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# Upcoming National Events

## **Aug 6: NZ Offroad Racing South Island Championship**

ENDURO – Waimakariri Regional River Park (encompassing the CORC club track) . Visit <http://www.oranz.co.nz/> for details.

## **Aug 7-8: Achillies Radial Winter Woollies**

Hosted by Desert Defenders Off Road Club, Ohakune. Sponsored by Achilles Radial. A Winter 4WD tagalong trip in the NZDF zones along the Desert Road. Either Saturday or Sunday. [Updates and info at \[www.facebook.com/DesertDefenders4wd\]\(http://www.facebook.com/DesertDefenders4wd\)](#)

## **Aug 12: NZ1 Challenge - TOP OF THE SOUTH**

Round 3 and 4 of the Mainland Superwinch Series together becomes NZ1. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com)

## **Aug 12-13: Mainland Winch Challenge - Round Three**

Blenheim, event is at Mt Riley Farm. Friday night stages, Saturday day stages. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com)

## **Aug 14: Mainland Winch Challenge - Round Four**

Nelson, event is in Richmond. Sunday 10 day stages. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com)

## **Aug 27-28: Off Road Racing Championship**

Round 3 Hosted by PNORC at Palmerston North. Short course only. [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **Sept 9-10: Mainland Winch Challenge - Round Five**

Timaru, venue to be confirmed. Friday night stages, Saturday day stages. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com)

## **Oct 1-2: Waipaoa School annual school bus fundraiser**

Waipaoa School off Gisborne Opotiki Road (gizzy end) is having their annual school bus fundraiser on weekend of 1/2 October. If you are interested you can email as per below. Good camping and other facilities topped off by great catering... Those interested can obtain the necessary forms from: Helen Rust, tel 06-8621594 or email [helenrust1@gmail.com](mailto:helenrust1@gmail.com)

## **Oct 2: Transport Wholesale Limited Annual Pairs Event**

Hosted by the Mount Egmont 4WD Club, this event will be held on Lower Durham Road, Inglewood. Find a mate with any class truck and compete together on the day. Points will be added together for the grand total. Shineys and Club Trucks are also welcome. There are numerous prizes to be won including two Power-built tool boxes full of tools. For entry forms, contact Natasha Thomason - [Natasha.Thomason@firstgas.co.nz](mailto:Natasha.Thomason@firstgas.co.nz) or for questions regarding the event contact Bucky – 0274798809.

## **Oct 7-8: Mainland Winch Challenge - Round Six**

Dunedin, event held at Ceder Creek site. Friday night stages, Saturday day stages. AGM before event starts. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com)

## **Oct 21-24: Off Road Racing Championship**

Final to be held at Twizel. Short Course and Enduro. [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **Oct 22 Novawin - Battle of the Palace 2016**

Norwest OHV Club Inc is once again hosting the 'Battle of the Palace' Teams Event at Possum Palace over Labour weekend. This event requires trucks to work together in Teams of three to complete all the challenging stages over 2 days. All drivers must be NZFWDA affiliated, including the support vehicle driver. THIS IS A CLOSED EVENT AND NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC OR SPECTATORS. Limited to 12 Teams on a first in first served basis. Any questions just ask or if you would like an entry form please contact: <https://www.facebook.com/events/889052261240729/>

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## Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2015- 16 Round 4 Ratana hosted by Manawatu 4WD Club, April 24

### ANZAC Summit

There were at least four current 4wd club presidents and a few past presidents competing at the Ratana (south of Wanganui) round of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) held over ANZAC weekend. There were more than the usual number of national trials competitors because their season had finished for the year. In fact "Old Dog", Les Thomsen a competitor "back in the day" won the event with a perfect score, taking no penalties at all. The scores were close at the top of the field, for instance I only took two penalties over the whole day and that left me in twelfth place.

This new site was within sight of the Ratana church and hadn't been used by the Manawatu club before. Phil the farmer was a keen wheeler and only too happy to use his digger to contour and sculpt his land. He had shaped a bank much like the ramp that had back flipped a buggy recently but no such heroics from our wagons. As we ended the day at the top end of the gully we were next to road and a number of passing cars stopped to watch the action. It was so good we should have been selling tickets.



Series honcho Mark Watchorn made a welcome return to competition in his usual Class 1 Bighorn after a couple of years of spectating. There was a number of new entrants to the CTC, one of them was Tararua 4wd Club's Kelsey van Waas who had done some club trips and one club champs event previously. Her dad, Ross is well known in Wellington and Manawatu 4wd circles for many years. This second generation action was carried throughout the day with a number of father-son grudge matches between the Thomsens, Robinsons, Laws and Wyeths; both running their own vehicles or being cross entered in the same vehicle.

Steve Stewart has his first ever DNF, unfortunately in his first hazard when a CV joint let go in his Patrol. He had an attempt at repair and then driving in 3wd but ended up sitting out the rest of the day. There were a number of vehicles that just didn't start without parking on hills, leaving them running or by a tow. Come on guys, do your maintenance at home.

Phil the farmer, digger driver and comedian kept everyone in stitches showing the limitations of Independent Front Suspension and bald tyres. After sending his son away to do some farm work at lunchtime Phil finished his day in the last speed section completely beached until some spectators ambled over to give him a push. The day finished with a barby and prizegiving as Phil had arranged for some spot prizes from Farmlands. In my group Kelsey van Waas and Daryl de Jong got prizes for their careful choices of what they could do and what they would try another time.

Another great weekend away, thanks to Phil for the land and camping. See you at the Final in Waiouru. Details and results at [www.czctc.org.nz](http://www.czctc.org.nz)



## Selected Results

Overall place	Name	Class	Score	Club
1	Les Thomsen	3	64.39	Manawatu 4wd Club
2	Greg Booth	2	87.24	Manawatu 4wd Club
3	Graham Goble	2	103.63	Mt Egmont 4wd Club
4	Marty Green	3	107.18	Capital Cruisers
5	Stu Wyeth	3	137.15	Wairarapa 4x4 club
6	Kevin Galbraith	2	137.79	Wairarapa 4x4 club
12	Andrew Gee	3	168.85	CCVC
15	Neil Blackie	3	205.66	CCVC

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## Recipe

### Travelling Lemon Cake – from Jude Rankin

Cream 3oz butter with 6oz sugar until pale in colour; add 1 egg; mix well, and then add 2T finely chopped lemon/lime zest, and 1/3 cup of plain yoghurt. Add 1 cup sifted white flour, 1 rounded teaspoon of baking powder and 1/4t baking soda. Pour into a well-greased and floured 25cm tin.

Fan bake at 180 Celsius for about 35 to 50mins until golden.

Take out of oven to sit for 5 mins. Flip on to cooling rack, then on to a lipped plate/platter.

Drizzle with syrup made from 1/2 cup of sugar and 1/3 cup lemon/lime juice stirred and then spread over the warm cake. Serve warm or cold with whipped cream or plain yoghurt.

Tasty.

Apologies to the diabetics and the dietarily challenged!



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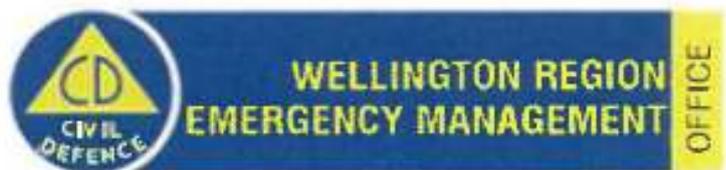
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# Land Access Report

By Grant Purdie

It's a busy time for land access matters, with the club currently involved in 5 projects that I'm aware of.

In providing an outline of these projects, I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution to the work on these projects by our fellow club members, in particular Ian Hutchings who has been our submission-writer.

## Wellington City Council Green Spaces

WCC called for submissions on its plan for open spaces and Ian wrote a really good submission with support from a small sub-committee.

Neil will be speaking in support of our submission at the hearing on Friday 5 August at 9:45. He only gets about 8 minutes!

If you're interested in coming along to observe and support, it's in Committee Room 1 on the ground floor of the WCC building in Wakefield Street and we're advised it's best to be there at least 15 minutes early. That's 9:30am.

## South Coast Access

All our club members are very familiar with our work on the South Coast, with a great number of you having helped out on clean-ups, planting, vehicle recovery and other "public good" exercises over the years.

Would you believe it is now 16 years that we've been doing that? It all started when WCC put in place the first ever South Coast Management Plan that resolved all the long-standing issues with the various community interest groups.

We were deeply involved in the process of forming that management plan and it saw the beginning of our annual rubbish clean-ups that took place along the coastline from the old quarry site right around to Cave Bay. In the earlier years we took away a vast amount, the accumulation of decades or longer. In more recent years there has been less volume, which is great.

WCC has liaised very closely with CCVC over all these years, and we have to thank Barry Insull for his consistent efforts in maintaining such a strong relationship with council rangers and other officials.

As most of our members know, WCC invited us to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) covering work parties and access in the area, and this is almost at the point of being signed.

## Greater Wellington Map 20

GW recently published what they are calling "Map 20" and invited submissions from the public. This is actually a change to the management plan that covers the Akatarawa Forest along with other GW parks and forests.

Map 20 is the map of the Akatarawa Forest and shows the tracks able to be used by recreational vehicles of all types.

The change comprises a significant update of Map 20, providing greater detail of all tracks and an indication of what they can be used for.

The map that was published had many errors and omissions, so we wrote a very detailed submission about it all. Thanks again Ian and that sub-committee! We have subsequently met with GW officials who responded very well to almost all of our suggestions, so we look forward to the updated version of Map 20 when it comes out.

You might be wondering how this map had so many errors, when ARAC had been working with GW on it for so long! In short, our club committee acknowledges the work done by ARAC generally and notes that ARAC would benefit from greater support from its constituent 4wd clubs.

So the committee is encouraging all our trip leaders and club members to attend the upcoming ARAC AGM on Thursday 25 August at 7pm in the Upper Hutt Darts Club, Totara Park.

## NZFWDA Health and Safety Project

At its AGM this year, the Association agreed to launch a project to arrive at a formal H&S position for the Association and all its member 4wd clubs.

The reason this is important and we see it as a land access issue, is that the new Health and Safety in the Workplace Act (HSWA) brings new responsibilities all around and at present 4wd clubs are looking for leadership to clarify the position and in particular how it might impact on their relationships and arrangements with land owners and land managers.

Locally, we have already experienced some questions from WCC and Horowhenua District Council on this.

The project team comprises John Hickey (President, Northern Zone), John McDonald (PRO, Southern Zone), Roger Seymour (National PRO) and Grant Purdie.

The project is still in its early stages with many documents having been provided from many source and all being reviewed as potential input.

In essence, the Association may end up producing something like:

- A policy statement.
- Guidelines that 4wd clubs may adopt.
- Samples of documents and forms that 4wd clubs may adapt to their own circumstances.

The hardest part will be to keep it clear and simple!

## Horowhenua District Council and the McKenzie Trail

One of our treasured off-road tracks is the McKenzie Trail at Foxton Beach. It's the only place we can go off-road in that vicinity and we regard it as an important asset to be safeguarded for 4wd access.

Late last year we became aware that there were new management and staff responsible for HDC parks and reserves, who had not been able to find records of how McKenzie Trail access had been managed previously.

We were challenged about why we needed to go there, when there are other places we could go!

In the end we succeeded in persuading them that the McKenzie Trail is a unique 4wd experience, the "managed access" approach means there is negligible impact, and that we had been contributing to the public good in the area with many work parties and other initiatives for nearly 20 years.

Then the other issue emerged - HDC's compliance with the new HSWA. Although they seemed ok with the CCVC documentation we provided on H&S, they didn't want to have to go through this with every 4wd club. so, long story short, all parties have agreed that the NZFWDA Central Zone should be the one point of contact for HDC.

Given that HDC officers have a heavy workload, I offered to assist with drafting updates to documents, forms and procedures that would satisfy all these new requirements, and this work is slowly under way as a Central Zone project.

Meanwhile the McKenzie Trail has been getting more demanding each year. Some of you will recall bailing from a recent trip as the track had become unsuitable for shiny trucks.

In liaising with other clubs about track conditions, since our last trip over Queen's Birthday weekend the Manawatu 4wd Club has run a trip, Levin 4wd Club is about to run a trip and Tararua 4wd Club is also planning a trip.

I've included a separate report from our Queen's Birthday trip. It's not the normal report as it's written for HDC and not so much from the perspective of the driving experience.

-- The End --

## **“THE SHERRIFF REPORTS” REEFTON IN WINTER 2016 (pt 1)**

This trip has become a bit of a pilgrimage to the West Coast where the tracks are open, the ground hard and the weather “variable”. Unfortunately Mr T could not make it this year but a party of 6 trucks and a party of a dozen and a half adventurers were confirmed to stay at DoC’s Waiuta Lodge for a week. You can’t miss the lodge, it is on a 14 km side road about 25 km south of Reefton. But if you get to Ikamatua you have gone past the turn off!

The travelling party comprised:

- Enterprise, Ross and Michelle;
- The Red Corrolla, Cade and Lucy;
- Dasie, Stewart and Zac;
- Tigga, Grant, Sydney and Cameron;
- Orange Peel, Ian and Howard;
- Lulu, Richard, Josh and Cameron; and
- Oil-Pro, Brent, Angie, Brook, Courtenay and Grace.

Orange Peel took a Friday sailing and had planned a night at Diks Place, the Scout Lodge at Lake Rotoiti. This allowed Ian to catch up on a few maintenance jobs. Now Howard understood why there was a bale of batts and some corflute signs in the truck! A quick stop was made in Blenheim to buy a few kilos of honey and then on to St Arnaud. On arrival at about 1 pm, the plastic sheeting, Insulation Batts and other stuff was all extracted from Orange Peel and work commenced. Insulation was fitted, taps repaired and lights repaired all in time for fish and chips for tea (the shop is only open for an hour and a half on Fridays and Saturdays in Winter so we were in luck!). The other jobs at the Lodge could wait to see if there will be time on the return trip.

The evening was spent around the new woodstove which proved much more efficient than the open fire arrangement when we last visited.



## **Saturday**

With a little more work done at the lodge and a reasonably fine day, it was a leisurely trip to Reef-ton to pick up the lodge keys, buy some supplies and head to the Lodge at Waiuta. After getting the place set up (read warmed up) some proper insulation was added to the shower pipework. This ran outside just above ground level and froze on our last visit. New foam tubes were fitted, covered by plastic sheeting and secured with cable ties. Then it was time to rendezvous with the remainder of the group back down the road at the Ikamatua Pub. They put on LARGE size meals and also have a TV that showed the Hurricanes soundly thrash the Crusaders. Yahoo! but the locals were not so happy! With meals and the Crusaders taken care off, it was a short trip back to the Lodge to keep up with the Highlanders beating the Chiefs using the cellphone! Oil-pro was straying at Black-ball so had a slightly longer trip to complete.

## **Sunday**

This was to be our first real day of 4WD activity and, as luck has it, the weather was overcast and showery. Breakfast and lunch were an individual responsibility so after preparing these it was time (0800) to go and meet Oil-pro and their party who stayed in the luxury of Blackball. So we soon met Brent, driving Oil-Pro, at the highway and noted that Angie was hobbling a little and clearly knew how to boot it over the moon.

Reefton was mostly closed at 0845 Sunday morning, but tank and tummy was just possible, and we were soon en-route to Inangahua, New Creek and the track to Denniston. We knew it could be a "to the river and back" trip, and unfortunately it proved to be so. But it was a pleasant ramble past the coal mine and, after navigating some deep mud where road repairs had not been finished, we soon descended to Blue Duck Creek. This was flowing strongly, with a few rocks and a depth of up to one's knees. Intrepid Ian stripped off his long trousers (but was wearing shorts underneath) and waded across. So far so good! But directly thereafter was Mackley River, maybe 50 metres directly across but with a longer north/south side required. The Intrepid Ian, who had walked across Blue Duck wearing shorts, decided that wet shorts were undesirable so disrobed further.



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Wading into the river took some care but it was soon clear that the depth was somewhere between the crotch and the waist, and maybe deeper. That is around 900 mm and put the level around the top of the wheel arch and a bit. Some discussion about "we probably could it but why do we want to take chances" soon confirmed it was not a risk worth taking. The crossing would have meant a fair bit of travel side on to the current in the deep section and floating away was a real possibility. So we turned around and retraced our track towards the Iron Bridge across the Buller. A stop at a shelter alongside the banks of the Buller for lunch was the opportunity for Brent to display his electric pie warmer. Yes it worked, and even melted the 12 volt plug on the cord. We then decamped southwards toward Perseverance Road. A couple of interesting tracks, on short and one long filled out the day until we gravitated back to Reefton again. More tank and tummy, especially for the petrol engine vehicles.

Intrepid Ian was to take us back via the 'Old Coach Road' and we soon came to a fairly swift ford, across Carton Creek on Harwoods Road, which was of dubious depth. So Orange Peel ventured in, found it was not too deep (at least on that side) and went across. Well he got his wheels onto the hard on the far side, but lost momentum and stalled going up the bank. Oops, engage 4WD and low ratio and climb out OK. The rest followed without incident, but Angie was a trifle disturbed by the water over the bonnet. We then went up through the logged forest and down the other side to rejoin the highway. Back to Waiuta and a look at the old town, followed by a return to the Lodge for dinner. The slow cookers had done their job and we soon settled down to dinner. A feature of these trips is the quality of the evening meals, complete with a substantial dessert, and we were not disappointed.

## Monday

Today was supposed to be a good day, maybe the best of the week, so the plan was to head to Waipuna Creek, the Tunnels, Nobles Creek and Napoleon Hill in the morning and Sewell Peak near Greymouth in the afternoon. A quick phone call confirmed the Sewell Peak key would be in the milking shed somewhere and we set off for Waipuna. Oil-pro joined us at Ikamatua and we cruised to the bridge at Waipuna. The first river crossing looked fine, although there was definitely more water than average in the Creek. Oil-pro soon proved this by getting stuck in the second crossing, and then remembered to engage 4WD!

The Creek was bank to bank in places where there were previously shingle banks, but we soon reached the tunnel entrances and prepared for the exciting part. The Creek track through the tunnels was quite bumpy, but we soon found our gold panning spot and looked for colours. Hmmmm-some claimed it was gold dust, but the majority said it was just pyrites. As the track left the creek, some gardening was required, but we all ascended Napoleon Hill without difficulty to reach the abandoned cemetery at the top. Mountain bikes (3) were off loaded and assembled and the riders set off downhill. We followed after a decent pause and were soon at the bottom of the hill. A play ground held our attention for a few moments, but we had to rendezvous with the cyclists and follow down the whole creek to reach the road for a lunch break. Amazing how time flies when you are having fun!

So on to cross the Buller at Stillwater and through Taylorville to find the key to Sewell Peak. The road up is rambling in the foothills but soon turns sharply upwards to follow a sealed track to the top. With the mist lifting, we had tremendous views, no wind and a "see all the Southern Alps" type of day as a reward for the climb. Certainly the highlight of the day. Mountain bikes were again assembled and a great ride down eventuated.

From the bottom we then took the road towards Atarau and found a series of short tracks put in to service the Transpower line that were interesting - four modest recoveries were needed - before it was time to turn back. A stop at the Pike River Memorial completed our touring and we returned to Waiuta without incident (except for shopping etc).

To be continued...

## Knowledge Transfer – Yeah Right

A Trip Report (s?) from August 2006

Well its bin awhile – where ya all bin then? Truth is his nibs moved the typewriter screen thing – its in “The Lounge”. I ain’t allowed in “The Lounge”. Mucky feet eh. Her Nibs is fussy like that. Anyway its only bin 18 munfs and at my age that aint long, it’s like ya haven’t called ya bruvver for two years but when ya do its like tomorrow eh. Shared experiences and all that shite – didn’t know I’s a bit of a phisophiler did ya, a trick cyclist me dad used ta call it – never did unnerstan what he’s talking about most of the time. But I’m well read, yeah, his nibs left a box of detective an spy novels in the garage once an I read em all. Well the British ones, the yank ones make ya spit a bit.

So wot ya bin up to? I know lots a ya aint seen me out but I’d a dun 25-30 trips since I last wrote. Yeah, we bin flat stick, some big trips too – Tongariro and Pureora (towed up there by Paj again, luv that eh), Shannon Team Challenge, inter-club champs (Pedro took great snaps of me trick rollover in the speed section, everyone slowed down after that eh!), Ohine..... ah Taihape wif Vruinky, haven’t quite had anuvver adventure like that Tongariro trip 18 munths ago when we were out for 34 hours at a stretch though.

Just did a team challenge thing at Rallywoods eh. Me and Mitch and Marcel against a team of Jappo rubbish poncey Pajero’s – can’t lose eh. Fat cheatin baskets they were. Oh yeah they’re denyin it, braggin in their boots, but we know they had the clock runnin slow. We were just out to have fun eh, those Pajero blokes fort it were a competition or summat. We was experimenting wif optional strategies – yeah, that’s what we were really doin. We’s just looked like we had an off day – winch trouble up Wong Way, diffrent strategy on the next one, took a bit long up Nissan Way.

Did look like the team’s fitness was a issue though – they was tryin (very tryin), but Jill, Toni an Clive they sweated it up those tracks pullin ropes an hookin up winches while his nibs cruises in the drivin seat. But at least they didn’t spend half the time lyin in the mud takin a rest evry five minutes like Adams and Furniss (don’t look so cool covered in mud eh). Eatin sausages – that’s wot they’re good at eh.

Previus trip out was with that Purdie bloke in the Aka’s (I warned ya in the past about following him eh, specially at Foxton). Lotta Pajero’s on that trip too, shoul da known it was a bad sign. The fun started when we come down through the twin gate and found the mud holes in the pines – even the bikies stopped to watch. Had to winch stripey zebra out. Pink Pajero had trouble near the old manufacturers challenge site and had to strop him out. Then went through tight narrow little track leading to the start of the Ruts – now y talking! Got through after bout three hours, too late to do the Ruts. His nibs gets carried away thru the streams tryin to get all the mud off and in the third stream finally drowns me. He aint too bright sometimes eh, he’s still young though so plenty of time. Got towed home by Charles – those Paj’s are suckers really eh!

Submitted by a slightly younger Leroy...

## **McKenzie Trail - Queens Birthday - June 2016**

The Cross Country Vehicle Club (CCVC) ran two 4wd trips on the McKenzie Trail over Queen's Birthday weekend 2016.

The CCVC trip leaders were cognisant of the hazard warnings provided by HDC and the Chair of the Foxton Community Board and included these in their trip and safety briefings.

Here are some observations from the trips:

### **Vehicle Damage to Dunes**

Between our Saturday trip and Sunday trip, it was apparent that off-road vehicles had "played" without constraint on almost every "forbidden" area the whole length of the trail, mostly in the southern part administered by HDC. The impact on delicate and recovering dune faces is severe, undermining the conservation efforts of the last 15 years. Evidence from tyre tracks and information from nearby residents indicates that the culprits were a small number of quads, a few trail bikes and at least one dune buggy.

### **The Farmer's Hole**

This is an area where the adjacent land-owner (understood to be Graham Sexton) or his staff had dug a deep hole in the McKenzie Trail a few years ago in an apparent effort to discourage access. This hole is immediately to the west of the fence along his property boundary.

As a result, a small deviation to the track was formed around the so-called Farmer's Hole.

During significant flooding in (I think) 2010 the land-owner dug a channel from this same point through the fore-dune to the beach in order to allow flood waters to drain from his property. I understand that there were issues with lack of resource consent and requirements for reinstatement, however I wasn't privy to the details or the outcome.

One obvious outcome was that the fore-dune was never properly reinstated.

Now, with the recent weather and tide conditions, this cut through the fore-dune has been significantly expanded and now forms a small bay where the sea has brought a huge amount of driftwood inland.

Meanwhile, nature has had its way with the sand formations and the trail immediately north of the Farmer's Hole has become impassable to all but the most experienced drivers with the most powerful trucks. Accordingly, 4wd users have been following an alternative path around this area that had already been established by quad bikes.

Now, this alternative path is degraded (sluiced out to a lower depth) and significantly obstructed by large volumes of huge driftwood logs. These logs could be cleared, it would take a 4wd club work party a couple of hours given the right equipment.

## **Other Users**

Numerous other users were encountered on the McKenzie Trail over Queens Birthday weekend.

One example was a quad bike rider who had a very young child on board. He stated that his permit has been taken off him by HDC and that he no longer bothered with a permit. He said he had been riding in there for 20 years. He also got a bit aggressive in wanting to know "what is it to you?".

Another totally different example was a group of 3 quad bikes based at Himatangi Beach who were upset that they'd done everything to comply, yet had no idea about restrictions on access or the opportunity to apply for a permit. They said they'd been told that all they needed to do was register their quads in order to drive legally on the beach and down the McKenzie Trail, and had duly done so. These people seemed genuine in their desire to comply with requirements and, following our conversation, said they'd approach HDC for a permit.

Of the few other users we approached amongst the many on the trail, the common theme was lack of information about the conditions of access.

## **Three Mile Creek**

Yes the effects of the recent weather are apparent at Three Mile Creek. There is a significant amount of driftwood and other debris washed up and the inland bank of the stream is quite high and sheer.

Nonetheless access isn't difficult. If one enters toward the southern part of the bay and is prepared to drive across a sea of rubbish (which we did, with no adverse effect) then there is no problem.

## **Other Observations**

Other effects of the recent weather are that:

- Many parts of the track have a larger "lean" due to sand drift and consequently more risk of panel damage
- Many hilltops are sharper and need to be approached carefully
- The trail is in the "Hard Yakka" category and is not suitable for any but the most experienced drivers with the most capable trucks.

## **Fore-dunes**

- The fore-dune has been eroded along most of its length by the weather and high tides.
- Nonetheless it is already apparent that the dune grasses are starting a recovery.
- There are a number of blow-outs, some of them quite large.
- It is disappointing to see evidence in many places of trail bike and quad tracks through the fore-dune into the McKenzie Trail.

## **Signage**

- Most of the signage and fencing erected by HDC along the seaward face of the fore-dunes north of the surf club has gone.
- This is also apparent south of the surf club, however that (and many other associated observations) are not the subject of this email.
- Lack of signage and fencing leads to unwanted access by off-road recreational vehicles.

## **Key Messages**

- Extended signage would clarify the conditions of access to the McKenzie Trail. This is a difficult topic and we would be pleased to assist in working out a plan. We provided similar input many years ago following adoption of the initial coastal management plan.
- A permit arrangement for quad bike and trail bike riders would be useful.
- Wider availability of information about the McKenzie Trail (and the adjacent areas) and conditions of access should increase compliance with the required behaviours.

Conditions of Access that should be publicised, not only to permit-holders but also as part of general public signage:

- Keep on the track.
- Don't drive over vegetation, unless it has grown across the track and can't be avoided.
- Don't play on dune faces.
- Don't go through the fore-dunes to or from the beach, except in cases of emergency.

--End--





## **EDITORIAL**

This month we have a stand-in Chronicle editor (Terry Hughes) as Alan is off on another "Big OE" - this time Spain, Portugal, Budapest (Hungary), Bratislava (Slovakia), Krakow and Warsaw in Poland plus brief stops in Nice (France) and Zurich (Switzerland). He left at the end of June and will return in the middle of August, so hopefully will miss some of New Zealand's winter. Terry gets all emails addressed to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz so please continue to send trip reports, etc (in fact anything for the magazine!) to this address. Alan submitted a 4WD photo—can you guess which one?

By then end of July we had received No trip reports for the mag. I put out a call for submissions, and I'd like to thank :

Andrew Gee  
Jude Rankin  
Ian Hutchings  
Steve Courtenay  
Grant Purdie  
Alan Donaldson  
Willy Wilson  
Dave De Martin

for responding to the call so magnificently. As a result, there are some items in the mag you wouldn't normally see—I'd welcome feedback as to whether you want these left in.

Some of the more cynical members might wonder why I haven't submitted any trip reports myself. This photo shows the reason I've not been out much—the engine in my Vitara ran the bearings after it's last play on the McKenzie Trail (see Grants comments in this edition—it really is a great run, but hard work for a standard smallish engine). Of course, the wee Suzuki's never let you down on the trail—it waited till I was back on SH1 before the bearings let rip, and it still got me home, although when I pulled up it sounded like an angry dwarf with a big hammer was stuck under the bonnet. Hopefully it'll start this weekend and then I'll be back better than ever...



This engine (Vitara 1.6 16 valve) was made from 3 donors, so if anyone needs bits, let me know before I tidy up!

Cheers, Terry

# MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Members should now have all received their membership card for the 2015/16 year. However a few members need to update their address recorded in the membership database so the card can be sent out.

Its easy, <http://ccvcwellington.wildapricot.org> and log in (use the lost password routine if you need to) and update your address details.

The NZ4WD Association has now also printed membership cards and these will be available to pick up at Club night.

## CCVC Club Member's Photos and Videos

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at Club night.

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

Pick your best 6 to 10 photos , resized to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)

Email them with a brief description of event, location, date taken and any notes you would like included to Dave Kibblewhite

email address: [verda@xtra.co.nz](mailto:verda@xtra.co.nz)

OR

Put on a USB stick and contact Dave to arrange collection / dropoff

Always looking for 4WD related video clips, Powerpoint presentations, YouTube listings etc that can be shown on clubnight – we have the technology!

I need all material by 7.00pm on the Monday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or Powerpoint presentation ready to show , these could be given to me on the night but please contact Dave prior to arrange.

Any questions please contact Dave

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**Central Zone General Meeting**

Club Palmerston, 22 Linton St, Palmerston North

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016, Meeting commenced at 1:45pm

**Roll Call**

President	Max Wheatley
Treasurer	Shona Stone
Secretary	Craig Lilford
CZ PRO	Brent Samson
ARAC	Marcus Steeneken
Capital Cruisers	
CCVC	Morris Jury
Central Districts	Joel Wolters
Costa Plenty	Trevor Hendra
Featherston Family	
Desert Defenders	
Feilding	Steve Stewart
Hawkes Bay	Max Charman
Kiwi 4x4	Craig Lilford
Levin	
Manawatu	Phil Shailer
Mt Egmont	
Off Road Wairarapa	
Taranaki Family	
Tararua	Stuart Barton
Twin City	
Valley 4x4	Brent Samson
Wairarapa 4WD	Brendan Watchorn
Wanganui	Phil Shailer
Wellington Jeep	
Wellington Family	Dave DeMartin
Windy City	Brent Stone
Wellington Jeep	
<b>Guests</b>	Alan Stone

**Apologies Accepted**

Egmont	Paul Barnes
Windy City	Mark Pincock
Manawatu	Andrew Francis
Wgtn Jeep	Andrew Gee

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes tabled from previous meeting and approved,

**Matters arising from previous minutes**

Carried over to General Business.

**Correspondence**

In Max GPs Training Day & GPS Flyer, NZFWDA Ins Cert, Pureora (general business), CZCTC Manawatu round (Brendan), Young person award (Brent), Wellington Family new delegate Dave De Martin, Taranaki Family Secretary Matt Adkins request to attend, Egmont report & apology (Paul Barnes), NZFWDA conference info, CZ financials (Shona), Map for CZCTC (Brendan), Tararua report (Stuart), Wellington Jeep report and reimbursement (Andrew Gee)

Out Nil

**Presidents Report (also for AGM)**

Zone Presidents report 2015/16.

A fairly quiet year with no big issues.

Attendance at meetings continues to be quite good but I do encourage all clubs to attend, remember the Zone delegates job is to communicate in both directions both to the Zone and back to their club.

Money wise we remain OK as you will see from the balance sheet that Shona will table. This year we are yet to receive the Zone split (some \$3000) from the executive and it is not clear at this point whether this is an oversight or a change in policy that we have missed.

Work continues to be done to fund the purchase of EPIRBS for Zone clubs, it is hoped that this will come to fruition in the next few months.

CZ continues to provide money for track maintenance and underwrites events to the maximum of \$500 to ensure that hosting clubs do not suffer a loss when running events for the clubs within Central Zone.

Again my thanks go to Shona, Craig and Brent (Treasurer, Seceratry and PRO) as these are the people that do the real work that keeps the Zone together.

As always I urge you to go to National conference that is being held in Wellington this year.

Thanks you for your support through the year.

Max Wheatley

President Central Zone

NZFWDA

**Treasurers Report & Statement (attached)**

Tabled & Accepted

Lunch \$232.00 and Wgtn Jeep invoice \$228.26 for CZCTC Approved for payment.

### Club Delegates Reports

Verbal reports received from attending delegates.

#### Egmont Report

Hi all, Just quickly this month, we had our AGM last month, and all executive positions remain as there are.

We have recently held the final round of the trials series, this went off with very little hick ups, a couple of big rolls, plenty of mud. Dan Cowper won the day.

Members were involved competing and marshalling at the Suzuki Extreme 4x4 challenge, also at CZCTC events.

Also our club championship series will be starting soon, and our annual interclub competition with neighbours Wanganui, this year hosted by Wanganui will be held at the end of May (but im sure Egmont will still keep the trophy, well here's hoping)

That's it from me this month, Barnsey

#### Wellington Jeep Report

The Jeep club had a busy March where we ran one round of the CZ Club Truck Challenge and then in Easter we organised three days of 4wd runs for the Military Vehicle Easter Rally. Currently we await our AGM which will be held next week and there is expected to be a change of the executive.

#### Orongorongo Station Club Truck hosted by Wellington Jeep Club, March 12

Wellington Jeep Club organised Round 3 of the Club Truck Challenge (CTC) but there was more than a 4wd trial, there was farmhouse accommodation sourced and a spit roast meal for supporters of the series. The weekend was a great success with close and friendly competition, if you don't come out and see what it's all about then you're missing out. The executive summary says Jeeps came 5 out of the top 6 places and the normally reliable Toyotas had three mechanical failures. The first DNS was Rob who left Taranaki in his Land Rover only to have a fuel pump fail on the highway. A search on Friday couldn't find a replacement and he had to stay at home.

#### Selected Results

Overall place	Name	Class	Score	Club
1	Dave McGinnity	3	211.1	Windy City Offroaders
2	Don Morgan	3	247.7	Wellington Jeep
3	Andrew Gee	3	317.8	Valley 4wd
4	Neil Blackie	3	331.1	CCVC
5	Ross Gregory	1	365.3	Wairarapa 4x4
6	Bruce Tustin	3	372.2	Wellington Jeep

#### NZ Military Vehicle Collectors Club Easter Rally 2016, Wainuiomata

One hundred people and 40 vehicles gathered at Camp Wainui for the Easter Rally of the NZ Military Vehicle Collectors Club ([www.nzmvcc.org.nz](http://www.nzmvcc.org.nz)) this year. The club has a Rally every year at different places and it's a good reunion of friends and military vehicle nuts. Wellington Jeep club helped by

organising three off road runs, one for each day of the rally. As soon as I heard I got some DPM and a BDU and got to camp PDQ. The Easter Rally included 4wd runs, a swap meet, the club AGM and a catered meal on the last night. All pretty successful, nobody got lost but there were a few mechanical issues.

Andrew Gee

### **Tararua Club Report**

Club champs held on Malcom Judds property couple of weeks ago. Turn out was down on previous years due to a number of normally active members being away or on other engagements. Those that did turn out had a fun day with no major breakages or disasters.

4 vehicles had a day in the Akatarawa Forest in March. Drove the Roller Coaster and then had time to do the Firewood Loop.

3 Club members went on the Kauri Coast Safari in January. Great week away and some very good beach driving. Unfortunately the normally good weather stayed away and we lost out on a couple of forestry and farm runs because of flooding and slips on tracks. Well organised and catered for event.

3 trucks also went on the Mahia Hunt Club Safari at Waitangi Weekend. Another well run and catered event. Some great farm tracks inland around the Wairoa/Mahia area.

Two teams entered for the Rallywood Winch Event at Queens Birthday. Also planning on going to the Mainland Event in Blenheim/Nelson in August.

Club membership is stable at 37 members.

AGM is being held on 30th April.

### **General Business**

- National AGM trip – We have approved \$500 underwritten for CCVC trip and meal at Orange Hut. This is subject to Max/Brent discussing at national exec meeting why they aren't meeting the cost to put on this event due to it being part of the AGM.
- Wellington Family would like to formerly thank Roger Seymour for his assistance over McKenzie Trail trip leader access issues
- Recently there was an article in a Wellington paper about stopping 4x4 access to a wetland area in the Akatarawa recreation area. This information is actually 15 years old and was just sensationalizing by the paper, which excluded the correct information about the continuing support of the area by 4wd clubs.
- Forestry contractors will have an obligation in the Akatarawa recreational area to restore tracks to the original Map20 layout for recreation to have continued access. This has taken 5 years work and over a 100 tracks documented and added/edited onto the Map20.
- Odlins Rd, Waitara Hut – still waiting on contract from DoC to demolish and rebuild.
- Trevor Hendra discussed at length the upcoming CD 4x4 Swap meet/show. There is to be a competition for the best clubs static display. 1<sup>st</sup> \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100.

For more information goto: <http://centraldistricts4x4.co.nz/Swap+Meet?src=nav>

- Trevor also discussed organizing a Civil Defence/Health & Safety information meeting for clubs to attend at the Manawatu DC. Further information to come.
- Army is to build a 4x4 track and testing facility at Manfield, Corporate, business and 4x4 clubs will have access to this facility to use.
- There is a beach clean up to be organised for the central districts area in the near future.
- Brent has continued to seek funding for Epirb units with next round of charity funding announcements due in June.
- King Country 4WD Club requested funding support for tracks in Pureora Forest Park, even though King Country falls under Northern Zone, many CZ clubs do visit this area. It was decided after much discussion to offer them \$500 as per our club event/track policy. This \$500 would be made available upon request subject to Doc not funding the track work.
- Marcus requested an update on where ARAC Maintenance Division membership as a club to CZ is at. It was presented to National for approval. Max to follow up with Bobbie.

Next CZ General Meeting to be 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 1PM at Club Palmerston, 22 Linton St, Palmerston North  
Meeting closed at 3:20 PM



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**ARAC AGM 2016**

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Date is Thursday August 25th, from 7:00pm - make sure your Delegates are advised and the ARAC Secretary is advised of any changes – [secretary@arac.org.nz](mailto:secretary@arac.org.nz)



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# Cross Country Vehicle Club

## Roll of Honour

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR CELEBRATES LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB  
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

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Bob Jeffery  
George Bean  
Peter Boniface  
Ron Oliver  
Vern Lill  
Steve O'Callaghan  
Ron Wadham

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### **Member Information:**

Bob Jeffery            Steward 1982

George Bean        Treasurer 1972, 73, 74, 84, 81, 82, 84, Steward 1976

Peter Boniface      Not listed as a committee member

Ron Oliver            Initial President in 1971 the President 1972, 73, 74

Vern Lill              Committee 1974, 76, Steward 1975, Delegate 1977, 78, Vice President  
1979, 80

Steve O'Callaghan New Members Officer 1999 till 2015

Ron Wadham        Safety Officer 1997, 98, led many CCVC trips

<b><u>CCVC Life Members</u></b>				
Tom Adams	Graham Barr	Leith Bean	Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft
Owen Farghar	Mike Gall	John Hughes	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson
Steve Lacey	Colin Landy	Phil Lewton	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare
Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	

22 July 2016



## **Funding available for projects that improve public access to the outdoors**

Groups undertaking projects to enhance access to the outdoors should consider applying for funding through the New Zealand Walking Access Commission's Enhanced Access Fund.

A total of \$56,000 is available across two funding rounds in 2016-2017 to support projects that help secure certain and enduring access for current and future generations.

NZWAC chief executive Eric Pyle said funding applications were being invited for the first of the two rounds, with round one applications due by 30 September.

"Across New Zealand, there are many organisations doing important work to improve outdoor access. These groups often operate on small budgets and rely on sheer energy, commitment and passion. The Enhanced Access Fund is there to help them achieve their goals."

Funding will be prioritised towards projects designed to obtain certain and enduring access, such as negotiations to secure access agreements, legal or survey costs, or the cost of obtaining *Resource Management Act* consents.

Other initiatives such as signage, installation of stiles and other activities that improve existing public access were also eligible, though these funding categories are given lower priority.

Improved outdoor access has a wide and lasting impact on quality of life, and community resilience, Mr Pyle said.

"Better outdoor access helps to bring communities together, helps them thrive, and improves regional economies."

The first funding round of the Enhanced Access Fund was held in 2010 and since then 83 projects have been awarded funding.

Recent funding recipients include Living Streets Aotearoa, which received funding to assist with the design and installation of signs to mark public access on a track in Karaka Bay, Wellington, and the Rotary Club of Plimmerton, which received a grant to cover the cost of resource consent for the next stage of its Te Ara Piko Pathway project.

At the top of the North Island, Vision Kerikeri received assistance for signs on the new Wairoa Stream Waterfall Track in Kerikeri, while in the South Island, the Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust received a grant to help with survey costs and legal fees to secure easements over private land to help complete Tasman's Great Taste Trail.

Application forms, guidelines and further details about the application process are available on the Enhanced Access Fund page of the Commission's website.

### **ENDS**

For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact:

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## Trip Categories

The following trip category definitions, plus any *additional* requirements specified on individual Trip Information Sheets, will be enforced, for safety reasons. Trip Leaders will turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply. The vehicle and driver requirements given here are a summary of the full requirements listed on the club website. Please refer to [www.cvc.org.nz](http://www.cvc.org.nz) for a definitive list of requirements.

For all Categories: All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

All Categories **other than Family 4X4** are for members only. Prospective members and visitors are welcome if they can demonstrate to the Trip Leader they are members of another club and have adequate experience.

### **Family 4X4:**

**Description:** Family trip. These trips will be straightforward and will usually include some degree of guidance in driving techniques as necessary.

**Drivers:** Particularly suited to family outings and drivers new to off-road driving, this category is also open to anybody who enjoys this style of trip.

**Members:** Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

**Vehicles:** An important objective is minimal challenge and minimal risk to vehicles. Club safety equipment is mandatory for club members; it is not mandatory for non-members although it is recommended for vehicles once their drivers have participated in one or two trips. All open or soft-top vehicles must have a roll bar or roll cage.

### **Shiny 4x4:**

**Description:** More difficult family trips, for shiny wagons and drivers *with some experience* who want more challenge and don't mind minor bush marks etc on their vehicles.

**Drivers:** Must have some experience, particularly important are experience in stopping, failed hill climbs, steep descents and sidelings. Club members must have completed CCVC Driver Training and participated in at least 2 Family 4X4 trips after becoming a member.

**Vehicles:** Vehicles must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip.

### **Club 4x4:**

**Description:** Challenging trips, for experienced drivers. There will be steep and challenging terrain, modestly deep water and mud, likelihood of bush marks.

**Drivers:** Must have experience beyond that required for Shiny 4x4 trips, including water crossings and vehicle recovery. Club members must have participated in at least 2 Shiny 4X4 trips.

**Vehicles:** Must have mud tyres, tow hooks and all the required equipment per the club's document "Vehicle Safety & Equipment Inspections". This applies to all vehicles on the trip. Accessories such as high-lift jacks, externally mounted spare tyre, bush bars and multiple jacking points are of advantage. Winches are often particularly useful. Generally a short wheelbase vehicle is better suited for the tight tracks.

### **Hard Yakka:**

**Description:** Difficult trips with very challenging terrain and surfaces, where winching, digging, and vehicle damage are all a possibility!

**Drivers:** Experienced drivers only, must have approval of Trip Leader. Club members must have participated in at least 3 Club 4X4 trips.

**Vehicles:** As per the Club 4x4 category. In addition, a roll-bar or roll-cage is recommended for all vehicles on Hard Yakka trips. Often a winch is mandatory on a Hard Yakka trip; this will be specified on the Trip Information Sheet

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
<b>August 2016</b>				
Saturday 6th	Red Rocks and Beyond - Club Members and members of other clubs only	David Coxon	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks, Long Gully and beyond
Monday 8th	Trip Leaders Forum	Graeme Millard	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Wednesday 10th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Sunday 14th	Akatarawa Forest with Graeme - Book with Graeme (allworx@paradise.net.nz)	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 20th	Trip Leaders Training Day - For Trip Leaders only (no other trips on this day)	-tba-	Shiny 4X4 / Hard Yakka	
Wednesday 31st	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
<b>September 2016</b>				
Saturday 3rd	CCVC First Aid Course for Trip Leaders and those renewing their CCVC Qualification	John Parfitt	Training (Unknown)	
Saturday 10th	Akatarawa with Graeme - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Sunday 18th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip (to be confirmed due to lambing etc)	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Saturday 24th	Kapiti Camera Club - Colonial Knob - Members only	Brent Samson	Shiny 4X4	Colonial Knob, Porirua
<b>October 2016</b>				
Saturday 8th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Sunday 9th	Akatarawa with Ian G - Book with Ian ipgroom@xtra.co.nz	Ian Groom	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Monday 10th	Upper Hutt City Council Sunset Trip - Club Vehicles only	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Mt Climie
Wednesday 12th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 29th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
<b>November 2016</b>				
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 12th	Akatarawa Forest with Frank A - Book with Frank ( francis.a@orcon.net.nz)	Frank Allan	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 27th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-

## **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.