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## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

## **Jun 16-17: Mainland Winch Challenge Series Round 2**

Maruia. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com), "Series Entry Forms" and updated "2017 Rule Book" can also be obtained by emailing the mainland email address.

## **Jun 17-18: Off Road Racing South Island Championship**

Round 2, hosted by Canterbury Off Road Club at Christchurch. Short course and Enduro. Details at [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **Jul 01-02: Tararua Winch Challenge**

Hosted by the Tararua 4WD Club at Turakina, starting at 09:00am on Saturday with two night stages that night and will finish around midday on Sunday. There will be three classes (Club, Challenge and Modified) and the classification will be based on a combination of 4x4 Challenges NZ Inc rules and Mainland Winch rules to encourage SI entrants. The event rules will be based on the 4x4 Challenge NZ Inc rules. Contact Chris Simpson at [chriss@vodafone.net.nz](mailto:chriss@vodafone.net.nz) for further information.

## **Jul 14-15: Mainland Winch Challenge Series Round 3**

Christchurch. For more information email Vicky at [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com), "Series Entry Forms" and updated "2017 Rule Book" can also be obtained by emailing the mainland email address.

## **Jul 29-30: Offlimits 4WD Ice Buster**

At Waiouru Army training grounds. Subject to final Army approval. Alternative date is August 5 2017. Ice Buster is an unique 4WD event. Unique because it's held under the biggest North island Mountain in the middle of Winter. A four wheel drive event that celebrates the diverse climate of the central plateau in true winter style. Saturday and Sunday are guided Safari days where we explore the features and some of the history of the 163,000 acres of the Waiouru Military Training area. This Safari is deliberately placed in mid-winter to give you a chance to drive in real winter conditions. It is also placed at a time when there are few other events or distractions. An important notice: This year's event will be limited to 50 Vehicles spread among the three groups (Club, Dull shinies and Shinies) that is an average of just 17 vehicles in each group. Early registration is essential and registrations will open on June 7th once dates confirmed. For entry details please go to <http://www.offlimits.co.nz/event/ice-buster/>

*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.*

## **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 1920 x 1080 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 Brendon Millard

Email address: [photos@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:photos@ccvc.org.nz)

Note most email systems have a size limit for email of 10MB. If you don't know how to resize the photos or the email is bigger than 10MB, use an online service like [files.fm](http://files.fm) or put on a USB stick and contact Brendon to arrange collection / drop-off.

Always looking for 4WD related video clips, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube listings, etc. that can be shown on club night - 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 Brendon prior to arrange. If you have any questions please contact Brendon.

Contact details

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## Club Clothing

John Vruink on behalf of the club has been investigating club branded clothing for members to purchase. He is working on getting samples and we will get the gear modelled and photographed shortly (and include a form to fill out) but in the meantime here is a list of the new club clothing and prices:



Cap	Navy/White 4014	\$15
Beanie	Navy 3059	\$20
Hoodie	Navy ZHH	\$75
Soft Shell Jacket	Black SJM	\$110
Jacket	GJ Navy/Charcoal	\$100
Polo Shirt	Navy/White	\$40

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## **BARRY'S BLACK BAG TRIP**

Now this was actually not a clandestine trip but one on the Club database with a meeting place opposite the old Makara Garage. So with weather looking a bit threatening 20 trucks duly turned up one Saturday. The trip was through Terawhiti Station to do a clean-up on the two northern facing beaches, Te Ikaamaru and Ohau Bay. The Club was invited to do this after some arrangements with an out of town group fell apart. The Club had often done this clean up in "pre turbine" days but not often since.



The first stop was of course the farm access gate and whilst Barry went to sort out the key, Hamish just rolled up, unlocked the gate and we all went through! But Barry eventually turned up! With four Landrovers in the party our President announced there would be no issues in assisting other vehicles. No sooner said than a Toyota had overheating issues to be resolved. At the brow of the hill we deposited the trailers and headed to White Rock Hill and, via Sheep Gully, to Te Ikaamaru Bay. Some of the road was wide, even sealed for regular access to the turbines (there are a half dozen folk on site each week to maintain the turbines and electrical equipment), but the Sheep Gully route was a "real" 4WD track.

At the Bay we were handed out some of Barry's Black Bags and we all spread out to collect the rubbish. The offshore currents of the North Island coastline tend to carry floating objects south along the coast and they are eventually captured at Te Ikaamaru Bay which acts like a large collecting bag at the end of the coast.



Ohau Bay acts similarly but most stuff ends up at the first bay, Te Ikaamaru. A few dozen black bags and several floats, containers and things too large to bag were collected and we were off to Ohau Bay. Neil explored the road and pronounced it "OK" so we popped up on to the headland and down to the Bay. We parked neatly in a paddock, being careful to avoid making tracks in the boggy bits and walked down to the beach. Perhaps another dozen bags were filled and added to the total, but some treasures of planks and posts were recovered for use elsewhere.

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Then it was up to the wee hut at Ohau Bay and then up the ridge track to reach the road to Oteranga Bay. The road down to the Bay was wide and in parts sealed as it was the route to bring the turbine components onto the site. The winding Makara Hill road was not really suited to long, heavy, turbine towers (30m/75 tonne lower section, 36 m/49 tonne upper section), nacelles (11m/82 tonnes) or blades (40 m/10 tonnes each). So the components were landed at Picton, and barged across Cook Strait to a custom built wharf at Oteranga Bay.



The wharf had two piers and the barge could moor in between the piers, so with an old container crane from Auckland modified to act as a straddle crane it meant an all-weather operation.

But before we reached the Bay there was a short lunch stop at the old Albion gold stamping battery. The boiler, steam piston, flywheel and the stampers were all obvious, and it is a shame there is no interpretation or restoration being considered. Ken Smith from Makara was with us and told how the operation worked and pointed out where the mine adits were to be found (up the hill!). The early miners apparently also barged the stamper battery to Oteranga Bay and hauled it up Black Gully, just like the turbines. Great ideas never die!

Soon we were away to Oteranga Bay itself, where the Cook trait power cable comes ashore. First installed in 1965, this was a real engineering feat in its day, with three 40 km continuous lengths of 250 kV rated under-sea cable transferring around 500 MW being a world first. They lasted just over 30 years until replaced in 1997 with three new cables operating at 350 kV which, along with new converters at Haywards gave a greater capacity (around 1100MW). The cables are now 20 years into their 40 year design life, but there was an unexpected failure in 2004 so maybe more cables and capacity will be on Transpower's agenda soon.

An interesting feature of Oteranga Bay was the 4WD stuck in the tide a little further along the beach, but it was not new and was in the hands of the insurers. The wheels have already disappeared! Our next stop was at Outlook Hill, a 537 m asl peak with a Met Service weather radar installation. Outlook Hill would normally give grand views but unfortunately not in the mist we encountered. The track up was little used and steeper than average, but there is plenty of turning area at the top. Now Hamish works at the Met service and was able to give us a guided tour of the installation and its purpose. Thanks Hamish.

Then we headed back down to the main route, and soon we found wind turbines looming out of the mist creating quite an eerie sight where you could only see the lower part of the tower and blades scything down from the mist and disappearing again. But soon we were back at the trailers and decided to take them down to a less windy spot by our initial entry point. We then transferred all the black bags and other stuff to four over-size bags Council had provided. Two on each trailer and other larger stuff was tied on top or "somewhere".



Then we headed off home, and Barry's instruction was to drop off the rubbish on the roadside somewhere, and Council would collect it the next day.

OK that's cool! So it was done!

But a good trip, some wind, no rain and good company.

Thanks Barry.

# CCVC 2017 Annual Awards Evening



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## Fri 07 July 2017

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## Haast to Greymouth – Team Dozers story

We had a rest morning as no trip was planned till the afternoon, so we were free to do what we wanted, including a strange thing called a sleep in. Everyone enjoyed the morning of leisure, doing the laundry, checking vehicles, catching up on domestic duties (which for one team turned into a marathon drying event) and checking out the sights of the surrounding area and we managed to partake in a spot of fishing down the coast at Jacksons Bay after visiting Haast Beach on the way.

At 1.30pm we met up again and formed a convoy and with Dozer in the lead we made our way south and onto Jackson River Road. This was a nice winding road that took us next to the river before heading through all sorts of different forests, one minute being completely surrounded by trees, the next very desolate bare red hills which were caused by iron oxide. After stopping a couple of times to see the sights and many a photo taken, we continued on the road until we came to a locked gate, where we turned around and headed back the way we had come. When we got to the intersection we headed south again and headed towards Jackson Bay which is the end of the road and a small fishing village which would not be a nice place to be with a winter storm.



Once we reached the bay some of the group went for a walk in the hills, while others decided to throw fishing lines in the water on the wharf whilst avoiding the hungry seagulls eyeing off the bait. Although no fish were caught it was a great way to relax and enjoy the scenery.

A few of the group decided to have dinner at The Craypot which is a food truck/caravan style eat in food cart at Jackson Bay while a couple of teams headed back towards camp. We ended up having a great dinner of whitebait at the local restaurant attached to the motel.

At about 11pm there was a very large storm front that came through Haast, with strong winds and an extremely generous dumping of rain. The two groups that had put their tents up behind the amenities block were quite sheltered and pretty oblivious to the weather but the rest of us were more exposed. Tom Kat opted to pull his tent completely down to avoid suffering broken poles and slept in the amenities block, while Grasshopper did the rounds to make sure pegs were still in the ground as best as possible. Other campers not in our group had their tents collapse and in the morning when we got up they were huddled in their cars.

After rearranging things so they were either in the tent or in the truck we managed to take down the awning, sides and front of our tent in between the wind gusts and rain without any damage so that we made sure we didn't end up like Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz lifting off and ending up somewhere else. We had a hot shower after getting soaked through at about 1.00am and attempted to get a few hours sleep.

We woke early the next morning to find a few inches of water in the tent so we decided to pack up and instead of following the rest of the group through to Fox Josef and Franz Josef for the night we continued straight up to Greymouth to try and get everything dry. After throwing the tent and wet bedding in the roof box we were off on our own road trip. We got to Greymouth where the sun was shining and talked to the great people at the Top 10 who let us put our tent up on the site we would be using for the following few days and booked into one of their motel units.



After saying hello to the local wildlife (a family of Weka and the camp rabbit) we put the tent up and dried out

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anything else that got very wet and we then ventured into Greymouth for a look round then back to camp for dinner. The rest of the group weren't going to be there till the following afternoon so we decided to go for a scenic drive the next morning up to Punaikaiki to check out the blow holes at high tide which were performing the best we had seen them (and watch tourists scream and get rather wet) before enjoying a relaxing lunch of pancakes at the café.



On the way back to Greymouth we deviated inland to Blackball to purchase some salami and then onto the Brunner mine memorial. We then travelled back to camp expecting to see the other trucks there when we got back but they were delayed a few hours as we were to find out later that Grasshoppers don't like petrol for some reason. In due course three of the trucks arrived (Tom Kat had gone off on his own adventure to the other side of the island) with tales of their previous days adventures ready for the next days treats.

From Team Dozer





## Winch Challenge



**The Tararua 4WD Club is running a winch challenge event over the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2017**

**3 Classes**

**Clubman (Club), Open (Challenge) and Outlaw (Modified)**

**The Venue is Dan Cowper's Property in Turakina**

**Trailer parking and Camping is available on site with toilet and shower facilities and alternative accommodation is available in Wanganui, Marton or Bulls (approximately 20 minutes from the venue)**

**Entry fee is \$240/vehicle which includes dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday for driver and co-driver. Meals are also available for support crew by prepaid vouchers**

**Register early as we will be limiting the number of entrants**

**Email for more information or an entry package to [chriss@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:chriss@vodafone.co.nz)**

### **Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2016-17** **Series Roundup**

The 2016-17 series of the Club Truck Challenge (CTC) has been the best ever, we finished the series having run six rounds this year. The most events in a series so far and brilliant that we had six 4wd clubs lining up to put on better and better events. Thanks to the Central Zone of the NZFWDA which continues to financially underwrite the series so that a club is not out of pocket after putting on an event. We continue to get great support from editor Ross MacKay and NZ4WD Magazine to publicize our events. This year Wairarapa 4WD, Mt Egmont 4WD, Capital Cruisers 4WD, Desert Defenders Offroad, Manawatu 4WD and Wanganui 4WD clubs all

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put on events and they were all excellent. We went to new venues in Taranaki, Wellington, Woodville and Taihape and five venues put on camping and a meal as well as a trial, thanks guys.

There is a pleasing increase in the number of entrants and it's good to see the number of ladies who aren't afraid to join in. It reinforces the fact that it is actually going driving rather than worrying about the specification of your vehicle. Never the less, four different classes are run to even up the playing field in regard to the vehicles. Our new Class 4 for very modified vehicles is about future proofing the competition and allows for rear wheel steering and computer controlled traction systems, Gyro Gearloose enter now!



### **Series overall**

After Round 6 there were 15 people who had entered three or more rounds which put them in the running for a series position. Taking their three best scores gave us the following winners in each class.

#### **Class 1, Open diffs**

1. Ross Gregory, Jeep, Wairarapa 4WD club
2. Matthew Liang, Nissan Patrol, Wairarapa 4WD club
3. Judith Hintz, Suzuki Vitara, Manawatu
4. Mark Watchorn, Isuzu Bighorn, Manawatu
5. Kelsey van Waas, Suzuki 413, Tararua

#### **Class 2, Non controllable traction aids**

1. Dave McGinnity, Jeep Wrangler, Windy City Offroaders
2. Allan Stone, Toyota Landcruiser, Mt Egmont
3. Shona Stone, Toyota Landcruiser, Mt Egmont
4. Brendan Watchorn, Mitsubishi Pajero, Manawatu
5. Lee Turner, Mitsubishi Pajero, Manawatu

#### **Class 3, Manually controlled traction aids**

1. Marty Green, Toyota Landcruiser, Capital Cruisers
2. Bruce Tustin, Jeep Wrangler, Cross Country Vehicle Club
3. Andrew Gee, Jeep Wrangler, Wellington Jeep
4. Steve Stewart, Nissan Patrol, Fielding
5. Joe Stevens, Mitsubishi Pajero, Wairarapa

### **Next Series**

The calendar is filling out nicely for the 2017 - 18 series, definite dates are so far are 14 October 2017 to be held by Mt Egmont Club and 11 November 2017 to be held by Wellington Jeep Club.

We are hoping to start the next CTC series in September again like this year but that round is yet to be confirmed. Desert Defenders and Wairarapa 4x4 Club have also expressed an intention to hold a round next year to give us another full calendar.

You have a few off season months to dial in your registered and warranted machine to join a competitive series that is easily achievable in your club vehicle.

Check for the latest info on [www.czctc.org.nz](http://www.czctc.org.nz).



<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where</b>	<b>Host</b>
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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## Cross Country Vehicle Club and Wellington City Council MOU

In December last year Wellington City Council formally recognised the partnership between CCVC and Council and that CCVC is a key community stakeholder which the wish to work with. As all know it's a challenging and lengthy process to get to this point and it's a significant achievement for the Club, but particularly for the very small group which persisted with the process.

CCVC has had a close relationship with WCC for about 15 years now. It's been fostered over this time by helping out with beach/coastal clean-up trips, coastal plantings and providing vehicles and assistance on WCC tag-a-long type trips or carrying passengers for WCC. We've got a few members who have worked closely with WCC for a long time and built very good relationships with staff and Councillors alike. The systems and structures within the Club and affiliation with NZFWDA has given the Council confidence in dealing with us. To this point the relationship had been informal and relied on individuals which could come and go and risk the relationship being lost.

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In part the goals were to recognise the club's contribution to the management and restoration of the Wellington South Coast. The document also acknowledges the NZFWDA and CCVC interest in promoting responsible four wheel driving. The nature of the agreement allows for realising future joint aspirations around access, track maintenance, vehicle wreck removal, pest control and environmental restoration. The MOU also sets out health and safety processes to ensure safety and wellbeing of club members and compliance with Council requirements.

From the Council's point of view it means they can rely on us to provide "eyes and ears" to protect a sensitive area open to the public, assist with restoration activities and 4WD trips and also they know we'll comply with their health and safety requirements (which are part of the MOU).

This builds on a very successful submission to WCC last year on their Open Spaces Access Plan where every activity except four wheel driving was listed. Following our written and oral submission four wheel driving has been included in the Plan Another great result.

Neil Blackie  
President  
Cross Country Vehicle Club



**Photo's from the recent Wellington Skyline / Makara Peak trip**





Page 16 - CCVC, four wheeling in the capital since 1971 & still going 46 years later!



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know what you are covered for and, in the event that there is a problem, will go the extra mile to get it sorted.

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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  
Owen Farqhar  
Ron Johnson

### **Member Information:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Joined</b>	<b>Life Member</b>	<b>Brief History</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
Bob Jeffery	1971	1981	Meeting to form CCVC held at Bob's house Steward 1982	1998
George Bean	1971	2004	Treasurer 1972, 73, 74, 81, 82, 84 Steward 1976	
Peter Boniface	1971	2006	Not listed as a committee member	2006
Ron Oliver	1971	1979	Initial President in 1971 President 1972, 73, 74	
Vern Lill	1971	1981	Committee 1974, 76, Steward 1975 Delegate 1977, 78, Vice President 1979, 80	2014
Steve O'Callaghan	1994	2015	New Members Officer 1999 till 2015	2015
Ron Wadham	1993	2004	Safety Officer 1997, 98, led many CCVC trips	2015
Owen Farqhar	1971?	2006	Vice President 1978, 79, 86, 87 Delegate 1996	2016
Ron Johnson	1980	2006	One of our founding members, Competitions Officer 1984, Committee member 1983, 85	2017

### **CCVC Life Members**

Tom Adams	Graham Barr	Leith Bean	Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft
Mike Gall	John Hughes	Heather Jeffery	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](mailto: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](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>June 2017</b>				
Sunday 4th	Advanced Training and Experience Day - TRIP FULL	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Colin James' property, 615 Whiteman's Valley Road, Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt
Saturday 10th	Akas with Graeme - Book with Graeme (04 5267636 - 029 2001700)	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Sunday 25th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Phil (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
<b>July 2017</b>				
Friday 7th	CCVC Annual Awards Night - Bookings Essential	John Vruink	Event	-tba-
Saturday 8th	Akatarawa with Ian G - Book with Ian (ipgroom@xtra.co.nz)	Ian Groom	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 8th	Winter South 2017 - Bookings Closed	Murray Taylor	Shiny 4X4	South Island West Coast - Reefton area
Wednesday 12th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 15th	2017 Winter Explore Reefton - Fully Booked	Ross Picard	Club 4X4	South Island West Coast - Reefton area
Saturday 15th	WCC South Coast planting with WCC	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks
Saturday 22nd	WCC South Coast planting with WCC - RAIN OFF DATE	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	
Wednesday 26th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
<b>August 2017</b>				
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 12th	Akatarawa Forest - Book with Frank (email preferred) francis.a@clear.net.nz	Frank Allan	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 19th	Afternoon in the Akers - Bookings required	Frank Allan	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-