ranges?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Scenic drive to see the view | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access to tramping tracks | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To stay overnight at the A-Frame Hut | <input type="checkbox"/> To visit the A-Frame Hut for the day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other reason | |

2. Where do you go?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The look-out | <input type="checkbox"/> The A-Frame Hut |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please describe) | |

3. If you were with a group, what is the average size of your group?

4. If you stayed in the A-Frame Hut, how many nights did you/your group stay?

5. How many times in the last 12 months have you used Takapari Road for the main reason stated in Question 1?

6. What changes or additions would enhance your visitor experience?

- Improving the state of the road. If so, what section to what standard?
- Toilet. If so, where?
- Picnic table/s. If so, where?
- Viewing platforms. If so, where?
- A shelter where there was space to unpack a picnic/ make a cup of tea. If so, where?
- Improvements to the A-Frame Hut. If so, what?
- Less buildings/man-made structures. If so, what should be removed?
- Other (please list)

7. What is the most important facility for you? (current or proposed)

8. Are you able to provide labour or funding to support future work: Yes / No

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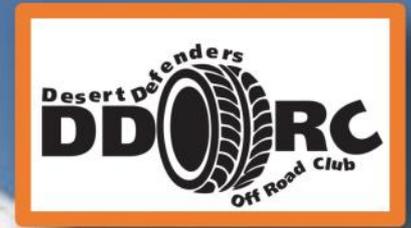
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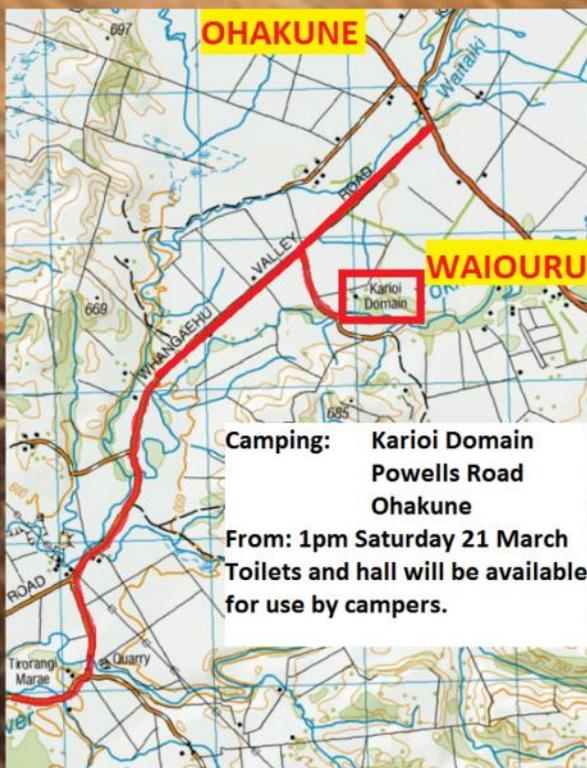
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Committee News

New Committee Members

We have two members who have joined the committee - Ian Shining has joined as our secretary and Daniel Binding is our new Safety Officer. Welcome guys (and I hope I got your names correct!).

Club Champs major prize

We can no longer offer our Windward Apartments prize for Club Champs as Larry Haines (ex member and ex Windwards Apartments manager) is no longer with Windwards Apartments. **A vote of thanks must go to Larry for supplying this prize for the past few years and I'm sure those that won it and came over to the Gold Coast and stayed thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so thanks a million Larry!** The committee are looking into a new major prize, details to be announced.

Committee Members

A few committee members are standing down from the committee as of the end of the current club year - so anyone interested in helping run one of the largest four wheel drive clubs in the country should approach a committee member and see what they can do. It is not a great burden being on the committee, there are only 11 meetings a year but every bit of assistance makes a big difference.

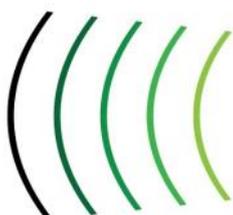
Clubnight Door and Nibbles

For a number of years now Chris and Sonya have been taking our \$1 at the door on clubnights and providing the nibbles to have with our cuppa whilst gossiping at the meeting break. They'd like to retire so we are looking for someone who'd like to take over this role, please see any committee member if you are interested.

Club Awards Dinner

The night has been set and a guest speaker has been booked - make a note in your diaries for Sat 4th July. Details will be published once finalised.



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SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to mole@ccvc.org.nz and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so lets make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



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Rubber Rings on Rats Tails, Shot Gun Shells and the Wheelbarrow

I caught up with Stuart at the Central Zone Meeting and he mentioned how the Tararua club was coming up to Aotuhia on the following weekend, I asked him if we were able to tag-a-long with his group as the Hilux was ready for a decent test run.

We waited in Stratford for the rest of their group to arrive on Friday morning. Stuart, Jake and Renee had gone out on Thursday night so Bill was first to arrive. We had Chris and Jeff, Graham and his three kiddies, Michael, Rachael and Fraser, Ross and John and Kelsey and Phil. As everyone arrived we set off for Aotuhia.



We got there about 11.30 and we all set ourselves up. Tony had been over and after lunch we were going to do the Whanga Road.



Whanga Rd was a good start for the weekend.

Tony stops at the interesting bits and tells the history of the area and of course anywhere there is a bit of a challenge for those that want to “have a go” McFetridge’s crossing and the “loop” are always challenging.

We arrived at the Whanga Hotel for a short break and then back to the camp. That was after Bill had his keys retrieved from the Hotel cellar.

During the afternoon Fraser (who is 8) had found a couple of shot gun shells, He was given a brief lesson on how to tell if there was any “bang” left in them. It was not only going to be fun weekend but an educational one as well!!

Back at camp and time for a shower and to have a chat and catch up before tea. While the kids still had energy to burn a run up the fence line was in order.



Tony had arranged with the Makahu community to provide meals as a fundraiser for the school.

So our two breakfast’s and two evening meals were all prepared for us.

They were really nice meals and even the dishes were done, all we had to do was meander down the road to the house.

“Thank you” to the community members involved in that, as it was a great treat not to have to organise our own meals.

While at the house Fraser (again) found a rubber ring for docking lambs and promptly was asking, What is it? and

What’s it used for? In true country style he was told that it went onto a “Rats tail” Bl#@%y H#@* if there’s rats THAT big, then I hope I’m not around.

Now, to set the record straight, Fraser knows and understands why lambs don’t have long tails.

Back at camp and time to continue having a chat and a cuppa before the lights went out.

Tararua 4x4 Club



Saturday morning and we could see that after the mist burnt off we were going to have another summer's day.

After breakfast and with everyone ready, we set off down the track. Tony tells us we will be back for lunch, history tells us lunch is not always at 12 noon (We take our lunch) Our first stop was the old Homestead. Nobody goes to Aotuhia without seeing the Homestead and it is always fascinating hearing about the history.

We spent the morning out on the tracks, stopping to see the old truck and the whale bones in the bank. Tony finds some tracks that haven't been used for a while. Some loop around and others we turn around at the end. We all ventured down the steep one that's only ok in the fine weather and we were all enjoying the scenery as well. Awesome view of the mountains as well.

We headed back to camp for lunch and then back out again for more challenges. It was a great day and Tony found a few more steep tracks.

Jake and Renee were having a couple of issues with their truck but managed to keep it going in the right direction.



Having come down a fairly long and steep track there was the challenge to go back up. As two or three tried, Ross and John were the only ones that managed to get to the top.

It was time for the Hilux to have a turn. The truck had been going really well all weekend and all that time and

effort that had been going into it was paying off and we were finding out how well it really was going.

The new gearbox and lockers were running well.

As the Hilux got to the top of the bank there was a bit of a "bang" A c.v. maybe, no it was the driveshaft knuckle that had popped under the pressure. After removing the driveshaft we still had two wheel drive to get back to camp.

As we headed out to the main track we went through a ford and with Chris and Jeff in front of us we were wondering why they had stopped where they did. As it happened their truck just "died" so they needed a tow up the hill.

We started up and then another "bang" was heard. Yes it was the c.v. this time.

Having been towed to flat ground we set to and changed the c.v. as Tony carried on and took the rest up the hill.

As we finished and headed back so was the group and we all managed to get back to camp about the same time.



The day was done and we had all had a great time out.

As we were sitting having a catch-up and chat there was an almighty bleating commotion going on in the paddock behind us.

Fraser (yes, Fraser again) turns around and sees some goats.

Holy cow, they are doing the “wheelbarrow” he exclaims.

Now that’s a new description, never heard that one before!!



Fraser had travelled with Bill all day and now Bill is telling us he had not had too many dull moment's during the day.

Sunday morning and we packed up our gear to head home.

The rest of the group were about to head out for the morning before their weekend came to a close.

It had been Kelsey’s first time out driving this type of terrain in her new Suzuki and was managing it all very well.

With passenger Phil only too happy to be there for the support.

Thank you Tararua club for letting us share in your weekend.

It was great to be able to try out the Hilux properly (up and down the driveway just wasn’t doing it) meet some new faces and enjoy a weekend of 4 wheeling.



THANK YOU



Tararua 4x4 Club

At Aotuhia

Summers End

Well that was the summer, especially as far as the clubs involvement with the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) Summer Events Program is concerned. Thank you to everyone who gave up their time to make these events so successful.

Planning by the council (as far as we are concerned) starts in September each year when the Council contacts the club asking whether we wish to be involved over the coming summer and then provides an initial proposal of events and dates. After some toing and froing between the council and the club, events and dates are agreed and these are then entered into the Clubs Trip Diary and published by the Council in early November when their Summer Events Calendar is made available to the public. The annual events can change although we have the standard two Sunset trips and the Akatarawa tag-a-long each year. This summer we have also provided 4wd trips for the public at the Belmont Open Day /official opening of the new woolshed. Last year we ran a day of trips up Mt Clime (and may do so again next year).

Did you know that the "Sunset" trips are always fully subscribed within hours of publication and there is usually a waiting list of people wanting to come along?

What does the club get out of all this effort?

These events help cement the clubs relationship with GWRC and also raises the clubs profile, in a positive manner, with the members of the public who come along on these trips. This year we have also had the bonus of having access to Belmont Regional Park which has been somewhere different for us to go. Seeing where Transmission Gully motorway will pass through the park has been most interesting for both club members and members of the public.

We also get new members, especially as a result of the Akatarawa tag-a-long. Each year we get at least member as a direct result of their participation in the event and it is likely that other members also get their first exposure to the club through participating in the tag-a-long. We have already had a potential member approach us (and sign up for training) as a result of their participation in this year's tag-a-long.

So once again thank you to all those members who participated in these events. It is most appreciated.

And don't forget we will most likely be doing it all again next year, provided GWRC still exists ("Super City" and all that!!). But then that is another story!!

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Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to www.cvc.org.nz for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

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.

Drivers: Must have some experience, particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips after becoming a member.

Vehicles: Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

Club 4x4:

Description: Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.

Drivers: Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks.

Hard Yakka:

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

Drivers: Experienced drivers only, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

Vehicles: As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
March 2015				
Wednesday 11th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 14th	WCC Seaweed - Rare plants on the South Coast - Seats Required	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast Te Kopahou Reserve
Sunday 15th	Family Fun in March in the Akatarawa Forest - book with Graeme (04) 5267636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 21st	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - email "Help.desk@ccvc.org.nz" to book	John Parfitt	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Sunday 22nd	Central Zone Club Truck Challenge - Round 3	Desert Defenders Off Road Club	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Whangaehu Valley Road, Ohakune
Sunday 22nd	McKenzie Trail With Wairarapa Club - Bookings Required	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 28th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area

April 2015

Friday 3rd	EASTER WEEKEND - (Reminder only)	-tba-	Event	-tba-
Friday 3rd	Ohiniwairua at Easter - Bookings Essential	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Ohinewairua Station, Taihape
Saturday 4th	McKenzie Trail - Easter 2015 - Bookings Required	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail
Sunday 5th	McKenzie Trail - Easter 2015 - Bookings Required	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome, 7:30pm Upstairs, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy Street, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 18th	Family Fun 4x4 in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 26th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Monday 27th	ANZAC DAY - (Reminder only)	-tba-	Event	-tba-
Wednesday 29th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

May 2015

Sunday 3rd	Family Fun 4x4 in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 13th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 23rd	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 27th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

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