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This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-to's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month.
Please email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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Upcoming National Events

Dec 17-18: Waiouru Safari - 2 Day Guided Quad/Side-by-Side Safari

The dates shown are confirmed but subject always to NZ Army requirements regarding Army activities. On Saturday the event will be based near Lake Moawhanga. The site is very picturesque. The trails are just brilliant. Course Number one. This course will be about 25-30 Kms in length. It will be designed for the more experienced driver with some fast sections. Course number 2 will be about 25-30 kms and will be tailored and restricted to drivers who wish to have some time in the seat at normal speeds. Course 3 will be a short 4-5Kms course specially designed for demonstrating the many Can-Am Models. Sunday a guided Safari with three different groups to choose from through the 163,000 acres of Waiouru military training area. The event is specifically designed for quads (4wd) and side-by-sides. There will be three groups to choose from so you will never be out of your comfort zone while you explore this Alpine wonderland.

Jan 29: Waipara Volunteer Fire Brigade 2017 Waipara River Run

Driving down Waipara River to rocks at Amberley Beach. Whether you're an experienced driver looking for a challenge or novice looking to have a great day out with the family, this is the trip for you. \$60 per vehicle, in 2015 we had 47 vehicles, in 2016 we had 79 vehicles..... lets make this year massive. Any questions please dont hesitate to ask. Email tomsoffroad@yahoo.com or 027 407 2452

Feb 03-06: Motu School East Cape Safari 2017

Waitangi Weekend. Planning for the 2017 Safari is well underway. The safari begins at Motu School on and weaves in and out the East Coast region and usually finishes at the Raukokere Church on 6 February. The Safari tours through the back blocks of the East Coast with incredible views and interesting experiences on the way, travelling forests, farms, rivers and tracks. The aim is to travel cross country as far as possible and practical, as always the weather has the ultimate say. The Safari is designed as a family affair, but will have enough interest to keep the more adventurous entertained. Camping areas arranged (BYO tents and comforts). Evening meals will be available to purchase. More details following registration. All vehicles to be registered and warranted so you comply with the forestry permit. All vehicles to have minimum of third party insurance. You need this to comply with the school liability policy. Cost is \$400 per vehicle and spaces are on a "first in, first served" basis to those that have registered an interest. Contact Paul & Shelley Cornwall at admin@motu.school.nz or PO Box 11, Motu 4052 or 06 863 5804

Feb 12: Riversdale Surf Lifesaving 4WD Fundraiser

Hosted by Wairarapa 4x4 Club. Over local farms including Flat Point, Homewood, Stansborough, Matariki, Orui and Pahautu Stations. Over local farms including Flat Point, Homewood, Stansborough, Matariki, Orui and Pahautu Stations. \$85.00 per vehicle. Local club vehicles will have seats available for those without a 4WD. \$25.00 per person. For more information contact Dave McLean 06 377 3274 or 027 697 3976.

Feb 25-26: Te Awamutu Rotary 4WD Safari Waitanguru

Annual Te Awamutu Rotary Safari in conjunction with Geyserland 4WD Club. The 2017 4WD Safari will be held over the weekend of 25th and 26th February, 2017 and it will be based at the Waitanguru District Hall. The Waitanguru Hall is situated 22kms west of Pio Pio which is 24 kms south of Te Kuiti on SH3. This area offers a good mix of terrain over spectacular countryside, some of which was used in filming of the Hobbit trilogy. There will be facility free camping (toilets, no showers) available on-site, bed and breakfast opportunities in the area and motel accommodation at Pio Pio (22 kms, 26 minutes), Te Kuiti (45 kms, 45 minutes) and Otorohanga (65kms, 70 minutes). As with previous years, a full range of homemade meals will be made available throughout the weekend and you will be able to order these when you register for the event. For further information and registration forms contact David Samuel on 07 871-5889 (before 9.00pm) or email bedsamuel@clear.net.nz

Mar 18-19: Hokianga Safari 2017

Hosted by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club of Dargaville. There will be tracks for both club shinys and tuff trucks. The Safari will be based in Waimamaku crossing private land, both coastal and inland that isn't accessible to the public and will be predominately off road. Full day of 4x4in on Saturday and ½ day Sunday. This is a self-catering safari so unlike previous years no will be meals provided. There will be BBQ's available and there is also a kitchen in the complex. Full camping facilities available. Cost \$100 per vehicle. Limited to 60 vehicles. Fundraising for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. For more information contact Ron or Chrissy 09 405 8316.

Some details in this column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.

RECOVERY – AND ALL THAT

For most trips “recovery” is what happens when you get home after the trip, and can be accompanied by lurid tales of adventure and maybe a cold one or three. Certainly it is an activity that is low in thinking, and is almost automatic.

But one recent Saturday 20 trip leaders learned that there is another sort of Recovery that actually requires a lot of thought and after that the action is simple and safe.

This exercise was planned after a few “Recoveries” had poor outcomes and in one case a truck write off. Duncan, our mentor, had borrowed a couple of wrecks from Pick-a-part and these were pre-placed at strategic and not so easy locations for recovery.

The first task was to get the crew to Judd’s farm and erect the Club Marquee. John V paced out the measurements, pegs were pegged and it all worked easily. So the lunch barbeque could proceed irrespective of the weather. That done the Club Bar-B-Q was set up for lunch.

We then split into four groups tasked with:

- recovery gear inventory and familiarisation,
- winching with a hi-lift jack,
- recovering a car dropped off a small bank and
- recovering a upside down van from a modest cliff.

The hi-lift winch needs a few short chains with hooks (remember the Howard Material Handling display at Club Night) and some pre-organised mods to the hi-lift itself. Basically you need to be able to get a rated D shackle into each end of the main bar and attached to the lifting bar, and filing or drilling the respective holes is needed.

To make the winch, one end of the jack needs a fixed non-stretch connection to the hard point (truck, tree etc) and the other end is fitted with a short chain and hook (take off the foot from the jack) and left hanging meantime. The truck being winched is connected to a length of chain (the main chain) and this is hooked by a short chain to the hi-lift lifting bar. The exercise starts with jack mechanism at the end of the jack nearest the struck truck.

Start jacking so the jack mechanism moves along the jack towards the end connected to the hard point, the arrangement pulls tight and maybe moves the truck (but more likely you just take up the slack!). Once the mechanism reaches the far end of the jack, the short hanging chain on the far end of the jack is hooked onto the main chain, and the jack is moved back a notch or two so this second (far end) chain takes up the load. The chain on the lifting bar is now slack, enabling the mechanism to be returned to the original end and the short chain on the lifting bar re-attached to the main chain by the hook. The jack mechanism is now moved up the jack to take up the strain and move the stuck truck. So it goes on!

The most important thing is to think, to always keep fingers clear of the jack and chains and take it slowly. The photo shows the arrangement.

We all moved around the exercises and completed them. The versatility and usefulness of recovery chain was clearly evident, as were the benefits of pull straight on to the desired direction of the recovery. But the main learning was that thinking is always the first thing to do, prepare a plan is second, make sure everybody knows it and who is in charge is third. Only then can the recovery itself start. Always control both ends of a vehicle (a fixed strop, a second vehicle etc) if there is any prospect of sideways slippage during the recovery.

One interesting aspect was that you need to be sure of all the facts used for decision making. At the end of the exercise this was demonstrated when one vehicle had to be towed out along the track to the gate for return to pick-a-part.

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The word was "the brakes are locked and stuck on" so "it will need dragging". A short chain was used to keep the car "under control" and the journey started. So far so good. The trip went fine but after a small rise the track turned and went downhill sharply. Hmm - the tow felt a bit lighter and hey! - what's that! - a car running alongside the tow vehicle? It eventually found a ditch and came to a stop, but clearly the wheels were free and running fine! So that information was BS.

The tow chain had slackened on the downhill section as the car wanted to go faster than the tow vehicle. This let the hook fall out and the car was loose. It kept going in a straight line whilst the tow vehicle veered away on the proper track. Thus the "towed" car could and did pass the tow vehicle!

We all did the four exercises and consumed sausages for lunch, and got cleared up.

Ross decided he wanted to break a winch rope and set up with a tree and a backstop anchor truck. A small nick in the poly rope was made and the winch in proceeded. Hmm - both vehicles started forward and the rope stayed intact. A third anchor vehicle was used with no better result. The cable did not break. So a bigger nick was created and eventually the rope did break. Ross can now cut out the frayed section and re-join the remaining good bits - remember how from the Howard Material Handling demonstration at Club Night?

So a good and learning day and the notes, when written up, will provide a good written set of learnings on best recovery practice for the Club. Thanks Duncan.



CCVC have invited representatives from ARAC to speak at our December club night.

Central Region 4WD Clubs - come along for updates on the MOU with GWRC, the Odlins Road Hut replacement and their projects for the coming 12 months. Please invite your members to come along to the Petone Workingmens Club, Udy Street, Petone on Wed 14th at 7.30pm kick-off.

The bar is open, tea and coffee at mid break and hopefully some Christmas Cake treats.

Please ensure attendees sign in for the CCVC meeting on arrival, everyone is welcome.

If you have any queries please contact me either via email or 021 494680.

Ralph Dobson, CCVC delegate - ARAC

Central Zone General Meeting

Club Palmerston, 22 Linton St, Palmerston North
Saturday 15 October 2016
Meeting commenced at 1:05pm

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes tabled from previous meeting and approved,

Matters arising from previous minutes

Wellington Family tabled concerns on previous minutes notes from Grant Purdie.

Correspondence

In	ARAC update from Andi
	NZFWDA Trail Torque & Ahuora fundraiser 2016
	Mark Pincock mistake amendment of minutes
	Dave De Martin requesting amendment of minutes
	Grant Purdie meeting notes as attached to previous minutes
Out	Amended minutes

Treasurers Report & Statement

Tabled & Accepted
Lunch \$193.50, Shona fuel \$100

Club Delegates Reports

Verbal reports received from attending delegates.

Tararua FWD:

Current membership is 33
Activities over the last few months include:
June - Several teams entered the winch challenge at Rallywoods.
July - Monthly event canceled due to lack of numbers available.
August - Five trucks went to Mainland winch challenge in Blenheim and Nelson, enjoyable weekend with lots of breakages. Robyn Scaife was first equal at Blenheim and second in Nelson.
September - Team of eight people visited the Akatarawa Forest and spent the morning clearing vegetation on the West end of "The Ruts" track.
October - Planned trip to Odlins Rd canceled due to lack of numbers.
November - Linking up with Manawatu and Wanganui for an afternoon at the Go Karts followed by a barbecue. Group also heading north for the Manakau Winch Challenge.
2017 - - Planning two to three week trip to the Simpson Desert.

Windy City:

We had a mid winter Xmas dinner recently which was well attended, been on a couple of scenic shiny trips into the Akatarawa Forest and have a few coastal trips planned for the near future along with BBQs as the weather is improving.
Quite a few of our members are busy helping the valley club with their upcoming round of the national trials series.

CZ PRO Update

DoC recreational advisory meeting on the 27th of October that I will be attending

General Business

Egmont Interclub competition on with Counties Manakau,.
CCVC currently doing sunset trips for public.

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NZFWDA membership cards due in the mail.

Grant Purdy working with national exec on the review and update of documents for the H&S guidelines.

What the Exec has agreed to do:

Prepare a policy statement.

Prepare some guidelines for affiliated 4wd clubs

Gradually build up an online library of relevant sample documents for clubs to use.

Progress:

Guideline document drafted, containing the policy statement and the guidelines.

This was reviewed in great depth as part of an all-day workshop by the majority of the National Exec.

Agreed changes now in progress, along with sourcing details for those items too hard to deal with at the workshop.

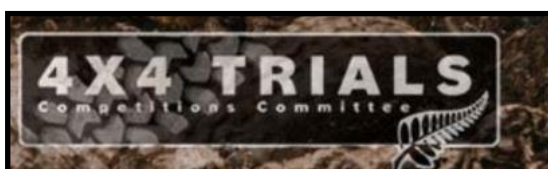
Once the project team (and probably the whole National Exec) are happy with the updated draft, it will go through a 3-stage review that will include an independent legal review.

Subject to things being ok, the aim is to publish it to clubs at that point.

Meanwhile work has started on developing sample documents for the library, following prioritisation done at the workshop.

CZCTC committee have new rules and 4 classes for the future competitions.

Capital Cruisers Club Truck Challenge 26 November.



<u>Round</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Where</u>	<u>Host</u>
One	Sat 12 Nov 2016	Northern Zone	Waikato 4x4 Club, Hamilton
Two	Sat 10 Dec 2016	Northern Zone	Bay of Plenty
Three	Sat 21 Jan 2017	Northern Zone	South Waikato (Okoroire)
Four	11-12 Feb 2017	Central Zone	Valley
Five	Sat 11 Mar 2017	Central Zone	Mt Egmont
Six	Sat 22 Apr 2017	Central Zone	Manawatu

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CCVC Kids Christmas Run

This years Kids Christmas Run is being held at Orongorongo Station on **Saturday 17th December 2016.**

Meeting time is 10:30am at the usual meeting place, the 2nd car park just prior to the end of the sealed road.

Depending on the state of the tracks (the property was badly hit by the recent storm) there may or may not be a short trip before heading to the site of the event.

BBQ food and drinks are supplied for the kids.


A reminder that this event is for Club members and their families only.

Bring along your kids, grand kids (even borrow one if you have to) and if you have any games etc that you think the kids would enjoy bring those along as well.

We are sure it will be a fine sunny day so make sure you bring plenty of sunscreen and hopefully there will be somewhere for the kids to have a swim so togs and spare clothes etc.

Please book with Morris (email bookings preferred) letting him know the number of kids you plan to bring so we can make sure there are enough drinks and food for them all.


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Membership cards for 2016/17 have now been provided to all members, except those few members who have not provided the Club with a mailing address. These few cards will be available at Club night. Members can (and should update their address details in the Wild Apricot membership web site, using the "lost password" routine if necessary.

Central Zone Club Truck Challenge

Round 1 2016-17 series

Wainuoru hosted by Wairarapa 4x4 club

The new season of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) began in September with an event put on by the Wairarapa 4x4 Club at a site in Wainuoru that they have used for the last few years. It was wet during the week before the event but we prayed that we could still use the block. On the day the weather was great and the club was rewarded with an excellent turnout of competitors, over 30 vehicles and many more drivers who were sharing vehicles. We had our cadre of keen Club Truckers who do all of the rounds, National Trials competitors keeping their hand in, local club members and new to our CTC a good number of female competitors. I mentioned how lovely this was and had a boot jammed down my throat. No matter whether you are a boy or girl I think the non threatening and purely skill based hazards or driving tests make the CTC a good day out. As well as

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your skill and experience the number of cylinders attached to your skilful foot helps as does new tyres.

The calendar has filled out to an unprecedented three rounds before Christmas and another couple in the new year from February with this year's final round to be held in Taihape. Round two will be in the Taranaki on October 29 and then a month later Capital Cruiser Club will hold Round three at Burkett's Farm in Whiteman's Valley on Nov 26 (camping available on site).

Judith Hintz had her little boy David riding shotgun but I don't think she needs his advice. She had a good drive and put her Suzuki away in the same condition that it was when she started in the morning. With so many vehicles the competitors were split into four groups which enabled us to get through fourteen hazards and then run side by side drag races to finish the day. Unfortunately it meant that I didn't see half of the field during the day like most of the National Trials competitors, Brent Ward, Mark Smith, Peter Grey, Kevin Galbraith and Ash Senior. But the Wairarapa National competitors had pegged out some pretty tough hazards.



The ground was so wet that even between just a few competitors a hazard could change completely, especially if the preceding person got stuck and spun holes in the course. These conditions favour people with the best and newest tyres and Alan and Shona Stone were having a good day in their Toyota Landcruiser. Hazard 8 had an easy line that only lasted for three drivers before it got chopped out. We finished the day with side by side drag races where you were paired off with a similar machine and had a timed run down both sides of the course. The left hand course required reversing to get around the corner which made it the slower track while the right hand track provided some spectacular jumps as people spun around to get back.

Short wheel base Nissan Patrols were a popular vehicle with variants from mild to wild, full body to ute conversion. Peter Robinson entered in the new Class 4 with his Patrol using the event to train for an upcoming winch challenge. Neil Blackie, our current president runs a very interesting Land Rover. The Series 3 soft top isn't what it appears to be, having a petrol V8 engine and a shortened Range Rover chassis to give the vehicle coil springs and disc brakes. Its current evolution has Nissan axles for increased beefiness. Pajeros and Wranglers are also popular choices but at the end of the day Ross Gregory came third driving his very basic Jeep showing that skill is all that is required.

Series information on www.czctc.org.nz or post a question on the NZFWDA forum.

Selected Overall results

	Place	Club	Class	Score
Marty Green	1	Capital Cruisers	3	233.66
Ash Senior	2	Valley 4wd	2	266.19
Ross Gregory	3	Wairarapa 4x4	1	291.91
Neil Blackie	9	CCVC	3	340.74
Andrew Gee	17	CCVC	3	508.18
Kelsey van Waas	29	Tararua 4wd	1	672.94



Andrew Gee on the speed section

Side by side drag race



Judith Hintz from Taihape

Marty Green (winner on the day)



Nissan Patrol



Neil Blackie

President's Piece - Need for Trip Locations

It's very noticeable that our locations for trips is shrinking - the Akatarawa Forest and Orongorongo Station are popular but have their limits. We haven't been running regular trips there, but it doesn't help that the South Coast is inaccessible at present. It's time to get proactive and find new places to go or to re-find old places where we haven't been for sometime for one reason or another.

Recognising this the Committee is looking for a small team to volunteer to put in time and travel to locate more places to go. We think it'll work best with two or three keen people working together and the Club can afford to pay running costs. We don't believe it'll be a particularly difficult exercise, we've lost contact with a number of land-owners for one reason or another so the first step is to make a list of places we've been in the past and no longer go. These are spread from the Wellington area to the Wairarapa, Horowhenua and Taranaki. The people who ran many of those trips are still around but not active, it's likely they still have contact details.

If you'd be happy doing a bit of research, exploring and calling on not quite total strangers to re-connect, have a chat about what CCVC's about, how we run things and the possibility of driving on their land for a little cash contribution, then please give me a call. We really need this.

*Cheers
Neil*

These were posted on an Australian tourism website, and the answers are the responses by the website officials, who obviously have a great sense of humour (not to mention a low tolerance for dumb-arses)

Q: Does it ever get windy in Australia ? I have never seen it rain on TV, how do the plants grow? (UK).

A: We import all plants fully grown, and then just sit around watching them die.

Q: Will I be able to see kangaroos in the street? (USA)

A: Depends how much you've been drinking.

Q: I want to walk from Perth to Sydney - can I follow the railroad tracks? (Sweden)

A: Sure, it's only three thousand miles. Take lots of water.

Q: Are there any ATMs (cash machines) in Australia ? Can you send me a list of them in Brisbane, Cairns, Townsville and Hervey Bay? (UK)

A: What did your last slave die of?

Q: Can you give me some information about hippo racing in Australia? (USA)

A: A-fri-ca is the big triangle shaped continent south of Europe .

Aus-tra-lia is that big island in the middle of the Pacific which does not ...

Oh, forget it. Sure, the hippo racing is every Tuesday night in Kings Cross opposite the El Alamein Fountain. Come naked.

Q: Which direction is north in Australia? (USA)

A: Face south, and then turn 180 degrees. Contact us when you get here and we'll send the rest of the directions.

Q: Can I bring cutlery into Australia? (UK)

A: Why? Just use your fingers like we do.

Q: Can you send me the Vienna Boys' Choir schedule? (USA)

A: Aus-tri-a is that quaint little country bordering Ger-man-y, which is .

Oh, forget it. Sure, the Vienna Boys Choir plays every Tuesday night in Kings Cross, opposite the El Alamein fountain, straight after the hippo races. Come naked.

Q: Can I wear high heels in Australia? (UK)

A: You are a British politician, right?

Q: Are there supermarkets in Sydney and is milk available all year round? (Germany)

A: No, we are a peaceful civilization of vegan hunter/gatherers. Milk is illegal. Except for milking the snakes.

Q: Please send a list of all doctors in Australia who can dispense rattlesnake serum. (USA)

A: Rattlesnakes live in A-meri-ca, which is where YOU come from. All Australian snakes are perfectly harmless, can be safely handled, and make good pets.

Q: I have a question about a famous animal in Australia, but I forget its name. It's a kind of bear and lives in trees. (USA)

A: It's called a Drop Bear. They are so called because they drop out of gum trees and eat the brains of anyone walking underneath them. You can scare them off by spraying yourself with human urine before you go out walking.

Q: I have developed a new product that is the fountain of youth. Can you tell me where I can sell it in Australia? ()

A: Anywhere significant numbers of nude people gather, try Kings Cross after the hippo races & during the naked Vienna Boys Choir. Set up a stall in the El Alamein Fountain.

Q: Do you celebrate Christmas in Australia? (France)

A: Only at Christmas. We also have Yule in July. We also have weekly celebrations called booze-ups, come naked

Q: Will I be able to speak English most places I go? (USA)

A: Yes, but you'll have to learn it first. But don't worry, Australian can be learned in a week. New Zealandese take two weeks. In three weeks you will be tri lingual

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GWRC and UHCC Events

The following trips are events that the club is helping out the Upper Hutt City Council and the Greater Wellington Regional Council - they will appear in the club calendar

January 2017

Thursday 12th	GWRC - Sunset Tour No 1
Saturday 28th	GWRC - Bearing Head

February 2017

Saturday 11th	GWRC - Sunset Trip No 2
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March 2017

Tuesday 7th	UHCC - Parks Week event
Saturday 18th	GWRC - Akatarawa Tag-a-long
Sunday 26th	GWRC - Redwood Ramble



Dashing to the bach,
in a white Toyota ute,
Kicking up the dust,
eating kiwifruit,
Steinies by my side,
jandals on my feet,
black singlet and some surfy shorts
my outfit is complete

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in New Zealand on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut !,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a white Toyota ute.

Engine's getting hot;
we grab the L&P,
Locals climb aboard,
the travelling ute is free.
All the family's there,
sitting by the pool,
Christmas Day the Kiwi way,
by the barbecue.

Oh! Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way,
Christmas in New Zealand on a scorching summers day, Hey!
Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
Oh what fun it is to ride in a white Toyota ute.

Come the afternoon,
Grandpa has a doze,
Pavlova is served,
coz the Trumpets are too froze.
The time comes 'round to go,
we take the family snap,
Pack the ute and all shoot through,
before the washing up.

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Jingle bells, jingle bells, Christmas time is beaut!,
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No doubt most of us felt the recent earthquakes - here is a link to a previous earthquake nearly 150 years ago, makes interesting reading and I do wonder what the outcome would have been if this quake happened in 2016 instead of way back then???

https://www.nzgeo.com/stories/the-day-the-earth-shifted/?utm_source=NZGeo&utm_campaign=The+Day+the+Earth+shifted&utm_medium=cpc

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Irresponsible 4WD activity puts access in doubt

Popular visitor sites in Southland are being destroyed because of inconsiderate four-wheel drive users, forcing DOC to rethink access rights to some areas.

Date: 18 November 2016

Over the past twelve months, significant parts of the Mavora Lakes and Borland areas have been damaged by vehicles. Instances of rubbish-tipping are also on the rise.

Grant Tremain, DOC Principal Ranger, Recreation/Historic (Fiordland District) said that while 4WD activity is allowed on certain areas of conservation land, these are restricted to tracks built and maintained for that purpose:

"Reckless and thoughtless four-wheel driving is causing significant damage to the landscape. There is a code of conduct for four-wheel driving, designed for the long-term sustainability of the activity, and the environment."



4WD damage at Mavora Lakes Conservation Park
Image: Bill Jarvie



Damage to fence at Borland
Image: DOC

"If this wilful destruction of the environment persists, we may have to review vehicle access to certain areas of conservation land. This is a shame as there are many responsible four-wheel drive users in New Zealand who would never consider causing this kind of damage," Grant Tremain said.

Four-wheel drivers are required to avoid sensitive areas, including alpine landscapes, swamps, waterways, sand dunes and river beds easily damaged by vehicles. Vehicles are also required to stay on tracks, and avoid widening them.

Bill Jarvie, Fish & Game Officer (Te Anau) said that he was very concerned about recent reports of 4WD activity at Mavora Lakes Conservation Park:

"Vehicles have been seen racing each other along the lakeside road, and there is clear evidence of destructive off-roading, and associated littering with bottles. Apart from the environmental impact this causes, this kind of activity puts the safety of legitimate park users at risk."

"The Mavora Lakes area is popular with families, locals and overseas visitors whether they be camping, tramping, fishing or horse-riding," Bill Jarvie said.

Those embarking on four-wheel driving are required to read and abide by the [4WD Care Code](#).

Anyone with information relating to prohibited 4WD activity should contact Grant Tremain.

Contact

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Conservation Services Manager, Fiordland District
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Phone: +64 3 249 0200



Four wheel drive care code

Follow the code of conduct for the long-term sustainability of the activity and the environment.

Follow the code of conduct to protect the environment and for the long-term sustainability of off-road driving.

- Avoid sensitive areas. Alpine landscapes, swamps, waterways, sand dunes and river beds are easily damaged by vehicles.
- Abide by the laws and regulations covering all vehicles and drivers.
- Stay on roads. Avoid widening them.
- Keep the environment clean. Take all your rubbish with you.
- Respect wildlife, look but don't disturb. Keep your distance.
- Find out if a permit is required for access. If your trip crosses private land obtain permission.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Always thoroughly clean your vehicle before and after trips to minimise spreading weeds and diseases.
- Respect the right of others for quiet enjoyment. Avoid noisy driving. Give way to walkers, cyclists, horse riders and others.
- Be prepared for the unexpected. Drive at a speed which will allow you to stop if a hazard arises.
- If winching is necessary, use another vehicle. If you must use a tree, use webbing or padding to prevent damage to the tree.
- Cross waterways with care. Use designated crossings where possible.



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

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

Contact details	Dave Kibblewhite
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Cross Country Vehicle Club

Roll of Honour

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

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

CCVC Life Members

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	

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

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

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 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
December 2016				
Sunday 4th	Akatarawa with Graeme - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 4th	Club Champs	Brent Samson	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Berkett's Farm (2015 Deadwood site) 528 Whitemans Valley Road
Tuesday 6th	Upper Hutt City Sunset Trip - Members vehicles only (Seats Required - Book with Ralph)	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Mt Climie
Thursday 8th	UHCC Sunset Trip - Back up date - Club vehicles only	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone - Visitors Welcome.	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 17th	Kids Christmas Run - Bookings Required - Club Members only	Morris Jury	Shiny 4X4	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie		
January 2017				
Saturday 7th	Akatarawa with Ian G - Book with Ian (ipgroom@xtra.co.nz)	Ian Groom	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Thursday 12th	GRWC Sumer Program - Sunset Trip Number 1 - Club Vehicles only - Members of the public must book with the council	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Belmont Regional Park
Thursday 19th	Sunset Trip Back up date	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 28th	GWRC Summer Program Baring Head - Club Vehicles only - Members of the public must book with the Council.	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Saturday 28th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
February 2017				
Saturday 4th	Otapawa Waitangi Weekend Wander - Shiny 4x4 if dry!!	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Otapawa Station, Haunui Rd off Route 52, Tiraumea, (sign posted as you approach Tiraumea) - OR via The Alfredton Road toward the coast from Eketahuna view at http://www.otapawa.co.nz/farmstay.htm
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Upstairs at the Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St Petone - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 11th	Akatarawa Forest - Book with Frank (email preferred) francis.a@clear.net.nz 0275456586	Frank Allan	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 11th	GWRC Summer Program - Sunset Trip Number 2 - Members of the public Must book with GWRC	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Belmont Regional Park
Sunday 12th	Deadwood Safari National 4WD Trial	Valley 4WD Club	Family Shiny	Berkett's Farm (2015 Deadwood site) 528 Whitemans Valley Road
Saturday 18th	Sunset Trip Back up date	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	
Sunday 19th	Club Champs	Brent Samson	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	-tba-
Sunday 19th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - All welcome - Book with Phil 04 970 3126 (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 22nd	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-