



## VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

### *Cross Country Chronicle*

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## THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

First magazine of the year and welcome to 2023. The club has had an exciting start with the call out for the Ferry mayday call off Red Rocks. We have been thanked for our efforts by the police with the idea of cementing a closer relationship. A huge thanks to all the volunteers, both out in the field and behind the scenes.

Another positive piece of news was the first kiwi egg on Terawhiti station, it won't be long until kiwi are released in the area the club have been trapping hard.

We are also aware of some club members battling ill health, our thoughts are with you all and please reach out if any assistance is required.

As for the Dobson's, I lost my job late last year and immediately purchased a big caravan and headed South. We covered plenty of 4x4 kms in central Otago, an area I love. Back home for now with plans to carry on although a job may get in the way.

See you club night,

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.cvc.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.





## CAMPING & 4X4 EXPO

We are having a stand at the show. Come along and meet some of our committee members / trip leaders and have a look at their trucks. If you are a newer member and haven't got a copy of the 50th Anniversary book - we will be giving some away along with other CCVC memorabilia and seats on trips with some of our most experienced drivers.



2023 FEBRUARY 19TH

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# CAMPING & 4X4 Expo



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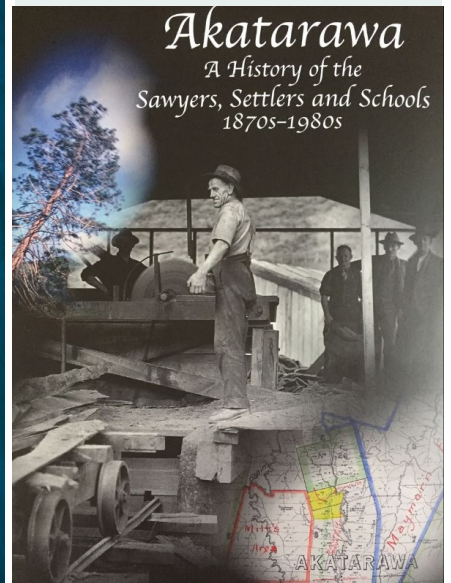
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## FEBRUARY CLUB NIGHT GUEST SPEAKER

Peter O'Flaherty will be coming along. He is one of the founding members of the club and was involved in the original Deadwood Safaris. He has recently published a book about the Akatarawas.



Peters Book Akatarawa: A History of the Sawyers, Settlers and Schools 1870s-1980s will be for sale at club night for \$80.00 (cash sale)

For more information go to : [Akatarawa](#) | [Staglands Wildlife Reserve](#)



# SEEING IN THE NEW YEAR - 28 December 2022 - 5 January 2023

Story by Shaun Ross  
Photos by Denise Ross

We packed the Conqueror and Cruiser and headed north on the morning of 28 December 2022 making our way towards Wanganui where we were going to meet Ants and Jacqui Hargreaves. We were all looking forward to the next 10 days of travelling around the central North Island seeing some wonderful sights, exploring the back country and chilling out in good company.

Our original plan to spend a night alongside the Wanganui river at Ratana didn't happen as the campground had closed. After checking out a few options we elected to extend our stay at Taumaranui for another night by arriving a day earlier than originally planned.

## **Taumaranui (28 – 30 Dec)**

Our bonus day in Taumaranui gave us a great opportunity to check out the 42 Traverse. DOC had published a notice that a large slip had occurred close to the midpoint. The track was only accessible from each end as an out and back route. Conditions on the track were very good. We were able to drive right up to the slip. About 150m of the track has been completely buried and will take a lot of work to repair. DOC has not published plans to date.

Friday morning was an early start. We had signed up for a rail cart excursion with [Forgotten World Adventures](#). This entailed travelling in modified golf carts on the old Taumaranui – Stratford rail line through 10 rail tunnels. Our guides provided a lot of great commentary about the history of the route and the area along with a tasty morning tea and lunch. Our return journey was by jet boat on the Wanganui River. We can highly recommend doing one of these trips when you have a day to spare in the area. It is well worth the expense.

## **Tangarakau (31 Dec – 2 Jan)**

On the morning of New Year's Eve, we packed up camp before heading to Raurimu for a quick look at the [railway spiral](#). This is an engineering heritage site well worth a visit. The tunnels are accessible via a maintained gravel road.

We popped in at camp, hitched up the trailers, topped off our water tanks, emptied our waste tanks and made our way towards the Forgotten World stopping at a few sights along the way. The middle section of SH43 is currently being tarred, so will be a less adventurous route in the very near future. However, there are a lot of gravel roads in the area well worth exploring if you have the time.

We arrived at Bushlands Campground in the Tangarakau valley and set up camp. This was the site of the railway construction camp at the end of the nineteenth century. You can read about it [here](#). Luke and Emma Crossley arrived a little later, bringing the tally of the core group to 3 vehicles. We would be touring together for the rest of the week.

New Year's Eve was spent enjoying the quirky celebrations (bonfire, live music, fireworks) that Bushlands is renowned for. We started 2023 off with a yummy shared cooked breakfast followed by a walk along the river track to the Tangarakau Gorge. Taking time to get close to nature was really refreshing.

The afternoon was spent exploring Whangamomona and enjoying afternoon tea at the hotel. We chatted to some people that had just returned from attempting the Old Whangamomona Road. They had reports of vehicles stuck in muddy ruts on the other side of the tunnels. Something for us to bear in mind for the next day.

Some club members who had signed up for the [Shiny 4x4 Old Whangamomona Road](#) trip started arriving at Bushlands on our return to camp. We spent the evening catching up and reminiscing about previous trips.





## SEEING THE NEW YEAR - continued

### Whangamomona Road 4WD Trip (2 Jan)

The morning started with a hive of activity getting the last few things sorted for the trip: topping off our tanks with fuel that we had brought along just for this occasion, packing lunch, tidying our campsite.

With breakfast done, we left camp and made our way back to the Whangamomona Hotel for the start of the trip. A total of 8 well prepared trucks were gathered. With the Drivers' Briefing complete, tyre pressures dropped and convoy order set due to two trucks not having winches, Denise led the way with Luke and Emma bringing up the rear. I was on gate and radio duty.

The Old Whangamomona Road was the original main road prior to SH43 being built. It is currently an un-maintained public road that follows the true right of the Whangamomona River. The route includes a number of bridges crossing feeder streams and passes through two hand-dug tunnels.

The trip was quiet uneventful until after our stop for morning tea. We came across the deep rutted section where trucks had been stuck the previous afternoon. Denise wasn't able to get the Land Cruiser through on the first go and had to be pulled back. We managed to get all of the trucks through this obstacle after some digging, laying of Maxtrax and a lot of good team work. The Hilux required some help along the way too due to its length. A few more deep ruts and washed out culverts provided some more challenges to the team. Nothing that couldn't be overcome with a helpful spotter, judicious placement of some Maxtrax or the use of a snatch strap. We eventually made it to the abandoned well site for lunch. Everyone had a great sense of accomplishment at this point.

The afternoon delivered a nice surprise to participants as I had been given permission from the station owner to take the group through Aotuhia Station on our way back to Whangamomona. This is a relatively easy route as long as conditions are dry and entails crossing two passes and a bridge without side railings.

We then stopped at the hotel to enjoy a hearty dinner while we recounted the day's adventure before returning to camp for the night.

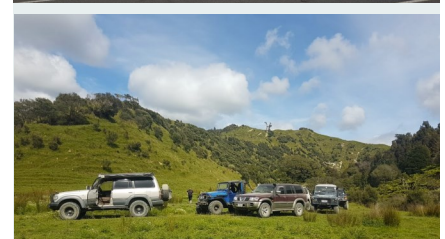
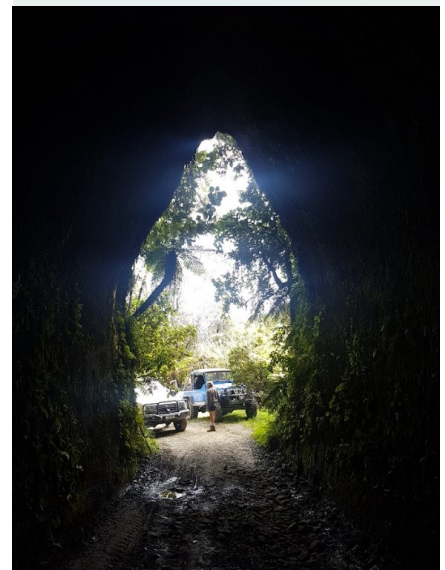
### Pureora (3 – 5 Jan)

After breakfast and packing up camp, it was time to return some of the mud back to nature (i.e. washing the Maxtrax in the river near camp). We left camp and made our way to Taumararui where we filled up our tanks, dumped our waste, restocked and enjoyed a picnic lunch under the trees near the camp ground.

We then headed out on SH4 turning onto SH32 a short while later, eventually arriving at the Kakaho campsite in Pureora Forest park. We managed to find a great site that could accommodate our touring group that had grown to 4 vehicles. Chops and steaks were cooked over coals followed by roasting of jumbo marshmallows for desert.

Wednesday 4 January was spent doing some of the walks in the Pureora Forest before heading out to the Ngaroma Block to check out the King Country 4WD Clubhouse. We enjoyed lunch sheltered from the rain at the clubhouse. The area around the clubhouse is very different now compared to when we last visited as the area has been logged. Most of the tracks are very rutted from large tyred logging equipment. Definitely not somewhere to venture without extensive local knowledge and a tough truck.

We made our way back to camp to enjoy a quiet evening around a campfire toasting more marshmallows. Everyone agreed to cut our trip short and return home on Thursday as a heavy rain was predicted to hit the area and persist throughout the weekend. In summary, this had been a great way to start the year and we can't wait for the next trip.





## ANATOMY OF A RECOVERY

As a newer member of the club, I was lucky enough to witness an expert recovery first-hand, performed by some of the club's experienced trip leaders. The recovery happened on a family shiny trip around Orongorongo station and up the coastline in early December. I'll use only vehicle names to protect the innocent in this report.

**First, someone has to get stuck.** In this case it was a Nissan Patrol with a reputation for getting stuck in soft sand. The driver assured me it was a perfectly capable truck in all other situations, but soft sand is its nemesis. I was right behind the Patrol, driving up a soft sand incline just north of the Mokumoku stream, when I noticed the Patrol was losing traction, sliding sideways and then suddenly it was on a precarious angle off the track, tyres half-buried, spinning and going nowhere. I radioed to the trip leader that it looked the Patrol was in trouble and in need of assistance. Trip leader Phil immediately turned around and came back.

**Second, one person takes charge.** Phil immediately took control and assessed the situation, taking advice from his tail-end-charlie Frank. Phil started by positioning his trusty Hilux slightly in front of the Patrol to secure a winch line to the front to stabilise the stranded Patrol. Then the discussion started about options: could the Patrol just drive out backwards (not safely); could we winch back up on to the track (maybe, but it's very soft sand); could we pull both ends while the Patrol slides (drives itself back on the track (not likely); could we let gravity help by swinging the tail downhill (most likely).

**Third the physics calculations started.** Phil positioned the front of the Hilux at an acute angle from the front and Frank attached a winch line on the front of the Patrol. Two other vehicles (experienced club members) were directed to high ground above the Patrol to get a better angle. Then a third winch-equipped vehicle was positioned well below on the beach and to the north of the Patrol.

**Fourth, apply physics.** Two vehicles are placed in line behind the Patrol, one is Mike's Prado running a winch line to be attached to the rear of the Patrol, with Frank's Jeep attached to the Prado as an anchor. Another vehicle was placed behind Phil's to anchor his. The third vehicle down below on the beach ran a winch line to the rear of the Patrol. People are then assigned to the winch vehicles to sit and stomp on the brake of each vehicle. I was one of those, pleased to be given a simple job in this complex orchestration of vehicles.

So now we have three winch lines at almost equal angles attached to the Patrol. Phil starts directing winch lines like a conductor of the orchestra, with the aim of dragging the tail of the Patrol to face downhill, all while pulling the nose higher up the slope, AND securing the high side of the Patrol so it doesn't roll down to the beach and ruin everyone's day (I mean, the paperwork for that would be a nightmare, right?). Simultaneously pulling in and letting out of winch lines sees the Patrol almost winched up onto Phil's bonnet (at least it looked that way from inside) while the tail slides to face downhill.

Soon the Patrol is facing backwards downhill perpendicular to the slope, the rear winch lines are slacked, and the front one slowly released as it drifts backwards onto the flat beach with the firmer footing.

No-one is keen to repeat the recovery, so the remaining vehicles are all directed to take the low road on the firmer sand. This was a great relief to me because I was next in line to tackle the soft sand rise and I didn't fancy my chances of not becoming the next recovery!

Thanks to Phil and Frank for providing such a masterclass in vehicle recovery and keeping everyone safe.



Close



Closer



yikes





## CCVC HELPS OUT - 28 January 2023

On a wet evening the call went out to CCVC members to assist the police with an incident. Many of our members jumped in their trucks and made their way to the meeting point.

Thanks to all the club members who attended, and all of those that were waiting if extra vehicles were needed. Here are just a few of the communications we have received.

*Kia ora Alan, Peter and Ralph.*

*As you will all be well aware, this maritime incident on Saturday evening, certainly had the potential to be a major search and rescue exercise, so the attendance of yourselves and your colleagues to assist us at this event is very much appreciated.*

*Alan/Peter. I am aware that LandSAR Wellington rapidly deployed 20 volunteers to the South coast to work alongside Police, in the event that the MV Kaitaki was to run aground.*

*Ralph. I am aware that the Wellington Cross Country Club turned up with 20 off-road vehicles. They staged on the south coast, ready to transport our emergency first responders and LandSAR Wellington members into the potential search area and to take any take potential victims out.*

*The visible presence of all resources at Red Rocks gave me real confidence, that had the worst happened, we were well prepared to react.*

*Could you please pass this appreciation on to your relevant team members, who gave up their valuable time on Saturday evening to assist Police at this event.*

*Ngā mihi maioha.*

**James McKay**  
**Inspector JMG422**  
Wellington District Operations Group

*Hi John,*

*I received your first message at 5:53pm yesterday and am bound to comment that I also was amazed at just how quickly CCVC members sprang into action.*

*Your members responses absolutely give cause for being proud of your folk in and around Wellington; my one regret is that I live in Tauranga!!*

*Nonetheless it is a real pleasure, and honour, for me to be an Associate Member of CCVC.*

*Best wishes*

Neville Dunton  
President, NZFWDA Inc





## CHRISTMAS / HOLIDAY SEASON PICNIC - 18 December 2022

The day started off quite overcast with 14 of us meeting at Haywards/Moonshine Rd Corner to be led by Frank & the other 3 coming in from Mangatoks being led by Max to meet us at the picnic area. Being a Family Shiny the trip was pretty straightforward with no complications. We all congregated at the picnic area. I had taken my wheelchair this time so was able to eat with everyone. A big thanks to Max for holding me up while I squeezed through the fence.

The picnic area was set up & everyone got out their camping chairs (I had my own hehe). Snacks & treats were laid out for all to share. The kids all congregated in the river building a dam while the grown ups watched on & socialized. Once everyone had pigged out (or maybe it was just me) Shaun pulled out the Iceblocks which were enjoyed by all (young and old) then on to the prize giving. Best dressed male went to Kevin Eastwood, best dressed female Gina Oliver & best dressed vehicle to our new member Sara Foote in her Jimny.

Now all full and ready for our afternoon siesta we headed out. Amazingly the post came out of the ground so I could get through the fence easier this time (don't worry, it was put back). We made a quick stop at the Orange Hut for use of the facilities. We then went for a bit of a tikitour before splitting into our two groups again with one group heading out Mangatoks, the other out Totara Park.

Overall, it ended up being a great day with only a few raindrops which wasn't putting anyone off.

Thanks to Shaun & Denise Ross for organizing this.





## I GOT STUCK TWICE - 28 January 2023

Max ran a trip into the Akatarawa's on 28-1 which was a members' only trip, on some of the tracks that we don't normally do.

There was rain the day before which kept the dust down, but that did stop the 7 trucks from taking part. We started at Totara Park.

From there it is up a side track just after the end of the paved area, this was a nice drive though the trees with a few low hanging trees.

From there it was up Three Skulls Road to the top then down into Clark's Creek. Clark's Creek is very overgrown now, so not a track that we can take public trip on unless they want lots of scratches.

Coming out of Clark's Creek is the first place I got stuck. I was bottomed out; I could go backwards (Gravity had a lot to do with that) but not forward.

Max came back to try and pull but was unable to as he was just slipping. I tried to use my winch, but it did not want to go out. So, after connecting another vehicle to Max and some MAXTRAX and a lot of rubber burning, they were about to get me up about the 5 meters.

From there track was just mud, with no ruts I tried under my own power but was still not able to get going (my tyres were just full of mud) so they joined 2 strops (well winch extraction straps so there was no spring in them). One truck, as it was around corner, was able to pull me out.

At the top of Clark's Creek we stopped for morning tea. I have a quick look at my winch but was not able to see what is wrong (guess it is time to find someone to look at it)

From there it was down to McGees bridge through the logging area and then up the Pram track. Where we got to the ruts area, I had to take about 4 tries at it, but got there – my glove box opened on the way up.

From there it was down the track to the long crossing then up Rimu Road, then down Hydro Road. We stopped at the Orange Hut for a quick lunch (which was great once everyone was done eating it was back to driving).

Went into the Causeway track then down to the area that has just been logged.

We came to the ruts at the bottom with 2 paths – Max tried the rut to the left and with 35" tires he was able to get thought (just – it was very slow). Everyone else came down around the tree stump took the right rut.

This was the second time I got stuck. Max tried to push me (by hand) and got covered in mud. They had to strop me out of the ruts. Everyone else was able to drive though the ruts with no problems.

From there it was up the fence line (which is not a problem going up the hill)

Once there it was down Perhams and out at the Maungakotukutuku gates. We where out of the forest by 2pm.

I got to drive back over Transmission Gully – which I had never done before

Now to clean the car (both inside and out and the roof)

Thanks Max for running the trip - Brendon Millard



[gguymotors.co.nz](http://gguymotors.co.nz)



[4x4 – Hobbygear.co.nz](http://4x4-Hobbygear.co.nz)



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# CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE - 30 October 2022

## Round 1 Taihape

It was a great start to the Club Truck Challenge for summer 2023 with the first round held at Hintz's farm near Taihape over Halloween weekend this year, thanks to Dave Hintz, Brendan and Raewyn Watchorn for their work to put on this event.

In the Club Truck Challenge, the main difference to National Trials competition is that the vehicles must be registered and warranted to keep costs down. The drivers range from novices right through to experienced trials competitors and long-time club drivers, the only requirement is that the driver is a member of the NZFWDA.

Soft conditions marked this day at Taihape but there were ten good hazards and one speed section to finish the day. Grace's "Bog of Shame" was a long tough drag with a tricky exit to stop people who made it that far. Hayley's "Highway to Heck" was tough too, needing good speed to keep moving and then had a clay off chamber to exit, Bruce Tustin teetered on two wheels for a while, but he kept the rubber side down. Mikey Ward lost his membership to the Greta Thunberg Fan club as he struggled with overfueling in the Nissan V8 all day, but he will have his day next time out.

The day finished with a speed section and an embarrassing comparison of engine size and best time, Chris Mason was fastest at 45.25 seconds driving a 1300cc Suzuki Jimny 1300cc, seeing off the 400 cc Jeeps and 5000cc Nissans.

### Results

- Class 1 Chris Mason Suzuki Jimny
- Class 2 Brendan Watchorn Mitsubishi Pajero
- Class 3 Dave McGinnity Jeep Wrangler
- Class 4 Brent Ward Nissan Patrol

The next round will be held in the Wairarapa on 29 January 2023, rules can be found online at [www.sporty.co.nz/czctc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/czctc)





# CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE - 10 December 2022

## Round 2 National Trials competition - Pirinoa

### Top 10

Sam Thomsen & Mitchell Cadlow, D class

Reuben Mason & Shane Mason, D class

Nathan Fogden & Mike Gibbons, C class

Neville Mather & Richard Verner, D class

Neal Turner & Wade Alexander, D class

Aaron Guest & Garry Preston, D class

Shayne Towers & Paul Chapman, C class

Ryan Bold & Shaun Nicholson, D class

Dan Cowper & Luke Donald, D class

Andrew Canning & John Boylett, D class



Brent & Mikey Ward ran their new D class truck hard and fast all day.



Chris Tomalin & Fleche Crawford on full opposite lock in the morning speed section



Graeme Kingstone & Mike Boston run this Landcruiser in the popular K class this year.



Reuban Mason & Shane Mason drove well coming away with second overall for the day.



Ryan Bold & Shaun Nicholson took a fine sixth in D class in a truck that Ryan built himself with independent suspension and four wheel steering.



CCVC life member Steve Lacey and his son Andrew are long time competitors in their Howat buggy.



Willow Eays is one of many female competitors in the sport, this year she is driving in K class in a V12 powered Howat buggy.



Sam Thomsen & Mitchell Cadlow won the day to carry on from their championship win from last season.



## FEBRUARY 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

### **Wednesday 8th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER**

**Wednesday 8th CCVC CLUB NIGHT** NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ralph Dobson

### **Saturday 11th SHINY 4x4 seats required**

CCVC HOSTING THE WELLINGTON CLUB CAR ENTHUSIASTS AT ORONGORONGO.

### **Saturday 11th FAMILY SHINY - members only**

AKATAWARA  
All welcome

### **Sunday 12th SHINY"ish"**

AKATAWARAS

### **Saturday 18th SHINY 4x4**

WAIOHINE GORGE

### **Sunday 19th EVENT**

CAMPING & 4x4 EXPO  
Brewtown—Upper Hutt

### **Saturday 25th CLUB 4x4**

CHALLENGE - WHITEMANS VALLEY

### **Sunday 26th FAMILY SNINY**

ORONGORONGO  
Monthly Trip - All Welcome

## **MARCH 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 4th TRAINING DAY**

ORONGORONGOS

### **Sunday 5th BEACH CLEAN UP**

TERAWHITI STATION

### **Wednesday 8th Club Night**

All Welcome

### **Saturday 11th CLUB 4x4**

CHALLENGE - WHITEMANS VALLEY

### **Sunday 12th HARD YAKKA**

FIREWOOD LOOP - AKAs

### **Sunday 12th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATARAWAs  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

### **Saturday 25th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOs  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

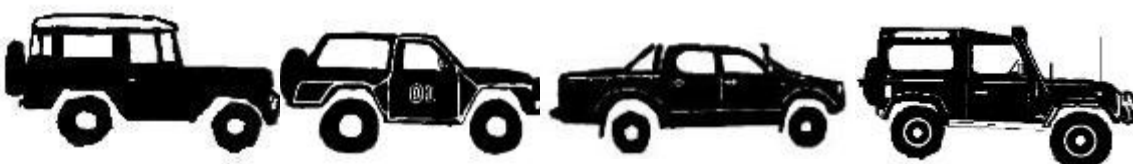
### **Friday 7th - 10th April SHINY 4x4**

OTAPAWA - Away Trip

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,

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





## 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 prerequisites 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 19th February 2023**

#### **LIONS 4 WHEEL DRIVE TOUR OF GLENHOPE STATION**

Hosted by Amuri Lions Club - North Canterbury in the region of the Lewis Pass.

Bring your own lunch to enjoy at the back of the Station.

High clearance vehicles, low gears and suitable tyres required.

[raceroster.com/events/2023/70166/lions-glenhope-4wd-2023](https://raceroster.com/events/2023/70166/lions-glenhope-4wd-2023)

### **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)

### **Sat 25th - 26th February 2023**

#### **KAURI COAST 4WD CLUB - KAURI COAST SAFARI**

Raising funds for the Northland Rescue Helicopter.

Two full days of driving, covering the beautiful beaches and sand dunes of the Kauri coastline and Farm trails. Camping will be in the same location all weekend, so suitable for caravans etc with a limited number of cabins available. More details to come. To register interest please email [kauricoast4wdclub@outlook.com](mailto:kauricoast4wdclub@outlook.com)

Also look at:

[West Coast YF 4WD Weekend Fund-raiser Tickets, Sat 04/03/2023 at 10:00 am | Eventbrite](#)



## 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  
Bary 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	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

### WANT TO PLAY A BIGGER PART IN THE CLUB?

Think of joining the committee or training to become a trip leader. The AGM is coming up. If you think you would like to have a role in the committee or know someone perfect for the job fill in a nomination form (link below) and send it through to [secretary@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:secretary@ccvc.org.nz)

[Copy of CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM - Landscape 2 \(wildapricot.org\)](#)



## 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.

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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

