



# VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

## *Cross Country Chronicle*



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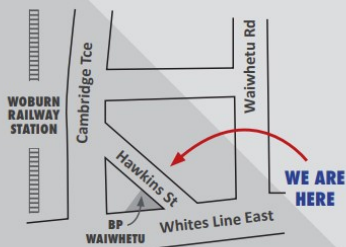


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**THE PRESIDENTS PIECE**

Its February already and I see there have plenty of trips over the last few months through posts on the private facebook page. Though haven't had any trip reports yet.....

Ralph Dobson has been sending through reports on his South Island adventure which will be spread out over the next few months. He has recently be joined by John V. If you find yourself yearning for a trip down south this year , a little bird told me there maybe club trips down there in April and September so keep an eye on the calendar.

I haven't managed to get out 4wding as much as I would like as I have been training for an adventure race with Denise Ross in Cromwell early this month. Not as much fun viewing the countrysde when you are on a 9 hour walk/bike/kayak. 4WDing is so much easier and a lot quicker.

The club has helped the community a bit over the last few months. Barry and Kele took four Wellington City Councillors for a drive around the South Coast and up through Te Kopahou.



Barry also organised a group of club members to escort a small group of GW,WCC, academic herpetologists and mana whenua to help them better understand the range of "Mini mac" geckos on the south coast .

I hope to see some of you out there on the trails over the next few months.

Miss Muddy Penne  
CCVC President



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## RANDOM ROADERS DOWN SOUTH - Ngawiro December 2023

With winter looking to be nearly behind us it was time to head South again and make the most of our Caravan. I booked the early Bluebridge crossing thinking that if true form I'd get a text indicating that due to operational issues (late) they would be late leaving and we would get a sleep in. No text so we turned up as loading was underway, the nice attendant knew who we were (one of the last to turn up) and placed us in the line with pets on board.

The Random Roaders consist of your ex-president Ralph Dobson along with Georgie and the new puppy, Syd the nearly pure bread fox terrier.

We made our way South over the next few days turning up at the cousins farm just out of Rotherham with fingers crossed that the caravan had survived the winter in the hay shed. All looked to be in order and it passed its WOF the next day with no issues.

Ngawiro farm is approximately 4500 acres of mainly hill country with the Waiau River as a boundary, A lot of mustering used to be done using the jet boat but now the drone has taken on that roll. Near the back of the farm is a hunters hut overlooking the river which is a favourite trek across the farm.

With a crowd in for the Christmas festivities it was decided to take some down river in the jet boat and two trucks taking the rest across the farm for a picnic lunch. I had a ride in the boat for its warm up before picking up a load and driving to the hut. This trip would be classed as a Shiny but with some rain would quickly become a Club run as the hill climbs and descents would become hairy very quickly. The drive out takes about 40-50 minutes with some stunning views as a bonus, there is two tracks down to the river. Local knowledge is essential as a track might just be a digger scrape here and there but once you get the hang of it you can find your way.. The Pajero had no issues either way but did pick up some additional passengers when the 70 series Landcruiser had some issues climbing up from the river on reasonably bald tires, it lost traction and started going backwards which was a bit much for a couple of our Australian visitors.

Ngawiro use old Suzuki Vitara's instead of quads or side-by-sides, these are fitted with tractor type tires and look to go just about anywhere, there is about ten on the property in varying states of repair. On Boxing Day, Frank the farmer, took me on another track (called the Hogget Run) which ran above the river in his auto Vitara, it had no problems on a track that I probably wouldn't have taken the Pajero on, definitely not in the wet.

One day the stars will align and I'll sort out a trip around this area as we have access to a number of adjoining farms. Next story is about Polo Hill Farm across the river and how the Pajero now has some ugly scars.

Random Roaders – K182



## A LOST RING GETS RETURNED TO ITS OWNER AFTER 50 YEARS

Many of you might remember Frances Brown-Douglas. He was one of the earlier members of the club and was the club president between 1974 and 1976. This is a story that was told to me Terry Barr. So there maybe a bit of artistic licence - apologies for anything I get wrong but you will get the gist of the story.

Terry was contacted early this year by Frances's wife. Unfortunately Frances passed away last year. Frances moved away from Wellington in the late 1970s, living between Auckland and America, but obviously had talked a lot about his time at Rallywoods. Even though our Club and Rallywoods was part of his life before he met his wife, his connection to Rallywoods seemed such a huge part of his life that his wife considered spreading his ashes there, a place that gave him so much joy.

Recently Terry met up with Frances's wife and brother to show them around Rallywoods and talk about options. They were keen to learn so about the place that was so important to Frances.

Just before they were about to leave Terry notice a familiar ring on Frances's brother pinky finger. He asked about the ring and where it came from. Apparently the ring was something that was custom made and given to family members on there 21st birthday. Only members of their family would have one that matched.

Lets go back 50 years. Terry, a young 12 year old, was at one of the Deadwood Safaris at Rallywoods. He spotted something shiny in the dirt and started to dig it out. His parents were leaving so he left it. But as he was leaving his father, the late Graham Barr and original club member, asked him what he was doing. Terry explained he saw something shiny like a ring and was trying to dig it up. He was told to go back and dig the ring up. So the ring was recovered and has been in Terry's possession for the last 50 years. The reason why the ring on Frances's brothers finger was familiar is that it resembled the ring Terry found all those years ago.. Terry asked if anyone in the family had lost their ring. Frances's had lost his many decades ago.

Despite moving several times over the last 50 years Terry still had the ring and had a vague idea where he might find it. As he opening his storage unit to find it, the thought dawned on him it might take some time. However he found it in the second place he looked. He took a photo and sent it through to the family to confirm it was in fact Frances ring. The answer was yes, and after 50 years the ring will be back with the family.



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## RANDOM ROADERS DOWN SOUTH - Polo Hill Farm December 2023

Looking for another off road experience Georgie wondered if we could get from Waiau across the Amuri Range to Hamner Springs. Talk was there is a track (Hossack Saddle) so the ring around started which confirmed a track did exist but was probably over grown as wilding pines are a problem in this area.

Polo Farm indicated they last went through on a quad some years prior but we were welcome to have a crack, at the very least we should be able to get to the top and look down into Hamner.

Thermos and Christmas cake packed we headed across the Waiau River, through the small town of Waiau and left towards the hills. The track through the farm started off as gravel and soon turned to clay which would be deadly in the wet. Sun was out and no sign of rain so we worked our way over the first few hills and then started to climb up the pass. We could see they had been poisoning the wilding pines on some of the hill sides but not near the track, an expensive exercise using a helicopter in this steep country. So far so good as we walked up ahead from each turning area we came to just in case as the track was pretty narrow with a reasonable drop off and being a long way from help you have to be very cautious.

The water ruts were getting interesting and the more level areas were turned over with pig-rooting so we kept an eye out for any game animals. The track got progressively more narrow with over hanging trees and when we got to a gate my passengers (Georgie, Ginny and Syd) walked ahead while I got the saw out to remove a small pine blocking the track. This is where we should have backed out but as the crystal ball wasn't working we pressed on. About 400 metres up the track we were really starting to push through the bush and the awning and fishing rods started to take a battering, time to admit defeat. Now backing down a steep, narrow track with the mirrors turned in is never easy and you tend to hug the hill side as the alternative was not looking good. It took about an hour to back down to a turning spot and when I finally got to check the passenger side of the truck I was surprised (probably not that surprised) to see the black truck was now a streaky white, ouch.

The top of the track was another couple of Km's so maybe one day we come back with a couple of chainsaws and break through. Out with the thermos and cake for a debrief chat before heading out.

The drive back was reasonably straight forward with only a couple of reverse and have another go moments. Our next adventure was up to The Lakes station, a huge sheep and cattle farm on the southern side of Lake Sumner.

Random Roaders – K182



## TOURING TRIP - STONEHENGE - Wellington Anniversary 2024

A relaxed 2 day backroads touring trip in the Wairarapa, stopping over Sunday night at Carterton Holiday camp with an evening sunset tour of the Stonehenge Aotearoa.

Day One: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

A group of 7 vehicles and 12 people explored some of the backroads leading into the Tararua Range. We first went to the southern side of Waiohine Gorge for morning tea, the ladies cooling their feet in the river. It started off very warm and dry.

As it looked like the weather would hold, we travelled via the back-roads to Kiriwhakapapa Gorge for lunch. Good spacing between vehicles as a lot of dust. Very hot at 32 degrees, we were glad for the DOC shelter J.

We drove to the end of Mangatarere Gorge for the afternoon stop. Very picturesque, more of us cooled our feet in the stream at the end of the road. A farmer even paused his stock move to allow our convoy to pass.

Later that evening we went to the sunset tour at Stonehenge Aotearoa. We received a good background of the site and history of astronomy and henges from the owners, before we went out at dusk to observe the stars. Sadly it was reasonably cloudy, so we didn't get to see many stars, satellites or planets.

Day Two: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>

a group of 6 vehicles and 11 people explored the road out to the East Coast at Glendhu Rocks / Pahaoa. We travelled via Admiral Road / Clifton Grove to Hinakura, then to the coast. Very hot, dry and dusty, we stopped to enjoy the views, streams. At the coast we appreciated a cooling on-shore breeze. We returned back the same way as the Hinakura slip still blocks the alternative road route. No issues, damage or recoveries on the weekend.

Photos from David C, Denise R and Mark D



## ORONGORONGO STATION 4x4 - 13 January 2024

After deciding that the only way I was going to get on a trip was to organise one I asked Shaun Ross if we could set up a members only trip at Orongorongo and explore some of the lesser used tracks. Before I knew it Shaun had set up the trip in Wild Apricot and it filled within hours of going live. Subsequent to that Ray Harkness was able to organise access to the northern part of Cattle Ridge which was a bonus.

After the drivers briefing at the Catchpole Centre car park Ray led us up the access track to Cattle Ridge taking in a short detour to a former skid site which gave views back across the city and to the hills between the Coast Road and Orongorongo River and up to the Wainuiomata Water Catchment. A bit of a breeze was starting to get up by this stage.

Up onto the ridge, past the house and outbuildings we dropped down into a valley to the east of Cattle Ridge which led on the top of Baker Track. This is the first time I have been on this track though have looked at it from afar. The track is intensively lined with poison stations and traps all the way down to the river. It is very similar to the track from the airstrip we normally use as it zig zags down the hill to the river bed. Great to have finally ticked that one off after all the years of being in the club.

Once on the river we stopped for morning tea in a less breezy spot where Wayne was bonnet up to help cool down the Hilux which had overheated on the way up the hill. Morning tea over we picked our way down to the river to the station gate, bunched up and through to the stock yards. From there Shaun led us up the track behind the house to the top of the escarpment. The track was dry and generally in good condition though care was needed with the loose surface in places and to avoid the ruts and channels.

The higher we got the windier it got and as we parked near the old WWII radar mount vehicles were visibly rocking around in the wind.

Onwards an upwards the driving continued be good with not too many problems but there were places where the track did get very narrow... and it did not pay to glance over the side – there wasn't one!

We climbed up to the hunters' hut overlooking the head of the Kotumu Shingle fan. With spectacular views across to Palliser Bay and back toward Baring Head we had planned to have lunch here but it the wind was so fierce that it was decided to return to the river for lunch. The return trip complete the loop back to the track we had come up on and as we crossed the very narrow neck in the saddle and pulled up and around the corner where we were absolutely slammed by the wind. Gave a new meaning to air brakes!

As the group sidled along the track Borris via John called to say he had a flat tyre. Most unfortunate location. He drove on a little further to a marginally less windy spot where all hands on deck meant a quick tyre change. A serious gauge puncture through the side wall has probably spelt the end of that tyre. We continued down and stopped at the yards for lunch. As we had made good progress there was some discussion as to how to round off the afternoon...a there-and-back to the Mukamukas or a reverse trip up to and over the airstrip. I suspect the novelty of the wind had well and truly worn off so it was along to the Mukamukas. A quick trip along and play on the hill climbs. Just as we were leaving there was problem with the brake lines on the blue Suzuki. Application of vice grips and cable ties had that sorted and we headed back finishing at the gate around 4.00pm.

Unfortunately Heath's Mitsi gearbox jammed and wasn't going anywhere. Out with the tools, inter- strip down to the gearbox and Heath came out waving the offending lever. Once put together enough to get underway we all headed home after a great day out.

David Sole  
K116



## SOUTH COAST BBQ WITH MAX - 10 January 2024

What a perfect day for a BBQ Lunch around the South Coast, fine sunny weather with a gentle breeze to take the edge off of the heat and low tide.

Eleven vehicles met up at Owherio Bay Visitors Centre at 10am then, after airing down etc, headed off around the Coast.

No one had any issues at Devils Gate nor on the beaches up to and around Karori Stream. Between Karori Stream and the raised cattle stop there was a hold up while we extracted a couple of members of the public from the soft sand where they had become stuck (40psi in your tyres will do that for you) then over the cattle stop and onwards around the coast.

Max had ideas of crossing Cave Bay but decided that, despite it being low tide and the sea calm, the water was still too close to the bottom of the cliff so decided to turn back at that point and head to the sheep dip for the BBQ.

Chef Max did the honors of preparing the BBQ consisting of the standard sausages, pattes, bread and sauces which seem to be appreciated by everyone present.

Following a very relaxing hour or two at the BBQ site we packed up and headed back to the Visitor Centre arriving mid afternoon .

A great day out and thanks to Max for organising it.

John Parfitt





## RANDOM ROADERS DOWN SOUTH - The Lakes December 2023

I'm from a very small family with both parents being only children so no cousins, not so Georgie, she is from Canterbury farming stock and cousins, second cousins and more distant relations by the dozen. This works well when looking for roads less well travelled, the trip into Lake Sumner being one.

The Lakes Station is owned and managed by one such cousin so we are lucky to get access through the locked gates. The station includes the farm land around Lake Taylor, Lake Sheppard, Loch Katrine and the south side of Lake Sumner and up the Upper Hurunui River which is on the Te Araroa Trail when walking the Harper Pass. A stunning high country farm with vistas second to none. There is public access to Loch Katrine via a DOC road with a locked gate offering limited access and walking access across the farm for hikers and fishing but vehicle access is no more due to idiots abusing the privilege.

We have stayed on the station a couple of times by the outlet, the start of the Lower Hurunui River, but this time we asked if we could use the Station Hut at the head of Lake Sumner. This all arranged so we headed in early afternoon on the Lake Sumner Road. This road is often closed in winter but with the sun shining in the high country we had a dusty drive to Lake Taylor where we turn right into the farm to collect the keys. The farm roads are in much better condition than the DOC road although we engaged high range to avoid tyre spin on the steeper sections as we skirted the shores of Lake Sheppard and looped back to the DOC road near Lock Katrine.

The road following the shore of Lock Katrine is in poor condition, just the way we like them. Meeting someone is interesting as passing areas are few and it was a surprise to see someone had towed an old style camper in to a camp site, well done. On to the heavy duty locked gate with a chain as thick as your wrist, a bit of mucking around getting it all back in place just prior to a Land-rover turning up which was keen to carry on with us. Unfortunately we weren't in a position to help, easily deflected as we weren't coming out until the next day. So on we went to Home Bay at the top of the lake which has a lovely camp ground only accessible by walking or boat, even has a toilet. Afternoon tea and onwards, passed a couple of hunters and cyclists before working our way across streams and boggy swamp to the station hut. The sun was shining while we had a few beers in a dying breeze, as the wind drops the sandflies start to find their mark and it's time for the long pants and long sleeves. The hut is kept really tidy and everything is packed away so nothing for the rats to attack, I didn't hear any scratching's unlike the Fang Hill Hut we stayed in early last year.

Next morning we drove up the side of the river to the swing bridge, this is where the track crosses the crystal clear river, hard to judge its depth. No problem as Georgie stripped down and with two walking poles crossed with little difficulty, in the meantime I had crossed using the one person swing bridge. Syd also crossed and was swept down river a bit but all happy once he touched the far side.

Being the fair-minded person that I am (and not really wanting to return across that SWING bridge) I carefully explained the subtleties of river crossings and off Georgie went back across the river which was flowing mid-thigh height. She did a successful crossing if not a little slow and with a couple of attempts to exit the river I was reunited with my truck.

This was new country for us and we made our way towards Mackenzie stream which has natural hot springs. Unfortunately we were unable to get through McMillan Stream which was blown out, getting stuck up here on your own is not a great idea. We later discussed the crossing with the farmer who has a secret track but said we did the right thing by not attempting it, just heaps of big boulders so easy to get hung up. We headed back towards the lake and checked out the new cattle yards seeing plenty of deer sign along the way.

The drive out took about two hours before getting to the homestead for a welcome cup of tea and a catch up with Jim and Sarah. An enjoyable night away from the caravan and driving through some amazing country. Next mission is the Kaiwara Road and the Random Spur Road which caused the most serious damage to my shiny truck to date.

Random Roaders – K182



## CLUB CLOTHING

Mike Oliver is now in charge of club clothing. There will be samples available to view on club night. Watch this space for new items.

<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 \$11.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

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

### Payment for Goods.

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

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

## CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE

# Central Zone Club Truck 4x4 Challenge

## 2023/24 Round 2

hosted by the Wellington Jeep Club

Judd's Farm, Haywards Hill

18 February 2024



Enter this skill-based event in your warranted and registered 4wd vehicle. Drivers must be NZFWDA members and wear a helmet.  
Entry fee is \$30 per driver.

Meet at Britton's House Movers on corner of Haywards Road, (SH 58) and Harris Rd.

Sorry no onsite camping, we are using a new site with tight access.

This is a working farm please don't bring any dogs.

You will need to be at Britton's Yard by 9.30am, where trailers will be left.



Questions or entry to [agee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:agee@xtra.co.nz)



## TRIP CATEGORIES - A REMINDER OF WHATS CALLED WHAT

Below are the categories as they will be going forward. Note: Regarding attendee requirements if you have been doing Shiny 4x4 trips under the old rating then you are able to attend Scratchy 4x4 class trips.

The Trip Categories are now:

### Touring Class (Scenic/social/touring)

Novice drivers, with little or no four wheel driving experience being needed.  
Easy driving on sealed and unsealed roads, no rough tracks but vehicles should have reasonable ground clearance.  
Vehicles must be AWD or 4WD  
Can have road or all terrain tyres.  
No equipment or vehicle modifications required.  
No damage expected.

### Family Shiny (4WD introduction)

Novice drivers, with little or no four wheel driving experience being needed.  
Farm/Forestry tracks with some medium ascents/descents, sand driving etc.  
Vehicles must be a 4WD (not car, van or station wagon) with a low ratio gearbox and be suitable for "off road" driving.  
Road or all terrain tyres (unless specified otherwise by the Trip Leader for that particular trip).  
No equipment or vehicle modifications required.  
Possibility of light scratches.

**For all the following levels the below applies:**

**CCVC Members must have completed the CCVC training and all vehicles must have a current CCVC inspection sticker.**

**If not a CCVC member, must be a member of another recognised NZFWDA affiliated club.**

**Must meet any specific vehicle requirements and be judged as being capable to participate in the level of the trip by the trip leader whose decision in this regard is final and non-contestable.**

**4. If planning to bring a vehicle that is not road legal you must discuss this with the trip leader to ensure there will not be any "legal" roads on the trip.**

## MAX'S RALLYWOODS TRIP



## TRIP CATEGORIES - Continued

### UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

**Saturday 24th February 2024**

#### **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. \$200 per vehicle entry fee includes 2 adults \$100 per extra adult \$35 per extra child. Finish at Porangahau Beach with gourmet BBQ meal & refreshments. Registration forms on website with further details. [www.waipukuraurotary.com/4wd-trek\(link is external\)](http://www.waipukuraurotary.com/4wd-trek(link%20is%20external))

For inquires contact Dan von Dadel-szen Co ordinator Phone 027 891 7659 or email [chb4wdtrek@gmail.com](mailto:chb4wdtrek@gmail.com)

**Saturday 2nd March 2024**

#### **LAKE TEKAPO BRIGHTSTARS**

Fundraiser for Lake Tekapo School and Lake Tekapo Bright stars Community Trust.

This full day tour will give you a unique look behind the gates at Glenmore and Godley Peaks, two iconic High Country Stations. The event is fully guided, with spaces available for personal vehicles or chauffeured seats.

Enjoy a fully catered day out with informative talks along the way from some of our local characters about the history, the land and this special part of the world we call home, all the while supporting our local children. Enquires to [tekapo4wdfundraiser@gmail.com](mailto:tekapo4wdfundraiser@gmail.com) (link sends e-mail).

**Friday 29th - Sun 31st March 2024**

#### **ROBA 4WD Tour**

ROBA (Rathkeale Old Boys Association) are excited to offer a 3-day 4WD tour in the Wairarapa over Easter weekend 2024.

Registrations will open from Friday 1st September.

For All correspondence including Ex-pressions of interest please Email:

[4wd@rathkealeoldboys.org.nz](mailto:4wd@rathkealeoldboys.org.nz)

#### **Standard 4x4**

(First level "Member Only" trip).

Drivers with some 4 wheel driving experience.

Off road tracks, some steeper terrain, rutted tracks and deeper mud.

Aggressive "All Terrain" or "Mud" tyres required with differential breathers and snorkels recommended as is some protection such as bull bar, steel side steps and underbody protection. recom-

Winches are not necessary on all vehicles but this will be at the Trip Leaders discretion depending on weather and track conditions.

Some scratching is likely as is a chance of minor damage.

#### **Scratchy 4x4**

(2nd level tougher "Member Only" Trip)

Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Standard 4x4 trips and have moderate to sound 4 wheel driving experience.

Steeper terrain with slippery driving conditions, very rutted tracks, close obstacles to manoeuvre around and deep mud.

Recovery is likely to be required.

Vehicles should have higher ground clearance, extended differential and transmission breathers, snorkel, bull bar, steel side steps with underbody protection. Lockers or Traction Control and winch are recommended.

Larger and /or more aggressive tyres may be required.

The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.

Scratching and some vehicle damage possible.

#### **Club 4x4** (Designed for "Tougher" trucks")

Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Scratchy 4x4" trips and are confident and experienced in all aspects of 4 wheel driving.

Rough tracks, muddy, steep and slippery terrain, rocks, deep water.

Winch recovery is likely.

Vehicles will need higher ground clearance, extended differential and transmission breathers, snorkel, bull bar, steel side steps with underbody protection, lockers and winch.

Larger and /or more aggressive tyres than used in previous categories will be required.

The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.

Vehicle damage is probable.

#### **Hard Yakka** (The most difficult trip category)

Drivers must have participated in at least two (2) "Club 4x4" trips and be very experienced drivers able to handle self recovery and the harshest of conditions where anything may arise.

Very steep, deeply rutted tracks, bottomless mud bogs and rock hopping will be encountered.

Heavily modified vehicle which will usually need 35" or larger aggressive mud terrain or Symex style tyres, lockers, winch, full bar work and roll protection.

The Trip Leader will list any specific requirements in the description of the trip.

Vehicle damage is likely.



## FEBRUARY 2024 TRIPS & EVENTS:

To book for trips now go to <http://www.cvc.org.nz/Public-Trip-Calendar>

### **Saturday 10th SCRATCHY 4x4**

RALLYWOODS with Max

### **Sunday 11th SCRATCHY 4x4**

AKATAWARAS with DD

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

### **Wednesday 14th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Penne Durdle

### **Sunday 18th COMMUNITY**

BEACH CLEAN UP TERAWHITI STATION

### **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.cvc.org.nz](http://www.cvc.org.nz) or our

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[www.facebook.com/group/wellingtoncvcmembers](http://www.facebook.com/group/wellingtoncvcmembers)

## **MARCH 2024 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 2nd TRAINING DAY** ORONGORONGO S

### **Saturday 9th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

### **Wednesday 13th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt  
All Welcome

### **Saturday 23rd FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOs  
Monthly Trip - All welcome

### **Thursday 28th SCRATCHY 4x4**

EASTER AT OTAPAWA

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 leaders 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	
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	Frank Allan
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle Nic Stark Rob Knauf
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:

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

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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)

**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:

Vicki 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 Vicki

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 or use the CCVC google drive.

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). Or upload to the CCVC google drive.

### 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





