

Cross Country Chronicle

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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

I can hardly believe 2021 is coming to a close and the 50th Anniversary year is starting to wind-down. We are not finished with some surprises scheduled for the last couple of club nights. 50th trips are still happening and are proving very popular so bookings should be made as soon as the notice is sent out.

Labour Weekend was huge, starting on the Friday with a trip into Rallywoods guiding a group of early club members, most hadn't been in to the Green Hut in over twenty years. The day was perfect with all enjoying a BBQ and no one sitting under the club marques we had so thoughtfully set up.

Saturday I was off around the Orongorongo coast with Phil Green which celebrated the clubs first organised trip back in 1972. Again, we had great weather with no wind and a fare bit of sun. The convoy drove the usual route up to the airstrip before heading down to the river and a trek around the coast. The track is open all the way to Ocean Beach where the standard lunch stop was at the DOC camp with plenty of weekend campers out and about. On the way back we had an embarrassing recovery of a nameless club member finding the only hazard in the paddock. I never get tired of this drive being so remote but so close to our capital city. Smoko at Barney's Hut and then a stop by the main gate for a group photo before heading home.

Sunday was a quiet start before heading to Silverstream Retreat to assist in setting up the hall for the dinner. One hundred and sixty booked and I believe all turned up which is a little daunting when standing up front. Our guest speaker had to pull out a few days before the dinner, so a quick brain storm came up with having some of our early members reminiscing about trips from days gone by, worked out really well and a big thank-you to the members who participated. I'd have to say that in the early days Health and Safety laws weren't as prevalent as they are today, but hey we still have a great time especially on the away trips. The awards went off without a hitch and it was a real privilege to hand out the 50-year badges to our original members.

The holiday Monday had me meeting up with twenty-two other trucks for a trip around Terawhiti Station as Red Rocks was still closed. The forecast was rubbish and we drove through rain before heading into mist over the Maraka Hill road. Rick Braines had his WWII Dodge truck out for the early birds to check out. Once we were all ready it was time for a driver briefing at the station gate before Rick and Barry guided the team around. Amazing to be in white-out mist and then working our way down to the coast for a lovely clear and warm day. Then it was back into the clouds and back down into another bay, the kids on the trip thought this was fantastic. Another great day and a big thanks to Rick for arranging access at the last minute.

I hope to see a good turnout at club night, for those full club members who haven't picked up their copy of the new CCVC book please come along as your free copy will be available. See you soon.

Regards Ralph Dobson
CCVC President (K182)



CLUB CLOTHING

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John Vruink on behalf of the club has been investigating club branded clothing for members to purchase. He typically has samples at club night and there is usually a few members modelling various items on trips.

Cap
Navy/White \$16

Beanie
Navy 3059 \$17.50

Hoodie - Pullover
Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$65

Hoodie - Zip Front
Navy - Unisex
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$72

Soft Shell Jacket
Black
Mens & Womens Sizes \$110

Polo Shirt
Navy/White
Mens & Womens Sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$45

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt
Navy - Mens & Womens sizes
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$16.95

Oilskin Vest
50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$129

Oilskin Jacket
50th Anniversary Logo.
Mens Only Size \$152

Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt
Grey with Deadwood Logo
Mens & Womens Sizes. \$25

Agri Station Boundary Jersey
50th Anniversary Logo
Mens Only Size \$112.50

*****NEW*****

2 Layer face mask
Standard Club Logo
Available in black, white and grey marl \$17.50

<http://www.cvc.org.nz/Club-clothing>



Andrew Gee modelling the Limited Edition **Crew Neck Cotton T-shirt with 50th Anniversary Logo \$16.95**



Shaun Ross modelling the Limited Edition **Oilskin vest with 50th Anniversary Logo \$129**



Neil Blackie modelling the Limited Edition **Crew Neck Cotton T-shirt with Deadwood Logo \$25**



Ralph Dobson modelling the Limited Edition **Agri Station Boundary Jersey with 50th Anniversary Logo \$112.50**



Ron Gardner modelling the **Hoodie - Zip front with standard Logo \$65** also available with the 50th Ann. Logo



Duncan Grocott modelling the **Polo Shirt with standard Logo \$45** also available with the 50th Ann. Logo

Clothing Delivery.

The preferred method for clothing delivery is to have the products shipped to you by courier directly from the embroiders. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

There is also an option to pick up the goods at (say) club night however, the clubs preference is to have them forwarded directly to you.

Payment for Goods.

Payment for the goods is currently set for "online only" allowing you to use your credit card (or Paypal account) and the funds will be automatically credited to the Clubs Paypal account.

Other payment methods are not currently available through the website however, if you need to make payment using another method, please discuss the issue with the Store Manager John Vruink.



RALLYWOODS 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TRIP - 22 October 2021

I was speaking to Christine Adams, one of our original members, Tom Adams daughter, as part of the research for the book. She mentioned that Tom hadn't been to Rallywoods for several decades and was interested in visiting. (Tom, along with Tony Street were the original owners of the land that became Rallywoods). Sure we can arrange that! Neil looked on the booking site and we managed to get a booking for the Friday of our Anniversary weekend—meaning that other founding members and members who were involved in the creating of Rallywoods, or its early years, could also visit and reminisce about the weekends spent playing at Rallywoods.

The day was perfect, blue skies and very little wind. The meeting place at the corner of Moonshine Road was an opportunity for the founding members (and their children) to catch up with each other, as many of them no longer live in Wellington. Then back into the trucks and off to the Green Hut. The plan was a quick stop at the Green Hut to drop of BBQ supplies, then carry on with a tour round the "easier" Rallywoods tracks. As soon as the trucks stopped, the original members piled out and were found to be reminiscing in the green hut.

The entry to the hut has changed over the years—causing some confusion to begin with. The older members automatically walked to where the front doors were (by Bob Jeffery's memorial), only to find the door unusable.

Eventually they were pulled away from the Green Hut and the quick tour began down the main tracks before heading back to the Green Hutt for a BBQ lunch.

More stories were exchanged and newer members learnt a bit more of a background to both the clubs and Rallywoods history. Pages of the book, along with early photos of Rallywoods, were printed out and posted around the lunch area. (Later to be moved the Green Hut so future users of Rallywoods can learn a bit about its history)

The stories they can tell about weekends spent at Rallywoods—some of which can be found in our book. Others will have to be extracted from those that were there. Stories involving muddy children, walks to swimming holes, damaged trucks, night drives and club personalities can last for days if given the opportunity.

All in all it was a good day—not the usual kind of day spent at Rallywoods but good all the same and a great opportunity to spend time with CCVC royalty.

Words by Penne Durdle

Photos by Andrew Gee & Penne Durdle



ORONGORONGOS 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TRIP - 23 October 2021

Well it all started at 9am, 22 trucks in-tow and Phil Green as our leader on this sunny day, so up to the air-strip we went with no issues for a photo opportunity then up to the top for another one.

Then we headed down to the river for morning tea. After the break we headed out to the coast with no real issues until after the slip at the first sandy beach crossing when my fat whale decided to once again slide sideways and end up on another big angle much to the dissatisfaction of my partner again, we were then recovered hence why I am writing the trip report.

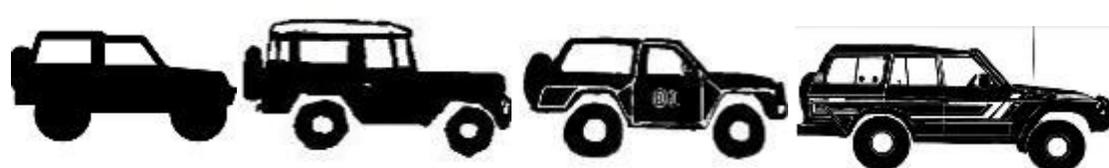
Then a Pajero came a crop in the same place probably cause of me. Then we headed to Corner Camp for lunch.

After lunch we headed back with a little stop at the play ground for a play where a Toyota managed to find the biggest rock in a grass field to beach itself and need recovering. After a little play we headed out. in the end we covered a total of 42.73km in 6h51m.

All up was an awesome trip with a lot of laughs and looking forward to tomorrows Aka's trip.

I'm sure there are a lot of photos to come once they have been uploaded but in the mean time here is a map of todays trip.

Words - Paul Rhynd
Photos - Denise Ross



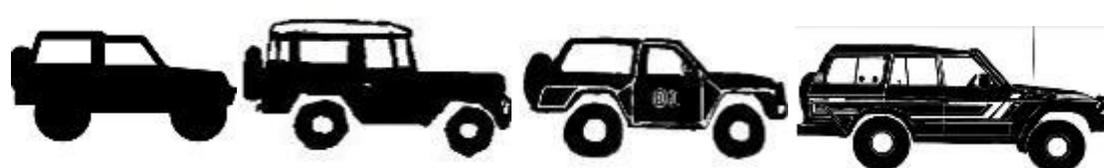
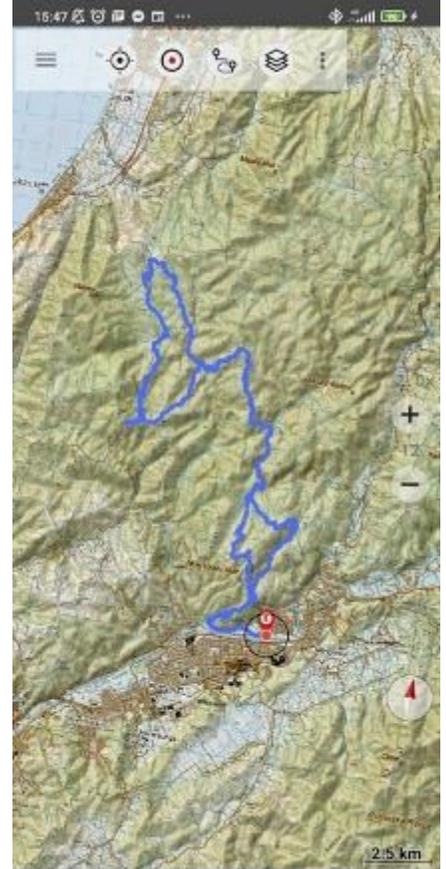
AKATARAWA - 50TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TRIP - 24 OCTOBER 2021

Well once again it started at 9am at Totara Park; it was cloudy and humid, 20 trucks in-tow with Frank as our leader. It was a gentle cruise through the forest until we got to Dopers flat where once again, my whale did not disappoint with popping a tyre completely off its bead. After a quick tyre change, it was off to the pylons and then down to the Orange Hut. Once there, some started lunch and I proceeded to pop the tyre back on the bead, with a bit of forcefulness and getting dry humped by my misses, we got it back on and yes there is a video.

We finished lunch and headed leisurely out ... until Dopers Flat where I believe a Suzuki had to be towed through, then it was my turn in, which I tried to straddle the ruts however this did not work and I slipped into the rut ending up on a precarious angle and I had to be recovered by winch's rear and side at the same time. After I had managed to finally get through I stopped 😊 and was thumped no less then 4 times by my partner for putting her in that situation. I then waited for the next vehicle to come through thinking I might have to help recover that but NO they made it look easy and all I could hear was DDs cackling voice shouting "You got out driven by a girl!!!" Once we were all through, and with my pride in tatters non the less, we headed to the gate with no further incident In the end we covered a total of 66km in 7h17m Was another awesome trip with a lot of laughs and ribbing.

Stay tuned for tomorrows trip report as I have nominated myself to do 😊 it probably from the passengers seat 😊

Words - Paul Rhynd
Photos - Denise Ross



2021 ANNIVERSARY DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT - 21 October 2021

"50 years of friendship, fun and four-wheel driving" is the name of the book that commemorates the 50th anniversary of CCVC and is an apt description of the spirit of the anniversary and awards dinner.

It was a great evening of fun storytelling, good food and celebrating the people who have contributed to the club so much over the last 50 years. There were awards galore with awards for life memberships, 10 and 20 year badges, and the annual awards. There were spot prizes and goodie bags with excellent CCVC swag including the CCVC book. The major spot prize of \$1,200 worth of Maxxis tyres (kindly donated by G Guy Motors) went to yours truly, simply by virtue of having my name drawn out of the hat. An excellent surprise for me... and then Andrew and Penne promptly suggested 'lucky Lara' should write the article about the dinner for the newsletter. Well I suppose I better earn my prize, so here are a few reflections on the evening...

Thankfully Wellington was in level 2 on labour weekend so we could go ahead with a few COVID public health measures in place. As soon as we walked into the venue it was clear that the 50th anniversary organising committee had been super busy, putting in a tremendous amount of work and doing clever things over the past two years to pull together everything for the big night.

I am sure that there were many stories told at every table throughout the hall, as we chatted and laughed through the night with great food and drink. Since our keynote speaker was stuck in level 3 in Auckland, Ralph instead convinced four club life members to form a panel to reminisce about the early years: Steve Lacey, Colin Landy, Mike Gall and Peter Osborne (aka Pedro).

As someone who has only been in the club for 3.5 years it was a fantastic eye opener to the mischief members got up to in the past! While we still have a lot of great adventures today, it sounded like a truly special period in the history of the club.

Bruce and Ray Mulhern welcomed new life members to their illustrious ranks with some equally humorous stories of CCVC events gone by. There were also many who earned their 10 year and 20 year membership badges. So wonderful to see the commitment people have made to the club over the years, a real tribute to how great the club is.

The formalities also included the presentation of the club awards for the year, which were:

Barbara Blackie Memorial Trophy: Presented by Neil Blackie at Barbara's request. Awarded to the partner that makes the biggest contribution to the club in that year. Barbara was we believe the only female, member's partner ever to be a member in her own right. She wanted her vote to count. - 2021 Winner: **Denise Ross**

Andrew Farmer Memorial Trophy: Donated by Faith Farmer, Andrew's Wife in his memory Awarded to a new member that makes the biggest contribution. Andrew made huge contribution to the club even in legend, he arrived with a Fire engine and short shorts and only the fire engine went away, A gifted mechanic, his highly modified FJ40 benefited immensely from him, as did the club's web project from his code writing. Other organisations similarly benefiting from other skill sets, a true "McGyver" character, hence the Leatherman motif. - 2021 Winner: **Dudley Harris**

Bob Jeffery Award: Donated by Heather Jeffery Awarded to recognise an unsung hero, a Helping Hand. In memory of our founding member Bob Jeffrey, a long term visionary and consistent helper with most activities of the club over many many years. - 2021 Winner: **Glennys Feist**

Glengary Award: Donated by Glenda and Gary Young. Awarded to the club member who makes an outstanding conservation effort during the club year. Presented to show that we are aware of our surroundings and that we are all thankful for the efforts that have gone into conservation and the 'Tread lightly' concept while on our trips. With this trophy comes a New Zealand native plant so please see Glenda or Gary Young about a month before presentation night and they will supply one. for conservation work. - 2021 Winner: **Kele Kelekolio (absent)**

Reporters Award: Presented in 2007 by Alan Donaldson, magazine editor. Awarded to recognise a major written contribution to trip reporting. - 2021 Winner: **Lara Penman**



CCVC life members



2021 ANNIVERSARY DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT - Continued

John Findlay Award: Donated anonymously in memory of John Finlay. Awarded to the Trip Leader of the Year award for services to trip leading. - 2021 Winner: **David De Martin**

Grant Kirby Memorial Trophy: Donated in 2006 by Sheryl Thompson, in memory of Sheryl's partner Grant Kirby. Grant fell off Odlin's Road on a private trip and didn't survive the fall. The trophy was designed by Grant Guy and it contains a Landcruiser lay shaft and a chunk of the Odlin's Rd Rock . Awarded for the Best Place CCVC member Central Zone Truck Challenge - 2021 Winner :**Andrew Gee**

Deadwood Cup: Presented by Graham Barr and his wife, Liz Lawson. Originally awarded to the owner of best presented CCVC Vehicle in the Deadwood Safari. Now awarded for Best Presented CCVC Truck National Trails.– 2021 Winner: **Mark Stockler & Peter Osborne**

Presidents Cup: Donated by President Grant Purdie in 2005. Awarded at the presidents whim! - 2021 Winner: **Penne Durdle**

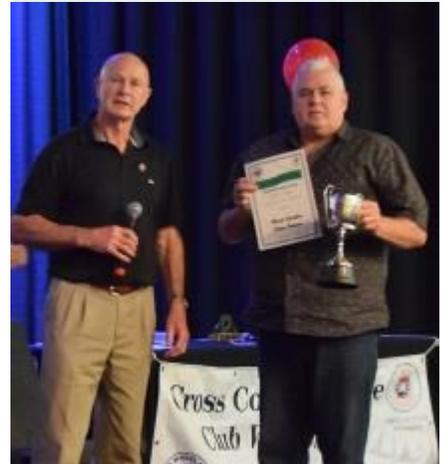
I am sure everyone would agree that Penne absolutely deserved the Presidents cup this year. Her work for the club has been phenomenal, including on the monthly magazine, the club's social media, the anniversary organising committee, and most of all undertaking the tremendous feat of creating the 50th anniversary book. Thank you Penne!

Over dessert there were some spot prizes up for grabs for anyone who had a secret number in their CCVC anniversary book – 50 prizes in all as I recall. And then Lucky Lara, aka yours truly, won the major spot prize of the night. So have I bought my new tyres yet? Well let me say that between my husband Steve and I there was much conversation the next day over which Jeep needed new tyres first – his or mine. There was much measuring and close inspection and comparison of tyres, but I won in the end hooray! Maxxis Razr MTs here I come!

Many many thanks to the organising committee: Neil Blackie, Ralph Dobson, John Vruink and Penne Durdle, along with the many others who pitched in to help. It was an excellent evening.

Lara Penman, with thanks to Andrew Gee for the photos.

Also a big thank you to the following providers of spot prizes for the night:



2021 ANNIVERSARY DINNER & AWARDS NIGHT - Continued



TERAWHITI STN 50th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND TRIP - 25 October 2021

Today's trip started at 9:45am with very low cloud and the odd bit of drizzle, at the old Makara Petrol Station, even though I was there at 8:15am 😊 Some of us aired down and then got to have a look at Rick Braines' cool old army truck before we headed to the start of Terawhiti Station, where the rest aired down.

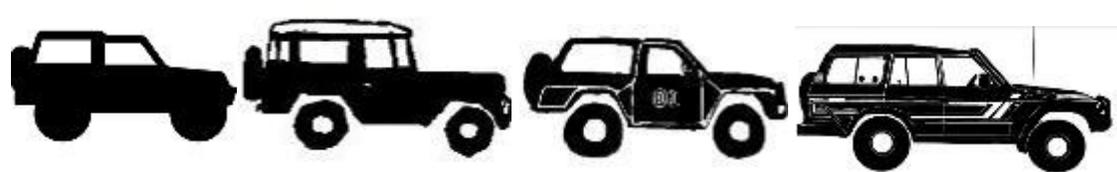
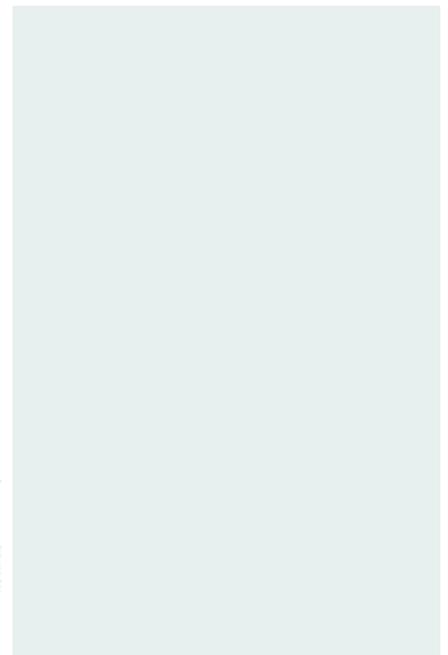
Today we had our very own El-Pridenty Ralph Dobson in charge and quickly handed the reins off to Rick Braines to lead the trip. After the safety briefing, we headed off and up into the clouds, when a thought came across me as we were following Mike Oliver, this feels a lot like "Gorillas in the mist". We then broke back through the cloud barrier and could see the Cook Strait.

As we headed to Karori Rock, we crossed a little sandy beach and from my passengers seat all I heard was "Don't get stuck", before stopping for a chin wag and quick photo session with an un-amused seal. After the chin wag we headed back up into the clouds wondering where we were going to pop out next. As we started to descend down the hill with my stomach rumbling for something to eat, we broke through the cloud barrier again to see the power station (where the North Islanders steal power from us South Islanders). Then we headed to the cliff top above the Artisan Hut for lunch. While some of us were still feeding our faces, others went for a wander down to the Artisan Hut for a looksie.

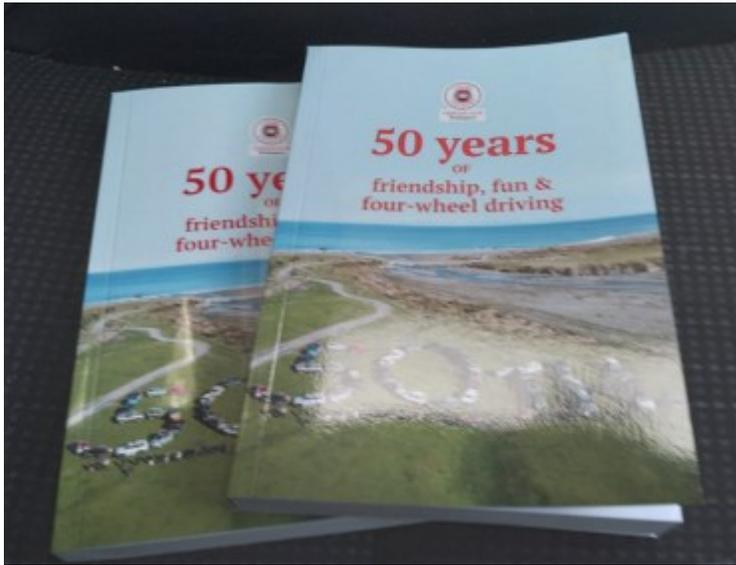
After finishing my sausage and bacon sandwiches, I went for a wander and saw the others making their way along the beach to an easy way up the hill; that was all except 2 young kids and an old billy goat by the name of Ken Menzies who followed these 2 kids up a steep cliff face to the top ... and yes he made it to the top. We then proceeded to pack up and head off but only for about a kilometer down the hill, as we had to stop for the ladies to use a rest room (as Gina Oliver said, "it's a flushing toilet so yip that's me").

We headed off to the old Albion Goldmine for a quick look around, then back up into the clouds to pop out to what the club knows as Plastic Bay for a prolonged break because someone was tying down driftwood to the top of their vehicle for their partner. We then headed off again and up into the clouds to look at something we can't mention or show photos of on social media. When we arrived at 'said' location, I think we were all amazed at it as we clambered up over and around it, and yes someone made the now usual dig "Did the Patrol do this" which a lot of people found amusing ... I don't know why 😊 After clambering over it for a while, myself and Mike Oliver sat down on 'said' object and pondered our futures before heading off to the car park to end our trip and air up.

Paul Rhynd



PICK UP YOUR BOOK - Club night Wednesday 10th November 2021



The book is ready to pick up. Come along to this months club night to get your free copy. Each paid up full member gets a copy. Those that pick up their book at club night will go into the draw for 1 of 5 goodie bags that include: A dry bag, sunscreen, torch, mug and windscreen/safetybelt cutter tool. Most people who come to club night already got their books at the awards evening so you have good odds of getting a bag.

Extra books are available through our online store for \$20 each and extra mugs are available for \$10. Both have limited stock to it's a case of first in first served.

There will also be copies of the October issue of NZ4WD magazine to collect for anyone who doesn't have one, (while copies last—but we have a box) and NZ4WD stickers that are all free on a first in first served basis.



Ladies day out!

Women of CCVC you are all invited to join us for a family shiny trip in the Akatarawas.

If you have always wanted to have a go at driving a 4wd and learning new skills in a supportive environment with a bunch of awesome women then this trip is for you.

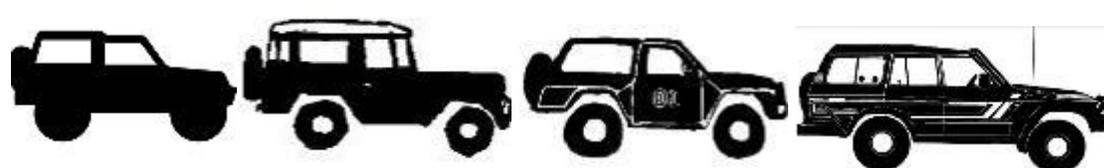
This is a ladies day out so lads you will need to entertain yourselves elsewhere.

Bring a 4wd vehicle and a sense of fun.

We can start the day with a lesson on how to air down tyres etc if any would find that useful.

If you can't get hold of a 4wd for the day then let us know we could work something out.

We only have 10 spots available so get in !



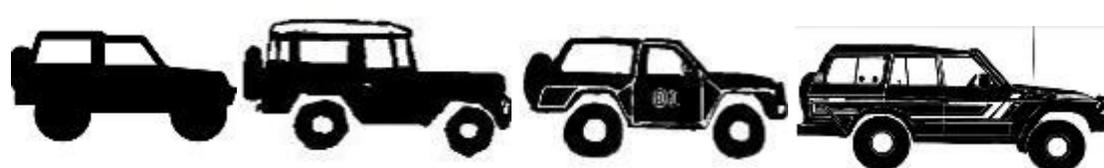
CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE - ROUND 1

Results from Central Zone Club Truck Challenge
2021-2022 series Round 1 Taihape

Vehicle rules and event calendar at www.sporty.co.nz/czctc

Results

Overall place		Points	Vehicle Class
1	Brent Ward	422.1	4
2	Dave Hintz	466.27	4
3	Mark Smith	615.97	2
4	Brendan Watchorn	648.8	2
5	Kevin Galbraith	708.48	3
6	Bruce Tustin	746.43	3
7	Andrew Gee	754.65	3
8	Dave Smithson	779.47	2
9	Dave Seymour	832.83	4
10	Natasha Smithson	841.25	2
11	Dave MacGinnity	871.91	3
12	Steve Stewart	877.73	3
13	Judith Hintz	897.98	1
14	Ross Gregory	971.59	1



MANAWATU HIGH POINTS (TAKE TWO) - October 2021

Almost nothing stops a Touring Trip! Oh, except for lockdowns. Hence this one is Take 2. Meeting up at our regular Ashhurst petrol station location (a good, well priced spot to top up with fuel), the weather was reasonable but with a lot of low cloud around the hills.

A quick briefing and sharing of radios and we were on our way over the Saddle Road to head up to our first high point - Whariti Peak, at 920m, one of the highest vehicle accessible peaks in the North Island with views from Kapiti Island and Mt Taranaki, out to Hawkes Bay and the Wairarapa (trailforks.com 2021). Not quite what we found - picture 1 is what we found at the top. However, we had some teasing glimpses on the way down - picture 2 and 3. Must do a trip there in the summer.

Back down and through Ashhurst, we then followed the Pohangina Road along the west side of the Pohangina River - some great views and lots to look at but glancing over to the Ruahine Range it wasn't looking promising for a trip up the Takapari Road. We briefly tried to do a bit of shepherding when we found a young lamb out on the road. Not overly successful, we did at least chase it into a field next to where the flock was and off the road. Took us a while to catch up with the rest of the convoy and I think David wondered if he had lost us - picture 4.

Crossing the river we headed south to a DoC site for lunch where the showery weather caught up with us - picture 5. Fortunately we had enough awnings to have cover for lunch. Sadly the grassy area was badly cut up with tyre tracks, hope it wasn't 4x4s hooning around. Leaving cautiously to avoid the embarrassment of getting stuck we headed back north to cross back over the river and through Utuwai heading towards Apiti - picture 6. Takapari Road wasn't really an option. Just before Apiti we turned on to Ridge Road which afforded us some great views and a lot of dust (couldn't have been much rain there then) - picture 7 and an enjoyable drive back down to Ashhurst where we finished the trip at the Ashhurst Domain.

As most headed off back home, the trip leaders settled with coffees to review the trip before making our way back. Cheers David, a fun trip.



1. Great Views?



2 Quick before the view goes!



3 Teasing glimpses



4 Checking the 'tail'



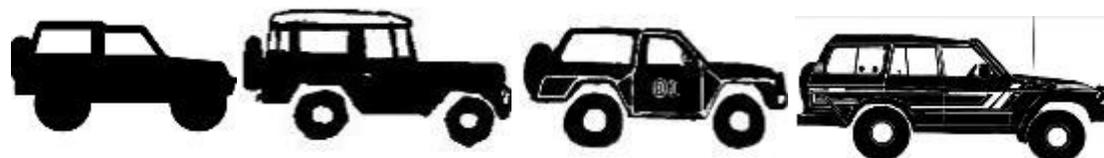
5 A break from the sun. Yeah Right!



6 Was it Left or Right?



7 Lots of dust, little rain.



BACK ROADS AROUND LAKE WAIRARAPA - October 2021

Somebody on the trip suggested that the touring trips seemed to catch a lot of rain! So this time we were expecting rain (the weather forecast was not very encouraging) and we did have a few tiny showers but mostly it was dry with occasional sunshine (very windy though).

Starting at our usual spot in Featherston, we went down the Western Lake Road with lovely views of the lake though the water looked very full of sediment - a rich mid-brown in colour. Our first stop was at Te Rakau Cabins, a really quirky accommodation site where we met with Denise and Dougal MacKenzie who are experts on the bird life in the Onoke Spit area (Photo 1). They run birding tours and are also a part of the Friends of Onoke Spit group. They were very welcoming and gave us a lot of information that would help us enjoy and respect the birdlife in the area.

Dougal then travelled with us down to the ford that leads on to the spit (Photo 2). He also gave us information on how to access the spit directly from Ocean Beach (which often requires a lot of work with shovels) which we fancy trying on a future trip. We had a wander around and, of course, a coffee break (photo 3), then said thanks and farewell to Dougal and carried on to Ocean Beach via the road. The approach to the beach itself is lovely as you come down off the cliff. (Photo 4)

Once we reached the DoC site at Corner Creek we declared an early lunch. It proved to be an excellent spot as there was good shelter when we had one of the (brief) spots of rain (Photos 5 & 6).

On the journey back we took the East West Access Road, stopping for a quick look at the barrage gates (built in the early seventies) which control the flow of water from Lake Wairarapa to Lake Onoke and vice versa. Today all six gates were fully open.

Continuing back towards Featherston we took a diversion along Parera Road, which according to my map went alongside some ponds and back over to the side of the lake. The road was easy gravel and the ponds were quite spectacular, well worth the detour. Vaughn noticed an old mai mai from where he used to shoot ducks way back when so, while we stopped for some photos of the lake (Photo 7), he popped back to get a photo of his old mai mai - good memories.

Our last stop of the trip was at the Lake Domain for a last coffee and great views of the lake (Photos 8 & 9). By area, Lake Wairarapa is the North Island's third largest, but it is very shallow, barely reaching between two and three metres at its deepest. Great to see a lot of work being done to restore the wetlands. A young guy in a Ford Ranger stopped for a chat (he worked on the nearby farm) and expressed interest in four wheel driving so explained what the club was all about and encouraged him to get in touch (maybe we should have some cards to give out?)

A good trip made special by the people on it. Thank you all.

Ashley (The Rabbit)



1. Te Rakau Cabins



2. Onoke Spit



3. Onoke Spit



4. Ocean Beach Access



5. Lunch at the DoC shelter



6. The rain



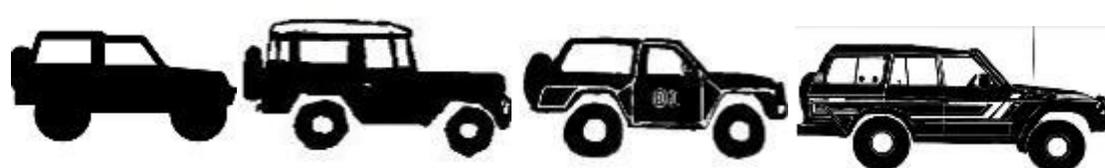
7. Lake Wairarapa from Parera Road



8. Lake Domain



9. Lake Wairarapa



SHINY 4x4 WITH PINSTripES IN WHITMANS VALLEY

4 vehicles turned out to join Duncan at the farm gate. A fine sunny day following the night's rain signaled a good trip ahead. After airing down the 5 trucks led by Duncan set off up a farm track to a steep grassy slope still wet from the previous rain. Duncan headed straight up without pausing but the next two trucks couldn't get traction and slid back, defeated. With that Duncan came back and all turned around to go back to the main farm track.

Before long we turned off the main track onto a slippery rutty track and into scrubby bush. We soon encountered a sharp slippery downhill corner so it was winch time for 2 of the trucks. A few more tight corners on the way down but no dramas. We were in lovely bush by now but soon turned left onto another narrow overgrown slippery track. Now the gardening tools came out and everyone was called to track clearing. Trimming, nipping, chainsawing, tree felling but we got through and arrived at the play area.

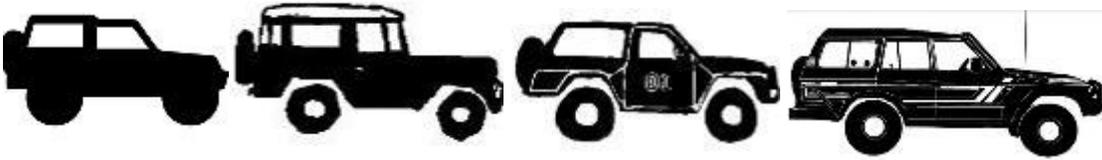
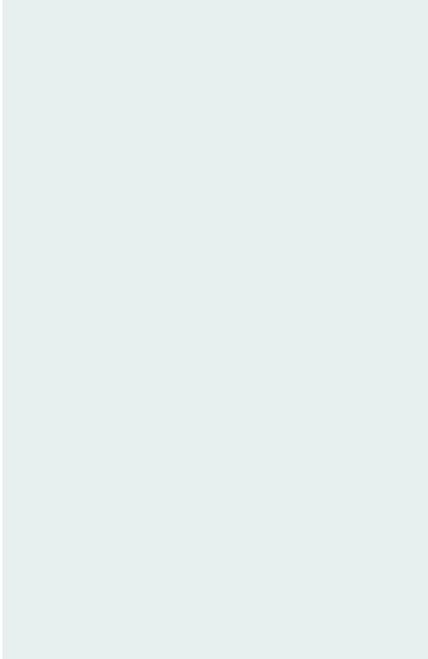
Plenty of scope to test both drivers, trucks, winches and tow ropes. Much fun. Lara upheld women drivers reputations with some skillful antics.

Away again after a welcome lunch. Track clearing continued as we went and we eventually got onto a better track until we got to a creek crossing with a big drop off on the left. A new track was engineered around it and everyone got safely through. A bit further on we came to another creek crossing with a steep track going uphill on the other side. There was a steep drop off going into it which would be OK for going forward, but not so good for coming back down. At this point we turned around and headed back to the main track, passing a Hunting Lodge on the way. Part way along the track we took a detour straight up to a grassy point and got great views of Whitemans Valley. Very picturesque. Back to the main track, then we again turned off to the right and went down the track which defeated us at the start. Thanks to the day's sun it was much dryer and everyone sailed down with no trouble.

All that was left was back to the starting point, air up and go home.

Thanks Duncan for a fun trip, pleasant bush and some good challenges.

Glennys Feist



NOVEMBER 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS:

To book for trips now go to <http://www.cvc.org.nz/New-Full-Club-Calendar>

Wednesday 10th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Wednesday 10th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Saturday 13th BEACH CLEAN UP

South Coast
All Welcome

Saturday 13th Club 4x4

McKenzie Trail and Foxton Coast Recce

Sunday 14th Shiny 4x4

Akas with DD

Sunday 14th Rough Shiny 4x4

McKenzie Trail and Foxton Coast Recce

Sunday 14th FAMILY SHINY

Akas Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 20th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOs Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Sunday 21st CLUB 4x4

Rallywoods

Wednesday 24th CVC COMMITTEE

PORIRUA CLUB
All Welcome
Ralph Dobson
7:30

Saturday 27th CLUB 4x4

24hr Track

Saturday 27th FAMILY SHINY

Ladies day in the Akas

Saturday 27th TOURING

Whanganui Loop

DECEMBER 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday 4th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGO Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 4th SHINY 4x4

ORONGORONGO & SUTHERLANDS

Wednesday 8th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

CLUB NIGHT
NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
All welcome

Friday 10th TOURING

Mangaweka Weekend

Sunday 12th SHINY 4x4

ORONGORONGOs 50th Anniversary
Re-run—50 years to the day of our first
trip.

Saturday 18th SHINY 4x4

Colin James

Sunday 26th SHINY 4x4

Southern Summer Explorer away trip

Keep an eye on the trips as new trips
are being added all the time.

There is no Magazine in January .

Keen to be a trip leader so we can run
more trips? Talk to one of our current
trip leader about how to be one,



TRIP CATEGORIES

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories. The Trip Categories are defined as:

Touring Class Travelling on back country roads accessible to the General Public. Limited “off road” travel may occur but only where appropriate to vehicles on the trip;

Family Shiny Introductory level “off road” trip;

Shiny 4x4 More challenging “off road” trip;

Club 4x4 Specialist vehicles and equipment required, also additional driver skills;

Hard Yakka The most difficult terrain, requiring significant driver and vehicle capability.

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

CCVC has defined the guidelines set out in this document, describing driver skills and experience pre-requisites for participation in club trips and events in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

Membership of CCVC

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the “Touring Class” or “Family Shiny” category trip.

Once these trips have been completed and the “Application for Membership” submitted, the prospective new member’s application will be considered through the Club’s new member approval process.

Advancing through the trip categories

In order to advance to a “harder” trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

Members will be required to have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of “Shiny 4x4” or above.

The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the Trip Leader.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs “Complaints Process” as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

To participate in any trip other than “Touring Class” members vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle inspection sticker.

Note: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a “Shiny 4x4” category in order to exclude non members).

FOR SALE:

4WD models for sale

Aoshima 1/24 scale kitsets, new in box, unassembled.

Three available: Suzuki Jimny soft-top, Suzuki Vitara SWB hardtop, Pajero NH-NK SWB hardtop. \$50.00 each.

G.I. Joe 1/6 scale SAS Jeeps (2), new in box and undamaged = never played with. Complete with twin Vickers machine guns etc. \$95.00 each

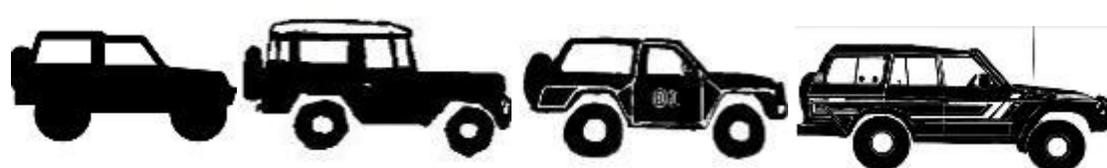
Philip Bridgen (04) 939 4233

Offroad tyres for sale

4 x Maxxis Mudder M/T 753 32x11.5x15 steel belt tyres, on untidy steel spoke rims to fit 2nd generation Pajero.

Two tyres are about 50% worn, two are slightly less worn. \$600.00 for the complete set.

Philip Bridgen (04) 939 4233



TRAINING:

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the trip leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing will be organised by the Club from time to time.

As from the effective date of this document, attendance at a Club driver training event will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the club.

Members will be required to have attended a Club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of "Shiny 4x4" or above.

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

Safety is paramount in everything the club does and to this end the Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue.

CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in any trip category other than Touring Class trips have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except:

Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non members).

As from the effective date of this document, having a vehicle inspected and obtaining a vehicle inspection sticker for the vehicle will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club.

Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say as to whether a person or vehicle can participate in any trip or event.

It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Shiny 4x4 category make themselves known to the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" to guide and assist them during the trip.

VEHICLE INSPECTORS

Antony Hargreaves
Kane Hargreaves
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Hawkins St, Lower Hutt
Ph. 04 569 3485

Dave Bowler
Pete Beckett
Bowler Motors Ltd
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Ph. 04 237 7251

Grant Guy
G Guy Motors
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Ash Senior
Kaizen Works
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04 568 2796

Dayal Landy
Gold Coast Mechanical
2 Epiha St, Paraparaumu
Ph. 04 902 9244

Darren Pettengell
Mudmods
mudmods@yahoo.com
58 -62 Main St, Upper Hut
Ph 022 508 1975

NB: Please remember to call and make an appointment before turning up for an inspection!



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams
Leith Bean
Stuart Brown
Andi Cockroft
Mike Gall
John Hughes
Heather Jeffery
Steve Lacey
Colin Landy
Phil Lewton
Bruce Mulhare
Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne
Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie
Neil Blackie
Ralph Dobson
Alan Donaldson
Ian Hutchings
Barry Insull
John Parfit
John Vruink
Mark Wolstenholme

ROLL OF HONOR

The Roll of honour celebrates life members of the club who have passed away.

Bob Jeffery
George Bean
Peter Boniface
Ron Oliver
Vern Lill
Steve O'Callaghan
Ron Wadham
Owen Farqhar
Ron Johnson
Graham Barr
Tony Street

CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ralph Dobson
Vice President	John Parfitt
Treasurer	Nic Stark
Club Captain	Neil Blackie
Secretary	Shaun Ross

GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Phil Green
Entertainment Officer	John Vruink
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	John Parfitt
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner
Committee	Megan Koornneef
	David Sole
	Frank Allen
	Dave DeMartin
	Dudley Harris

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

The club members only Facebook page is active! We had 50 members sign up in the first 24 hours. Some members have found the link broken. This will be because the email the CCVC has for you is different from your Facebook email. If you want to join then just send your Facebook email to:

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

Club members are using it as a way to share photos of trips—I know not everyone uses Facebook but if you do and haven't managed to sign up it's a good way to see what other members are up to.

CLUB ASSETS

The Club has purchased various assets over the years, mainly for use on Club events or to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. At the discretion of the Committee these assets may be borrowed by Club members for non-club purposes. An approach for use should be made to the Clubs Asset Manager, Duncan Grocott, <mailto:assets@ccvc.org.nz>

The main assets are:

Marquee
Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)
Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)
Portable gas BBQ

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new/returning members:

Morgan Yates
Kris Kincade
Gareth Weeds
Rex Aubrey
Tony Field
Ryan Day

Please make them all feel welcome

We are well on the way to reaching our 50 new members in our 50th year. Due to the recent Covid lockdown we haven't quite made our 50 yet, we are not far off. As the 50th person can't win dinner at the awards night we have still got a goodie bag and a book for them. Hopefully it will be before the end of this year.



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!!

We need any articles, trip reports, photos, puzzles, technical items, "How-to's", etc. these are to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each

calendar month.

Please email to

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

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CCVC CLUB MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at club night, in the club magazine and on our Facebook page

Here are some simple guidelines to make it easy for everyone:

- Pick your best 6 to 10 photos
- Save the images as a jpg
- Please resized to 1920 x 1080 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)
- Please don't put the photos on a website in an email or in a pdf file as it makes it hard to extract the images.

We are always looking for 4WD related video clips, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube listings, etc. that can be shown on club night – we have the technology!

CLUB NIGHT CONTENT:

Brendan needs all material by 7.00pm on the Friday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or PowerPoint presentation, these could be given to Brendan on the night, but please contact Brendon prior to arrange. If you have any questions please contact Brendon.

Please Email them to photos@ccvc.org.nz – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like files.fm or put them on USB key

Contact details: Brendon Millard
(027 2235705)

MAGAZINE & SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT:

Penne needs trip reports, photos and any other content by the 1st of each month to allow sufficient time to put them into the magazine. Thanks to those who contributed content to this months magazine.

Please email missmuddypenne@gmail.com.

50 Anniversary:

If you have any questions about the anniversary events please email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

The Club uses a series of radio call signs in the Kxxx series to meet our licence requirements. Once you get on a trip you soon know what call sign is tail end charlie etc for the day. But basically if you don't yet have a Call Sign you are not authorised to use the Club radio licence.

Call signs are available to financial members on request to database@ccvc.org.nz

So if you have purchased a suitable radio for CCVC use, make sure you get a call sign allocated

