



## VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

### *Cross Country Chronicle*

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# Merry Christmas



THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

With a change in circumstances in the Dobson household we have decided to take an extended break and head down South early this year so unfortunately I will miss the next club night so this is the Merry Christmas letter to you all.

Another great year under our belts, membership is strong with plenty of new members coming on board, welcome all. Our income has dropped this year mainly due to a few less family trips with visitor fee's which we can blame Covid for. The committee is keeping a close eye on expenses, we are far from broke but never good to see the accounts slowly deplete.

With the next AGM coming up in May the committee is already working on a bit of a changing of the guard. If you have been thinking of getting more involved with the running of the club please let me or any of the committee know as it is fantastic to get new ideas from new faces on the last Wednesday of the month. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the committee for their outstanding work once again in running our very successful club.

A subcommittee met during November to review what we should be equipping our Trip Leaders with in case of an emergency. A wide ranging discussion worked through many options and landed on a number of recommendations which will be presented to the committee. The options included the subsidising of PLB's for active trip leaders, more useful First Aid Kits, GPS co-ordinance app's on phones and the options of hiring Sat phones for away trips. With Health and Safety a priority it was a very useful exercise.

We are getting some great feedback from the trapping operations the CCVC team are involved in with the first Kiwi's being released onto Terawhiti Station and more on the way, something I doubt many would have imagined in our life time and it's happening now.

I did get up to Manfield for the Classic Car meet in November, always a great day out and the muscle cars and Formula 5000's never fail to entertain.

So, Merry Christmas to all, if you are down around Nasby over the Christmas period please sing out. I'm planning on driving the Old Women Range, Obelisk, Mt Buster and likely the Nevis Valley to name but a few of the iconic tracks this area has to offer.

All the best,  
Ralph Dobson  
CCVC President



CLUB CLOTHING

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.

<b>Cap</b> Navy/White	\$18
<b>Beanie</b> Navy 3059	\$18
<b>Hoodie - Pullover</b> Navy - Unisex	\$67
<b>Hoodie - Zip Front</b> Navy - Unisex	\$76
<b>Soft Shell Jacket</b> Black Mens & Womens Sizes	\$110
<b>Dri Gear Polo Shirt</b> Navy/White Mens & Womens Sizes	\$55.50
<b>Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt</b> Navy - Mens & Womens sizes	\$20
<b>Oilskin Jacket</b> Mens Only Size	\$172.50
<b>Oilskin Vest</b> Mens Only Size	\$149.50
<b>Wool Jumper</b> Mens Only Size	\$124

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

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.



## COASTAL WATTLE WORKING BEE - 26 November 2022

We all know that 4wd clubs throughout the length and breadth of NZ do good work for their communities. Whether it's fund-raising for a worthy cause, planting, rubbish clearing, pest eradication, hosting people who can't get to less-accessible places, a great number of our members volunteer their time and effort, also cost of fuel and supplies.

This is where we are all putting something back into the communities where we are active, and it is seen by the wider community including local councils and DOC.

Some of these exercises are publicised, many are not. It would be great if clubs can contribute more articles about what they've done.

A recent example was the working bee on Saturday 26 November, where members of the Twin City 4wd Club in Hawkes Bay joined CCVC Wellington members at Foxton Beach to do a lot of hard work clearing Coastal Wattle, which is a pest that has been overtaking huge areas of dunes in the area, including blocking 4wd trails, and elsewhere around the country. More about Coastal Wattle in a later publication.

Horowhenua District Council were part of the effort, providing the BBQ and other welcome supplies. Three key conservation people from the local community joined in too, it was disappointing that more didn't turn up from the community.

The morning started with two of our vehicles, the mighty FJ40s, which were allowed to access the site. This had looked to be quite challenging. What was worse, it was right next to a residential street. A neighbour (who it turned out, used to be in motorsport) kindly allowed us to go across his lawn, which made for an easier starting point. Much to the amazement of all the neighbours watching, both trucks easily got to the site, ready for hours of winching out trees and scrub that we felled.

Following the safety briefing, the team picked up several bags-full of rubbish, then trudged up the hill and got into the job. It was hard work! We cleared a large part of the outbreak, while there is still lots more to be done at a later date.

Following the morning of hard yakka, then the BBQ, off we went for a trip on the McKenzie Trail. After all, it's only fair to provide reward for hard work!

However: The McKenzie Trail is still significantly flooded, so we were only able to access some parts of it. Even so, there was some great 4wd experience with the odd bit of challenge thrown in.

John Vruink, Grant Purdie





## ORONGORONGO TRIP - 20 November 2022

I was looking forward to this trip as I had not been round the coast in 2022. Like many people I had been too slow to book and kept missing out. But this time Shaun had a spot available for me and I was rapt. Each day the forecast was looking better for Sunday and finally the day arrived, warm but with threatening cloud.

We had a roughly 50:50 mix of members and visitors in everything from a sparkling white LWB Jeep Wrangler to a double-cab Crumpie-style Hilux with the usual helping of Toyota Landcruisers and more recent double-cab utes. Of course there was also a new Suzuki Jimny, there's always at least one now-a-days.

We headed off on the usual route - avoid the stoat-traps, round the pole and up the hill to the airstrip. The first climb after the airstrip was slippery and the culvert at the top was wider and muddier than I remember. I was running tail, so the soft bits were quite cut up after 20-odd trucks. The downhill bits had good traction and I was keen on a cuppa under what was now a very grey sky. Shaun announced he'd arrived at the morning tea stop down on the riverbank.

Unfortunately half-way round the very last tight downhill left-hander my truck made a very strange noise from the front right wheel and shuddered to a stop. I hopped out for a look and noticed the tyre was jammed up under the wheel arch and pointing straight ahead. That's funny I thought, as I'd been on hard left lock. Lots of things raced through my mind - maybe the steering's broken, maybe the spring's collapsed, how will I get it out of here. I noticed the left front wheel was also pointing straight ahead so mentally ruled out steering failure. I had another look underneath and couldn't see anything out of place. I called up Shaun to get his expert opinion rather than trust my own limited knowledge. Soon enough the 80 appeared with the cavalry. After taking the obligatory photos Shaun agreed nothing obvious was wrong and we decided it was just a matter of exceeding the flex limit on the old girl. The simple remedy was reversing out. Thankfully this did the trick and I continued on. I later found the offending right front wheel had made contact with a corner of my non-standard battery box that was required by my wider Commodore radiator.

Down on the riverbed we snaked our way across the smaller trickles to the main flow hard against the eastern bank. Up close it looked deeper, faster and murkier than we had hoped. Our concern was that the only crossing point could have a deep spot in it, and would be a daunting challenge for visitors/newbies. For this reason Shaun thought a better idea was to return back over the hill, and we all agreed. This would be my first time in reverse, so quite exciting.

The return trip was largely uneventful with good grip, only the final downhill onto the airstrip being mud-died and slippery.

Between my problem and having to backtrack it was now after midday so we cruised around to the play area for lunch. The rain that had been threatening when we were on the riverbed had gone away and it was now quite warm. The two loose gravel climbs proved they still had what it took to test out vehicles. Some made it look easy (those with lockers/traction control), some made it with a bit of drama and noise (Chris) and some had a couple of goes without success. All good fun.

We meandered our way back around the coastline to air up. One paddock from home our Hilux group spotted an old rutted piece of track full of water and the temptation was just too much. With muddy water above the axles and very little grip the boys needed a quick pull out, with Shaun sporting a very unimpressed look.

Back to the final paddock and aired up, I was chatting with Denise when a member of the public drove through the gate. Shaun stopped him, and explained this was a private area. The gentleman was keen to collect his nephews and they were along the beach. Shaun stood his ground but offered that one of us (me) would drive him down if he parked outside. That was acceptable, so I drove him to the end of the paddock and about 10 minutes later got his nephews rounded up and headed back. They were all very grateful and polite. Finally the end of a very interesting day. Nearly forgot to mention that the gentleman had a logo on his back similar to ours, just bigger. His said "Mongrel Mob Notorious Turangi".





## ORONGORONGOS - 11 December 2022

Today's trip report all be it brief. My first and last trip for the year started as a Fine sunny day with awesome company a Suzuki bellied out then I did my usual resulting in a 3 winch recovery 😊 I'm sure someone will post photos anyway 😊 thanks to all that came and especially those that rescued me again from the same spot as a year ago.

Also if anyone wants to buy a Nissan Patrol mine is now up for sale ( 1 careful owner never been off road 😂😂😂😂 )



**DON'T FORGET**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**BEFORE CLUB NIGHT**



### Menu

#### Salads

*Tossed, coleslaw  
and beetroot*

#### Mains

*Hot or Cold Ham off the  
bone  
Roast Beef with Yorkshire  
Pudding  
Roast Pork with Apple  
Sauce  
New Roasted Potatoes  
Seasonal Vegetables*

#### Desserts

*Meringues with fresh  
cream  
Fresh Fruit Platter  
Cream Puffs*

**\$35 per person**



## PLEASE BE CAREFUL OVER THE PARTY & HOLIDAY SEASON

**Have a great time but Please read the following as a sobering tale!**

**(Warning: content can be confronting)**

*These words were written by a Telecinco Informative journalist who witnessed a traffic accident in 1997. The young woman, while she was dying, was saying these words to those there.*

I went out partying mom. I went to a party and I remembered what you told me. You asked me not to drink alcohol, mom. That's why I drank a Sprite. I felt proud of myself. I made a healthy choice and your advice was right.

And when the party was finally over, people started driving with no condition. I went to my car with the certainty that I would go home in peace.

I could never imagine what I expected, Mom... something I couldn't expect.

Now I'm lying on the road and I hear a cop say, "The guy who caused this accident was drunk."

Mom, your voice seems so far away... My blood is spilled everywhere and I'm trying my best not to cry. I can hear the doctors saying, "This girl is going to die."

He, like me, had gone out to party, but he decided to drink and drive and now I have to die.

Why do people do this, mom, knowing it's going to ruin lives?.

Pain is cutting me like a hundred sharp knives. Tell my sister don't be scared mama. Tell daddy to be strong. I love you so much I wish you would give me one last kiss. Someone should have told that kid that it's wrong to drink and drive..

Maybe if his parents had told him I would be alive by now.. My breathing is getting weak, mom, and I'm so scared... These are my last moments and I feel so desperate... I wish you could hug me mom while I'm laying here dying.

I wish I could tell you I love you, mom.. I can't feel my body, I can't anymore, mama I love you.. Good bye... "".



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## DECEMBER 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

### **Wednesday 14th PRE CLUB NIGHT CHRISTMAS BUFFET DINNER**

**Wednesday 14th CCVC CLUB NIGHT** NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ralph Dobson

### **Saturday 17th SHINY / CLUB**

TAUNUI STREAM WORKING BEE

### **Saturday 17th SHINY 4x4**

COLIN JAMES PROPERTY

### **Sunday 18th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS  
Christmas Holiday Season /Picnic

For more events refer to our  
Website [www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz) or our

Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/)

## **JANUARY 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 7th SHINY**

AKATAWARA  
Working Bee

### **Saturday 14th FAMILY SHINY**

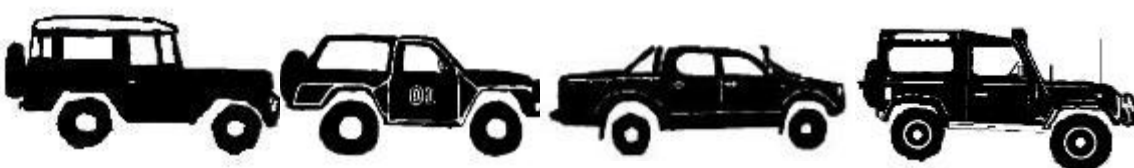
AKATAWARA  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

### **Saturday 28th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOs  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

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

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).

## UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

### Sat 25th February 2023

CENTRAL HAWKES BAY 4x4 TREK hosted by the Waipukurau Rotary Club. This will be a one day coastal hill country trek from Omakere to Porangahau Beach. Website and Facebook page to be set up for registration.

For inquires contact Dan von Dadel-szen Co ordinator Phone 027 891 7659 or email [carovond1950@gmail.com](mailto:carovond1950@gmail.com)

### Fri 3rd March 2023 - Sun 5th 2023

HEREWORTH 4WD TUTIRA TREK 2023

This biennial fundraiser is now gearing up for the 8<sup>th</sup> running in 2022 and will be based around Tutira, Northern Hawkes Bay. Previously cancelled last year due to pandemic.

Bookings open later in year :

Contact: [hereworth4wd@gmail.com](mailto:hereworth4wd@gmail.com)





## 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

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***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 Parfitt  
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	Duncan Grocott
Secretary	Shaun Ross

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Shaun Ross
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	Penne Durdle
Committee	Megan Koornneef
	David Sole
	Frank Allen
	Dave DeMartin
	Dudley Harris
	Luke Crossley

## CLUB NOTICES

### CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

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.

We are also planning on using this page to live stream club nights.

### 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:

Denise Ross  
Peter Cameron  
Stuart Ingham  
Rhys Roygard

Please make them all feel welcome





## 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](mailto:missmuddypenne@gmail.com)

**DISCLAIMER:** The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, it's executive or committee members. Publication of maintenance techniques or mechanical modifications should be weighed against generally accepted procedures and the Club should not be considered an authority in this area.

The mention of products, service procedures or service organisations herein

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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 any questions please contact Brendon.

Please Email them to [photos@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:photos@ccvc.org.nz) – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like [files.fm](http://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. The best format is as a word document in Arial Narrow 10

Please email [missmuddypenne@gmail.com](mailto:missmuddypenne@gmail.com).

### 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](mailto:database@ccvc.org.nz)

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

