



# VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

## Cross Country Chronicle

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## THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

5 Years ago Neil Blackie, the then president of the club, approached me on the train during my daily commute to work. He wanted to know if I would be interested in taking over the role of editor for the club Magazine. I agreed. At my first committee meeting Neil joked that I might one day become the first female president. At the time I thought NO WAY! Over the years I was asked to do the role, but for me, the timing wasn't right. But here I am 5 years later. Neil was right!

So how did I get into 4wding? I have always been a bit of a tom boy. As a kid my weekends were spent building huts and riding my 10 speed bike round the tracks of the local parks. If it involved dirt and mud I was in. My parents were also big trampers and we spent many family holidays exploring New Zealand. I enjoyed spending time in nature and spectacular views but not always the 5 hour long tramp to get there.

Fast forward a few decades and in 2008 I moved to Brisbane with my partner at the time. We bought a Toyota Landcruiser, From memory it was referred to as "The Tank". We found a book called "Dirty Weekends in Queensland" and spent weekends exploring the offroad tracks found in the book. The most memorable of which was parking up in a sand dune at Rainbow beach and while the sun was setting watching Dolphins frolic in the waves. Another memorable trip was spending the night at a 4wd camp. It was November, in Queensland terms, it was cold as it was under 20 degrees. We had the camp to ourselves due to the "cold" weather. The camp had kayaks you could take out into the river for a paddle. A family of Rock Wallabies ate on the other side of the river and while paddling I noticed an eye looking up from the water. No not a Croc but the eye of a Platypus! I would never had those experiences if it hadn't been for 4wding. One day I would love to go back and explore Australia a bit more. The landscape is so diverse.

Back in New Zealand I joined the club in 2015 with my then partner. I got a short wheel based Pajero as my daily runabout. This one was known as Guppy (its number plate was GUP256). I love the away trips and managed to enjoy 2 of the Ice Buster weekends at Ruapehu before they stopped doing them. I also enjoy gaining access to so many places that are off the beaten track. New Zealand is such a beautiful place. Of course the people in the club are another bonus and DD is known to persuading me to tag along as a passenger on his trips. I show no fear!

Thanks to all those in the club who work so hard in the Club to make it what it is. Thanks to those new Committee members who have stepped up this year. Thanks to those such as Neil and John V who have stepped down from various roles after 20years. I look forward to seeing what this year brings. If you have any ideas for the club don't hesitate to let me know. For me the role of President is being someone who represents all members of the club.

Penne Durdle aka missmuddypenne  
CCVC President.



Somewhere in Queensland



Rainbow Beach - Queensland



Mt Petrie - Queensland



Waiouru Army Base



The Lake District UK



The Lake District UK



Guppy



# BOULDER BASH 2023

Words by Shaun Ross, Photos by Denise Ross

The NZFWDA 2023 AGM was scheduled to take place in Methven on 21 May 2023. The Mid Canterbury 4WD Club were hosting and had decided to put on a series of 4WD trips in the week leading up to the AGM. Over 50 trucks were signed up to attend, including 6 trucks from CCVC. We were joined by Ian Hutchings, Euan Howden, Darren Pettengell, David Sole and Howard Symes (2 Toyotas, 2 Nissans and 2 Land Rovers). We were divided into 2 groups, which tackled each route on alternate days. We left Methven at 8am each morning returning at sunset, having completed about 200km each day, with more than 35km off road. The trip leaders had set a hard turn-around time of 2pm irrespective of where we were. This would ensure that we still had plenty of daylight left to exit the river bed and make our way back to town in time for dinner. Several participants met at the nominated local restaurant for dinner each evening.

## **Havelock River – Mistake Flat Hut (38km)**

Group 1 did this trip on Monday and Group 2 on Tuesday

We head south-west on SH72 and across the Rangitata River, turning north on Rangitata Gorge Road travelling past the Peel Forest to Mesopotamia Station where we aired down before entering the river bed. Howard's Prado decided it didn't want to engage low range just before the first deep water crossing. The trip mechanic had a look at the vehicle and a decision was made to abandon the vehicle and sort it out on the way home. Howard and Joy were given seats in other vehicles and we continued picking our way through the rocks and multiple stream crossings, passing Black Mountain Hut and reaching Growler Hut for lunch. This hut sports a long-drop loo with a full length picture window giving users a great view of Two Thumb Range.

About half of the group attempted to reach Mistake Flat Hut after lunch. Two heavily modified tough trucks managed to achieve this while the rest of the group stopped to take in the views about halfway there before turning around.

We took a slightly different way back, crossing the Clyde River just upstream of the confluence with the Havelock River and exiting at Erewhon Station. This gave us a much shorter commute back to Methven.

## **Lawrence River – Hermitage Hut (36km)**

Group 2 did this trip on Monday and Group 1 on Tuesday

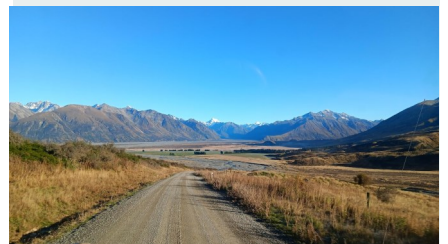
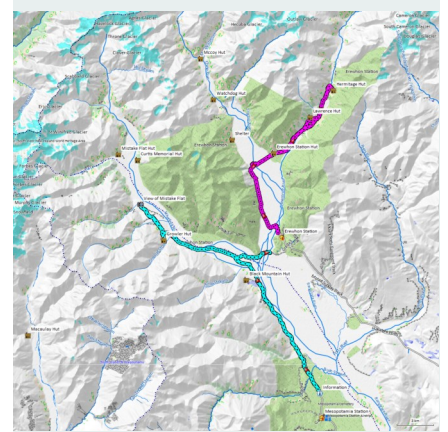
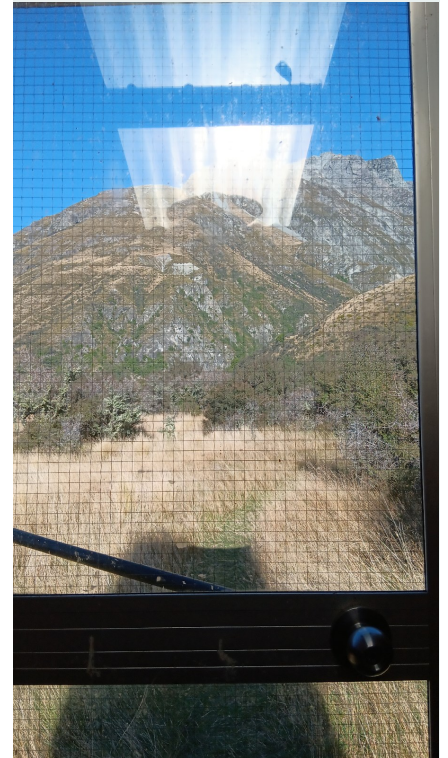
We woke to a cold and frosty morning. All of the vehicles were iced up overnight. After the morning drivers' briefing, we headed out and drove along the Hakatere Potts Road to Erewhon Station and made our way onto the Clyde River bed, where we aired down. We crossed the Clyde river and made our way upstream on the true right bank. When we stopped to regroup after the deep crossing, our trip leader tripped over a rock when opening the tailgate on his truck. He fell backwards cutting his head open on the fender of a Jeep. The 2IC trip leader took over while Denise and I tended to his wounds. The decision was made for the tough trucks to escort the injured party back to Erewhon station so that they could head back to town to seek medical attention.

Under the guidance of our new trip leader, we set off again. After crossing the Clyde River again we reached the Erewhon Station Hut for a welcome loo stop. The tough trucks had succeeded in their mission and had caught up with the group by taking the shortest route possible. We continued up the Lawrence River reaching the Hermitage Hut for lunch. Everyone was very impressed as Group 2 did not get this far on Monday.

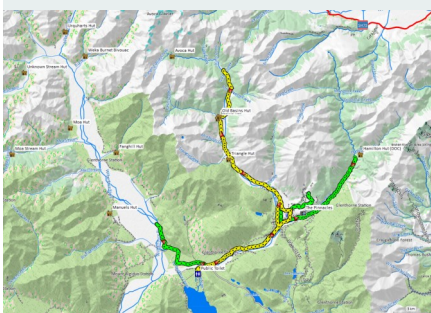
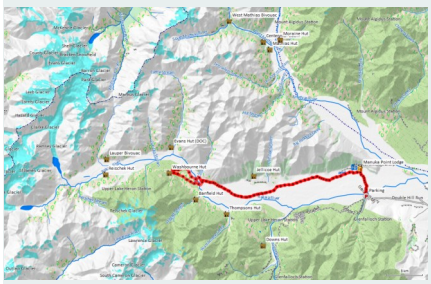
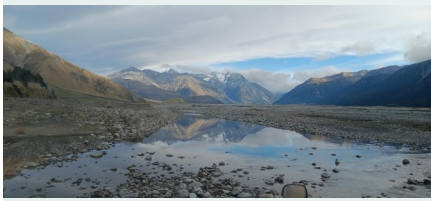
We stopped at Lawrence Hut on our way back, with some vehicles attempting the steep hill climb while others walked up to enjoy the spectacular views of the trucks below and the river valley beyond.

We reached Erewhon station where everyone aired up again while we watched Group 2 making their way across the Clyde river on their way back from Growler Hut.

Everyone returned back to Methven in a very loose convoy. We stopped along the way at Hakatere Historic Station to learn about some of the area's history.



## BOULDER BASH 2023 continued



### **Rakaia River – Reischek Hut (44km)**

Group 1 did this trip on Wednesday

This morning found us heading north out of town, turning onto Double Hill Run Road. We stopped at the car park at the end of the road on Glenfalloch Station. After airing down, we followed the power lines and well worn track across the Rakaia River to Manuka Point Lodge. We then turned west and made our way upstream along the true left river bank. The going got very rough as the formed track ran out and the boulders got bigger. We eventually reached Washbourne Hut for lunch after abandoning two vehicles in the riverbed due to damage. Ian's Land Rover had broken a rear shock while a Suzuki Vitara had taken a huge hit on the gearbox cross member and was struggling due to insufficient clearance.

The decision was made that we would turn around after lunch due to the rough conditions. We retraced our tracks, picked up the two limping vehicles and made our way back to Manuka Point. Crossing the Rakaia was a bit more challenging as the river had risen a little during the day due to rain in the area overnight and throughout the day. These were some of the deepest crossings we would face all week. Everyone made it back to town without any further drama.

### **Harper River – Hamilton Hut (63km)**

Group 2 did this trip on Wednesday and Group 1 on Thursday

Thursday morning found us heading north again, up Zigzag road and past Lake Coleridge. Zigzag Road has some of the worst corrugations in the area. We stopped at the Doc Campsite at Gienthorne Station to air down. We then headed out long the canal and into the Harper River valley. The gravel has been shaped in this area to slow the river during flood events and divert the water into Lake Coleridge.

We picked our way upstream, stopping at The Pinnacles for morning tea. This is a similar formation to Putangirua Pinnacles, just on a much smaller scale. We continued making our way upstream until we reached a clearing at the confluence between the Harper River and Hamilton Stream, where we stopped for lunch. Some of the group enjoyed a short hike up to the Hamilton Hut, from all accounts, a really flash hut used by hikers on the Te Araroa Trail.

We then made our way back downstream, taking a short detour up the Corner Creek track. This is a steep hill climb which proved quite challenging in the slippery conditions. Only 3 trucks made it to the top of the hill.

We then made our way back to the canals, checking out the intake on the Wilberforce River. The Harper river has been completely diverted away from the Wilberforce and some of the flow from the Wilberforce River has also been diverted into Lake Coleridge, which feeds a hydroelectric powerstation at the southern end of the lake. Everyone then headed back to Methven for the night.



## BOULDER BASH 2023 continued

### **Selwyn River – Mid Canterbury 4WD Park**

Group 2 did this trip on Thursday (Denise & I did not do this trip)

This park was established in conjunction with ECAN to provide a suitable area for 4WD owners to bring their vehicle and have fun, thereby keeping the vehicles out of the nesting areas in the riverbed.

### **Avoca River – Basins Hut (54km)**

Both groups did this trip together on Friday.

The start of the trip was a repeat of the start of the trip up the Harper River. It was just a little more challenging today as there were over 40 trucks in the convoy. We turned left when we reached the confluence with the Avoca River. We then crossed the Avoca River and continued up the true left bank until we passed Triangle Hut. At this point, we crossed the river to the true right bank and continued to Basins Hut, where we stopped for lunch. The awning on Max provided some much needed shelter from the rain. This gave a great opportunity to make new friends.

About half of the group decided to continue upstream after lunch while the rest headed back. We crossed Basins Creek, drove past the Old Basins Hut before crossing the Avoca River again. We weaved our way up the river bank crossing Ampitheatre Creek and Galilee Creek, at which point we turned around.

We made our way back downstream retracing our steps. Quite a few drivers elected not to air up at Glenthorne Station, but to air up after crossing Rakaia Bridge due to the severe corrugations on Zigzag road.

### **Conclusion**

This was a great week of trips hosted by Mid Canterbury 4WD Club. The scenery is just amazing providing spectacular views. We will definitely be back and plan on spending several nights camping in the beautiful scenic wilderness.



## GETTING UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH KIWI

Photos by Andrew Gee

CCVC has been trapping as part of the Capital Kiwi programme for several years at Te Kopahou.

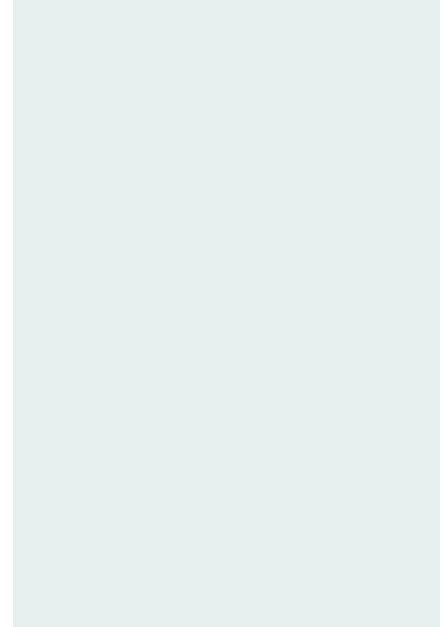
Because of the clubs involvement in the programme we were asked to join Capital Kiwi, and the other community groups that have been involved in trapping, as part of the celebrations around the release of the first Kiwi at Makara.

Barry, Andrew and I went along to the event at the Makara Hall and I got to meet the Capital Kiwi team as well as some of the Kiwi that were being released.

**FUN FACT:** Apparently the traps that our club checks at Te Kopahou are the most checked traps as part of the trapping programme and they expect to release Kiwi there in the next few years.

Its pretty cool to be part of such a significant programme bringing Kiwi back to the wild and having the opportunity to learn a bit more about how Kiwi function in the wild.

Keep up the good work to those of you are on the trapping team. I'm looking forward to the time Kiwi get released on the land that our club has been responsible for looking after.



## PUTTING FACES TO NAMES

### the 2023 Committee



**Penne Durdle :**  
President, Magazine Editor &  
Social Media officer



**Luke Crossley:**  
Vice President



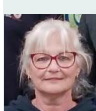
**Shaun Ross:**  
Secretary, Training Officer



**Nichola Stark:**  
Treasurer, Social Media Officer



**Frank Allan:**  
Club Captain, Membership Of-  
ficer



**Gina Oliver:**  
Entertainment Officer, Welfare  
Officer



**Ralph Dobson:**  
Competition Officer, Past Presi-  
dent.



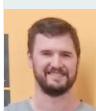
**John Vruink:**  
Central Zone Delegate



**John Parfitt:**  
Web Officer



**Ian Hutchings:**  
Web Officer



**Rob Knaff:**  
Social Media Officer



**Dave DeMartin (aka DD)**  
General Committee



**David Sole:**  
General Committee



**Duncan Grocott:**  
General Committee



**Dudley Harris:**  
General Committee



**Mike Oliver:**  
General Committee

## MUD, SWEAT AND CHEERS

While reading through old copies of the magazine, I noticed we used to have a section in the magazine that gave our members an opportunity to mention club members who were celebrating good times as well as those who were going through bad times. We decided it was a good thing to bring back and helps create a greater sense of community and family in the club.

Gina Oliver has taken over as Welfare Officer. If you know of any one in the club that needs a bit of cheering up let her know and she can send a card to them on behalf of the club.

Her email is [Ginaoliver@xtra.co.nz](mailto:Ginaoliver@xtra.co.nz)  
Gina's phone number is **0274 946694**

She will be creating this page so also let her know if someone is celebrating getting married, adding to their family or celebrating a major life event. But also this is a page to let other members know about the not so good times.

**Murray Feist** is currently ill, which is why we haven't seen Glennys face at the door on club nights. We are thinking you both of you.

**John Parfit** has been in hospital off and on over the last month. We hope you feel better soon John and find out what is wrong.

**Megan Koornneef** has also been in hospital after losing the tips of her fingers. There is a long recovery ahead. We hope you can get though all the rehabilitation over the next few months.

### **Terrance Broad - 1945 - 2023**

I am sad to report that Terence (Terry) Broad passed away on 16 March 2023 in Lower Hutt aged 77.

Terrance was a key member of our club for several years. He was a committee member from 2009 to 2015 and held the position of secretary from 2012 to 2015. He was also involved in several subcommittees during his time with the club. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time.

A service to celebrate Terry's life was held on Tuesday 21 March followed by private cremation. Any messages can be sent to "the Broad family" PO Box 30-127, Lower Hutt 5040. In lieu of flowers, donations to [Alzheimers New Zealand](#) would be appreciated.

**We also will try to have the recipient of the gumboot, orange roughie and BS award on this page:**



Last month John Parfitt nominated Penne for the Gumboot Award - for been silly enough to run for president and win.



# CCVC 2023 AWARDS NIGHT

21st July 2023

Pre dinner drinks from 6:00

Dinner served at 7:00

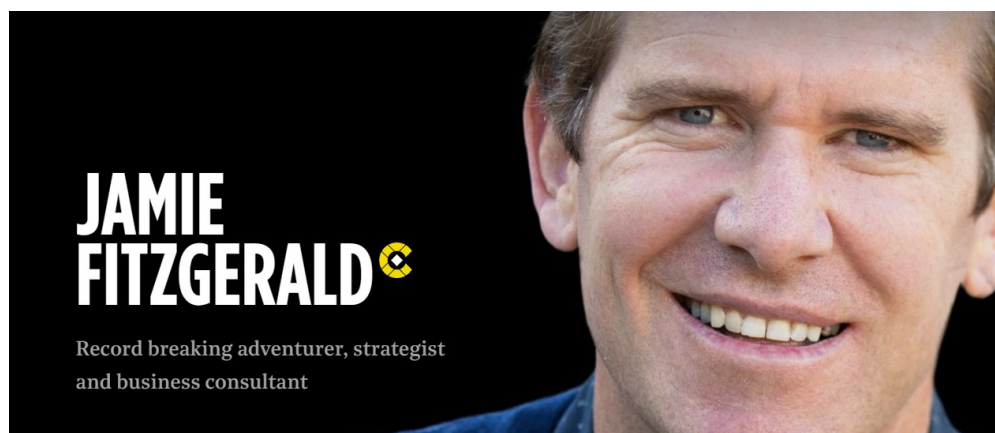
at

Silverstream Retreat

3 Reynolds Bach Drive

Lower Hutt

**Guest Speaker Jamie Fitzgerald**



\$40 for members

\$40 for members partners

\$60 for non-members

Bookings required by 7th July

Major prize sponsor Maxxis Tyres in conjunction with Ben Cook Motors Tyre voucher

**\$1200**



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



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



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## AKAS WITH DD - 21 MAY 2023

Well, what a great trip on 21<sup>st</sup> of May. On Saturday I was apprehensive as it was pouring with rain and I already had 2 cancelations. However, the forecast was for improving weather, so darn it we are doing it. I'd also invited Abbot's creek 4x4 club as this was a tougher trip and that's right up their alley.

From our club we had Luke (brave man) with his Prado, [he he!] and Pete in his quite capable Pajero on 35's. Abbot's creek had 2 patrols and a highly modified Suzuki Vitara.

We set off from cook's gate and went straight into the tough stuff at the top end of dicks yard, this is not a place ccvc goes as it requires lockers and winch. Naturally I had no trouble [twin lockers Patrol] all but another twin locked patrol had to winch.

We did some other tracks then went to the hut for lunch. It was then into the tank track now quite a handful, the ruts and then the slippery forest both 1 and 2. We sure had fun in there as it was super slippery. It took quite a while, with the Prado [he he he!] almost on its side, fortunately with the experienced team of guys it was rescued with no damage. It took quite a while thru the forest, and it was starting to get darkish, so we headed out.

We got to the gate at around 5.15pm and headed home, a fantastic trip. DD





# CZ CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE - 2023 WRAP UP

## CZ Club Truck Challenge 2023 Wrap up

This year's Club Truck Challenge (CTC) had a number of good things, the first return to Wellington after the trauma of the Deadwood court case, making four good rounds after a round was cancelled by the Auckland Anniversary floods, from Taihape to Wellington via Colyton.

For the final round of the CTC we were in Taihape and when the course designer says more than once, "Its wet out there!" I guess he would know. He was right and this day needed the best tyres, the best machines and the sharpest minds. My tyre survey produced some weird and wacky names from the Lakesea Alligator, Land dragons, Maxxis Carnivores and Wanda Claws to the good old Hankooks and Maxxis Mudzillas to my favourites the no longer obtainable Simex and Silverstone Extreme Trekkers. Maybe you don't choose tyres by their name, when you need traction and drive, sharp edges on the tread blocks are what you need. It was so wet we let Brent put all the plug leads back on the LS1.

As this was the last round for 2023, we were able to calculate season results for anybody who had competed in three or more rounds to give us champions in each class so congratulations to Chris and Joe Mason, topping Class 1 (Standard), Brendan Watchorn, Class 2 (limited modified), Dave MacGinnity, Class 3 (Modified) and Brent Ward Class 4 (Unlimited). As Dominic Toretto says in the Fast and the Furious "Ask any racer. Any real racer. It don't matter if you win by an inch (25.4 mm) or a mile (1.6 km). Winning's winning."

### 2022-2023 season results

- Class 1 Chris Mason, Suzuki Jimny
- Class 2 Brendan Watchorn, Mitsubishi Pajero
- Class 3 1<sup>st</sup> Dave McGinnity, Jeep TJ
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Bruce Tustin, Jeep TJ
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Gee, Jeep TJ
- 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Stewart, Nissan Patrol
- Class 4 Brent Ward, Nissan Patrol

Next season is scheduled to start in late October, see [www.sporty.co.nz/czctc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/czctc) for the full calendar and rules if you are interested in having a go.

Andrew Gee



Winner of timed section

Runner up by 2.37 seconds



Chris Winner class 1



Brendan Winner Class 2



Dave M Winner Class 3



Brent Winner Class 4



I do apologise for the cheesy grin, it had been a long and fun weekend



## 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.

# MAKARIO TRACK

Another great day out with the club 😊😊 thank you Max for the laughs and excitement... My heart has recovered 😊



The day started off with some cows.



Annnnd stuck.... There's a washout right near the drivers side 😬😬



Us poor Triton's 😬. At least Stu had a winch.



Not 10 meters down the track... Another difficult bit. The guys working up a sweat!



We got stuck and needed some help



The slip.... It was super super muddy





On the way back, that same area the guys had dug out earlier.... It was super slippery by the time all the vehicles had gone through... Again edge of the washout right NEXT to the tyre 🤪🤪🤪🤪



And back to the slip... Again much worse on the way back



Max got stuck!



Great day out!



Our first physical "memory" 😄

Dent and bumper memories



Phil has bragging rights as the only one who made it through the slip without help!! Well done Phil 😄😄



## DARRENS TRIP DOWN SOUTH

Well, what a trip down South for the 2023 AGM in Methvan. 3000 kms later and I'm home.

Had a wee woopsie on tyre choice on the way down with 3 blown tyres before Kaikōura so stayed there the night and sorted them in the morning in Christchurch. Made it to Methvan a day late but made it.

Tuesday through to Friday we heading into the hills and up the Harper, Avoca, Selwyn with stunning scenery and lots of river crossings.

Saturday and Sunday were filled with chat groups and the AGM with some great results there. What a blast with great people and some bloody good food. Thanks Methvan.

Monday the 22nd I packed up camp and headed to Queenstown to catch up with a good friend of mine for a few days. With a cheeky flight from Wanaka and around the hills piloted by my friend Andre I got to see how stunning the area is from the skies.

We then took the trusty Patrol up to Macetown, Skipper Canyon and Branches.

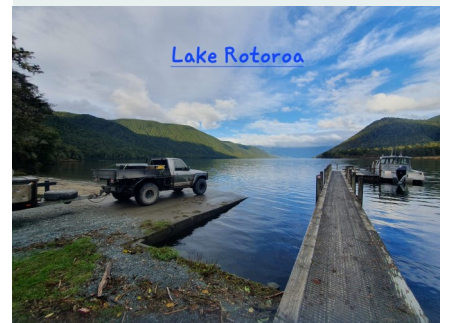
With all that excitement done and dusted, it was time to head to the sunny Westcoast and catch up either some more friends Bobbie and Softy. Unfortunately it was lots of liquid sun shine but that didn't stop me exploring that stunning part of the South Island.

From there I headed back in land through the Maruia Saddle and past Lake Rotoroa. Goal was to stay off the main road as much as possible and see the sites.

I then stayed at another friend's awesome old pub, the [Wairau Valley Tavern](#) where they put me to work doing some gate repairs , barman and runner. All in a days work. What a blast. Last but not least was the the final leg back to Picton via Port Underwood.

What an amazing couple of weeks. We are pretty bloody lucky to have all that on our back door step.





## UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

### 8th - 9th July OFF ROAD RACING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: rounds 4 & 5

West Melton, hosted by Christchurch Club. Short Course and endure (separate rounds). [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

### 4th - 5th August - TEAMS WINCH CHALLENGE SERIES 2023: Manawatu Round

Manawatu Round, Hills Hills, hosted by the Manawatu 4WD Club at Ashurst.

Entry fee \$300.00 per team. This event in the series is not suitable for spectators. More information here:

Manawatu Round. <https://offroading.kiwi/teams-series/teams-series-manawatu-round/>

### 2nd September - OFF ROAD RACING NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: round 6

Round 6 hosted by Waikato Offroad Racing Club at Tect Park, Taunanga. [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

### 2nd September - THUNDER 4x4 Racing

Hosted by Thunder 4x4 at 1779 Broadlands Road, Taupo. A social mud racing event so that the public can also join in the fun. For those who have registered their cars only and would like to bring some extra friends out with you are more than welcome, feel free to bring your chairs and a picnic and get set up to watch the mud fun racing happening.

This is a social event for 4x4 / car owners to come and take on one of the mud races we will have in place, there will be a park over for self-contained motorhome and caravans along with those who have tents and their own self-contained bathroom so they can stay for the weekend also.

Costs; \$68.00 to register your vehicle for the Thunder 4X4 Mud Racing, please email [mark@thunderhop.co.nz](mailto:mark@thunderhop.co.nz) (link sends e-mail) to register and you will be sent the details to confirm your spot. There will be registrations on the day. Spectators \$20.00 Adult ( 14 years and above ) \$10.00 Child ( 5 - 13 years ) free for 1 - 4 years \$60.00 Family Pass ( 2 x adults & up to 4 children ) Contact details; Phone: 0212 808893 Email: [mark@thunderhop.co.nz](mailto:mark@thunderhop.co.nz) (link sends e-mail) website: [www.thunder4x4.co.nz](http://www.thunder4x4.co.nz)

## 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).



## JUNE 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

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

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

All Welcome  
Penne Durdle

### **Saturday 17th Planting**

South Coast Planting - Members Only

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

AKATAWARAS  
Monthly Trip - All Welcome

### **Saturday 24th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS  
Monthly Trip - All Welcome

### **Sunday 25th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOs  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

Dave DeMartin (aka DD) is keen to run trips every weekend but is struggling to find people who want to join him. He typically runs Shiny 4x4 trips but will look at running tougher trips in the future. Speak to him at club night if you want to get out. He is happy to tailor trips to club members experience level.

For more events refer to our

Website [www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz) or our

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

## **JULY 2023 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 1st TRAINING DAY**

ORONGORONGOs  
For prospective members

### **Sunday 2nd FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS  
Bi-Monthly Trip - All Welcome

### **Friday 7th-9th HamCram Course**

Training Course for Trip Leaders

### **Sunday 9th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS  
Bi-Monthly Trip - All Welcome

### **Wednesday 12th Club Night**

All Welcome

### **Friday 14th-17th Away Trip**

Ohinewairua  
Away Trip

### **Friday 21st Awards Dinner**

Stokes Valley

### **Saturday 29th 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,



## 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	Penne Durdle
Vice President	Luke Crossley
Treasurer	Nic Stark
Club Captain	Frank Allan
Secretary	Shaun Ross

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Shaun Ross
Entertainment Officer	Gina Oliver
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	Frank Allan
Trip Coordinator	John Parfit
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle Nic Stark Rob Knaff
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Penne Durdle
Committee	David Sole Dave DeMartin Dudley Harris Mike Oliver

## 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.

### 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:

Carl Rouppe van der Voort  
Nick Winter  
Scott McGrath  
Simon Adams  
Timothy McElroy  
Wayne Harding  
Bruce Piper

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. If you think you would like to have a more of a role in the club speak to one of the committee members to see how you can help.





## 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

### **Ben Cook**

Ben Cook Motors (Ex GGuy Motors)  
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**Kane Hargreaves**  
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Hawkins St, Lower Hutt  
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### **Dave Bowler**

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### **Darren Pettengell**

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



## 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)

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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: Vicki Teulon at [teulonv@gmail.com](mailto:teulonv@gmail.com)

### 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

