



# VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

## Cross Country Chronicle

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### PRESIDENTS PIECE

Well – First round of Club Champs last month and what a turnout! We haven't had numbers like that for years. Ralph and Phil set up a great course which suited everyone from standard to trials trucks. Georgie put on a superb BBQ with a much higher quality range of food, buns rather than bread and home baked chocolate brownie to top it off! They also had the pump there for wash down (of the trucks) before heading home. Next one is at Malcolm Judd's which is always good and great for spectators as well.

I mentioned in the August piece that the Committee had approved purchase of an AED (defibrillator), and we now have one. The location and management of it will be discussed by the trip leaders next month. In the meantime any trip leaders wanting to take it out can call me as I currently hold it. While on the subject, the Club sponsored a first aid course last month so we now have 20 freshly trained first aiders in our midst – thanks for organising that John P. Recent use of the Mt Climie radio repeater to get the Westpac rescue helicopter to the Orange Hut has led us into a discussion with the local ham radio club who own the repeater, and CCVC will now contribute \$200 each year to help with maintenance costs. Our own ham radio operators are able to use it to make contact from almost anywhere in the Akatarawa Forest to other operators in "civilisation" to arrange emergency assistance.

Ron arranged for Mark from Bridon Cooke to come along to September Club night to talk about snatch strap use and maintenance. Interesting to hear that they lose a lot of elasticity when wet and with repeated use, needing recovery time of their own. He had a Black Snake strop there which is completely sealed against water and mud, used in mining in Australia. Great concept but has a steel eye each end so doesn't suit our use of tow hooks. Something to think about in future.

The Deadwood Safari is being run by Valley 4WD Club on November 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a great event, part of the national trials series, and of course the Deadwood Safari name which is so well known is owned by CCVC. We keep it alive by lending it to local clubs running a trial and by supporting those clubs for the event (as they similarly support us). So if you're available to assist for the day on the 10<sup>th</sup> please put it aside and come along as a marshal – if you've done it before you know all about it, if not it's very straightforward and guidance is given on the day. It's not going to be a big public event as advertising is limited but there will be spectators because word gets around, and it's been running for almost 50 years so lots of people know just how good a day it is.

I've had some great suggestions for CCVC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and activities, very preliminary stages at present so please keep those thoughts coming ([president@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:president@ccvc.org.nz)). It seems a long way out at 2021 but if we want to plan a long range trip or get some serious sponsorship for a big event we need to have at least preliminary plans in place next year.

Neil

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## BOULDER CREEK OR CLOSE TO IT!

This trip was sparked by a recent Police SAR activity where two CCVC members went up the Orongorongo Valley to a DoC hut, Boar Inn, and assisted in transporting trapped trampers to civilisation.

It was clear that not many of our SAR “able to assist” list had been much past the Orongorongo Station, and even less past the DoC barrier or to the top of the river. So, after the relevant consultations with SAR and DoC, a trip was planned to go up-river as far as it is driveable, noting the relevant huts, tracks and other features.

The day dawned clear and there had only been a few rain sprinkles during the week, so the trip became more of a Club 4x4 than a Hard Yakka. Nine trucks were booked in and duly met at the Wainuiomata Coast Road on Saturday morning. Some obviously did not read the trip sheet as to the meeting point, but no matter. After the briefing we were on our way. After about 5km we came to the Remutaka Park Boundary at Dick’s Creek, opened the barrier gate, and headed up another 5km to Greens Stream. This is where the track ends, as it was built to facilitate the then DSIR – now Landcorp - Research Station built on a nearby spur. The block surrounding the Research Station was a “natural state” research area where species, particularly opossums, could be studied without the influences of mankind.

Nowadays we have had recent 1080 drops so the natural state and hopefully possums have vanished! A simple experiment was also undertaken where an area on one side of the river was not feed with 1080, but with a yummy food laced with a distinctive dye. Trapping of opossums on the other side of the river and examination for the dye in the gut showed that the opossum population did not cross the river. So, rivers of that size can be used with confidence as a natural barrier. The opossums not fed 1080 were later trapped to remove them.

Our target was Papatahi Hut, another 7 km up the riverbed. This is as far as trucks can sensibly travel and is about 600 m short of the Park Boundary at Boulder Creek. As we rambled up the riverbed various Huts and features were pointed out, and in some cases GPS readings taken. The Valley is pretty unique in that some 50 private huts are in the valley, many dating back to the post-war years when, and as a collective they have significant national heritage values. Whilst we spotted a few huts, most are difficult to see and even harder to find unless you are “in the know” as to the access tracks. If readers are interested there is a \$65 book of some 250 pages with lots of information, photographs and hut histories. E-mail to [info@orongorongoclub.org.nz](mailto:info@orongorongoclub.org.nz) if you are interested.

We seen reached the flats below Papatahi Hut, but the Hut itself is a hundred or so wooden steps up above the river. Obviously forward planning for climate change! This was our early lunch stop. Boulder Creek was about 500 metres further, and marks the boundary of the water collection area. This was developed in the 1920’s with weirs, intakes and tunnels to get water from Orongorongo to Karori reservoir and points en-route via the so-called OK main. Surprisingly the heights are such that simple gravity water pressure was enough to push the water over the Wainuiomata Hill without pumping.

Orange Peel popped over the river to test out travel on the other side, but soon returned. The boulders got larger and whilst it was probably passable it was not really worth the effort.

So, we returned the way we came, mostly following some obvious vehicle routes. After a detour into the lumpier parts of the river bed Orange Peel announced that the detour was simply to avoid some walkers in the river valley. Yeah right! Stopping again at Greens Stream, we walked a couple of hundred meters to the Landcare Research Station. This is little used these days, but still in reasonable condition. There is a main lodge with cooking, bathroom and bunkrooms, as well as a workshop and another building used for science research. All powered by a diesel generator to provide the comforts of home.

Our next stop was at “Zacs” Hut which was unexpectedly in use. No problem, the bush ethos soon had plunger coffee on the go and we had a good insight into the history behind these huts. This one was built in 1960 by Scouts/ex Scouts and has been used regularly over the years. A new roof, new ceilings, new sky-lights, ceiling insulation, and loads of paint have set the hut up for the next 50 years, DoC willing. But we soon continued our journey back through the barrier gate to reach Orongorongo Station shortly after 3pm. No truck issues, good weather, good company and cooperative landowners gave us all a good day out. In future months there is a plan to access the land surrounding the upper reaches of the river from the Wainuiomata water catchment area, but that’s another story. - Ian



# CLUB CHAMPS - ROUND 1 2018

## Standard A Class

1st Luke Crossley  
2nd Guy Conroy

## Standard B Class

1st Byron Taylor  
2nd Chris Murray  
3rd Patrick Duncan

## Club Class

1st Bruce Tustin  
2nd Neil Blackie  
3rd Andrew Gee

## Open Class

1st Steve Lacey

Great turn out for the first round of the club champs held at Burkett's Farm in Whiteman's Valley recently. Twenty Five trucks lined up covering the four classes, the Standard Class B was the most popular with the Club class also well represented.

We had invited both the Wellington Jeep Club and the Valley Club along for the day. A number of rally trucks turned up for the open class due to good timing for a shake down prior to the first round of the National Champs.

Steve Lacey from CCVC in his rally truck was having fun lining up against the Valley guys in Open Class, we had pegged what we thought would be a challenging course but these guys look for adrenaline and decided to run a number of the hazards in reverse just because they could.

Dave McGinty from Jeep club in his TJ nailed the Club Class with some very skilled driving, obviously the Club Truck Challenge competition has honed his driving. Bruce Tustin in another Jeep TJ was next and being from CCVC won the day in this class.

Byran Taylor in his Pajero showed that being a regular in the champs gives you an advantage, sometimes foot to the floor isn't the best idea when tackling a hazard as Ron in the Nissan found out early on.

Luke Crossley and Guy Conroy in their Toyota's had their own battle in Standard A class with Luke coming out on top in the Prado.

Not too much damage on the day, Darren Young lay the Landrover down for a rest, Daniel Howart was out looking for his drive shaft in the mud and Phil Gibbons who was out picking up the pegs suffered some problems to his bodywork.

Thanks to all the participants as without you we don't have a competition. Special mention to Phil Gibbons for his assistance and the guys who helped peg out the course. See you next round, watch the club calendar for details.

Ralph Dobson  
CCVC Competition Officer

The next round will be Sunday 18th November. More information to follow



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:**

Bob Jeffery - Meeting to form CCVC held at Bob's house. Steward 1982

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

Peter Boniface

Ron Oliver - Initial President in 1971. 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.

Owen Farqhar - Vice President 1978, 79, 86, 87. Delegate 1996

Ron Johnson - One of our founding members. Competitions Officer 1984. Committee member 1983, 85.

## MANGAHAO DAM: (FAMILY SHINY)

After meeting up at Levin, the first part of our trip was a short run up Gladstone Rd towards Makahika in the foothills of the Tararuas just out of Levin. As well as seeing where the road went, I was hoping that we would be able to get into some of the apparently ungated roads into the Kohitere Forest. Unfortunately, in reality all the roads were gated, and just past the last gate the road went onto private property, making for a somewhat anticlimactic end to the first part of the trip

We then headed to Shannon and then on to Mangaore and the road servicing the three dams supplying the Mangahao power station. The first part of the road was a steady climb with a few rather exposed drop-offs until we crested the ridge where, we detoured to follow a road further up the ridge line, getting an interesting and slightly more challenging drive along the ridge to some superb views from the radio masts at the high point. This section was a real highlight for some of the less experienced people on the trip, especially with an optional loop track providing an interesting short and steep climb for those who wanted it.

Returning to the main road we stopped to explore at each of the three dams, making the car park at the third dam our now slightly late lunch break. This was a very pleasant place to be, and it was nice to not be in too much of a rush for once and be able to just enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the area.



## 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:

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

If interested please contact John directly on [john.vruink@gmail.com](mailto:john.vruink@gmail.com)

## CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

The Club uses a series of radio call signs in the Kxxx series to meet our licence requirements. Once you get on a trip you soon know what call sign is tail end charlie etc for the day. But basically if you don't yet have a Call Sign you are not authorised to use the Club radio licence.

Call signs are available to financial members on request to [database@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:database@ccvc.org.nz)

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

## WHITEMANS VALLEY TRIP 29/9

Just a short trip over a great track on Colin and Sonali James farm in Whitemans Valley and a wee bit of a play over the back of the farm. Six other trucks with CCVC members Ron Gardner (Safari), Hamish Skinner (Land Rover), Dave Moger (Landcruiser), Roger Seymour (Safari) and Valley Club members Darren Harker (Landcruiser) and Craig McGinnity (Jeep). Some seriously modified trucks in that line-up.

It's not a particularly hard trip but because there's a 200m long steep climb plus a couple of rock face challenges and a reasonably scratchy track it has to be classified as a Club 4x4 trip. Maybe next time I'll run it a different way and do a half day trip as once you're up on the ridgeline the track goes through a fabulous piece of ancient looking forest with lichen hanging off the trees. Out in the open space you great views over into Hutt Valley. All different if the weather's not good though and the level of difficulty triples not to mention how windy and cold it can get. And the view disappears!

But apart from a cool breeze the weather was kind to us and the ground was firm and dry plus we got the great views. Lots of goats up there and deer were spotted as well. Everyone got up the long steep climb without problems with Dave just having a little issue on one of the rocky faces – once you get a bit off-line and lose momentum it's a challenge and after several attempts a quick tow solved the issue and on we went into the forest.

We got about 100m into the scratchy track and found a monster tree blocking us. It had a big branch we could get a chain around and with a snatch block I was hopeful we could roll it over and get it off the track.

With Dave hooked on to anchor me we moved the tree about 25mm. Moved the purchase point, applied some pressure and with a good crack my winch cable parted. We reversed up out of there and took the main track over to the back of the farm where we had lunch before playing in a couple of muddy bogs. Dave in the Landcruiser got the front wheels off the ground but a bang indicated problems and a broken rear axle was diagnosed. Ever had the Orange Roughy award Dave?

And then tackling another good steep climb, again about 300m long – tricky at the bottom as it's loose and a lumpy, lockers come in handy. Four of us managed it and the others took an alternative track and met us at the other end. Another track where the weather makes a huge difference – a bit of rain and it's not just the bottom which gets challenging, very slippery further up as Ron can tell you. After completing another small track and considering how to fix a washed out culvert we headed back.

Hamish generously offered to accompany Dave back home (both on the Kapiti coast), while we went back along the ridgeline track and tried to find an alternative way down. After a couple of false starts the decision was made to go down the way we'd originally climbed up and it feels just as steep going down! And we were on the road heading home about 4.00pm.

Neil.

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## WINCH TRAINING 30/9

The advanced training day held last year was really well received so thought it was time to run something similar again but with a sole focus on winching this time. After booking this day in the calendar for early September, it had to be postponed until the end of the month – no matter how optimistic one might be, two weeks of rain and more rain forecast for the day made postponement a straightforward decision.

With 12 drivers/trucks enrolled and a programme worked out, weather looking pretty good, we were all set to go. A couple of late entries and a couple of cancellations plus a couple of no shows - I thought they might've been caught out by the start of daylight saving, but if I just checked my emails more regularly I would've seen that they couldn't make it and had let me know.

I'm not an expert at winching or training so just ran through some of the things I've learnt through practical experience and those there also chipped in with their experiences. We covered things such as equipment required, communication, leadership and planning, winching signals, types of winches and free spool levers, the need for a winchman and spotter, what a snatch block does and when and how to use it. Everyone was able to use their winch pulling their trucks up a small slope. Once that was done we set up a couple of recovery scenarios.

The first scenario suggested by Matt was to duplicate Ross's recovery of Grant after Grant got two wheels in a ditch on the West Coast trip in July. No problem – I'll just drive off the bank and put two wheels into the stream. Maybe it looked like I knew what I was doing but it felt a bit too close to tipping over for a moment and creating a real recovery scenario! So although a bit more than two wheels over the edge, with the back of the truck secured by a chain to Shaun and Lara using her Jeep's winch from the front and with no driving, I was recovered in a very smooth and successful operation. Second recovery was with Shaun using a snatch block to change the winching angle and pulling Guy up a bank.

We did try to arrange a set-up using four snatch blocks which allows a truck to winch backwards using its front mounted winch. But it turns out you probably need to use trees to attach the snatch blocks to as there's so much tension on the winch cable that the three trucks used as anchor points all moved but not the truck doing the winching!

It was just after one o'clock and thinking it would only take 15 minutes I offered to demonstrate how to end-to-end splice a synthetic winch rope. Turns out that even having the right equipment and knowing how, I was optimistic – an older fluffy rope is a lot harder to splice than a newer one. So it took 30 minutes and a lot of help from Guy. Still, the rope I'd broken the day before was now operational! But I'm thinking probably time for a new one as that was the second break within a couple of months.

A good day I think covering some theory and good practical stuff, will run another one early next year. Maybe get someone who knows what they're talking about to lead it.

Neil



## 2018 SOUTH ISLAND WINTER EXCURSION

The South Island Winter Excursion started back in 2012 as a scenic adventure to the South Islands West Coast to check out the Gold Mines and the History of the area and explore a few tracks along the way. From humble beginnings, with only a few well known tracks in our arsenal it has now become a well-established CCVC Club 4X4 annual excursion in its 7<sup>th</sup> Year with our favourite tracks revisited and many new tracks explored and added to our growing list of tracks.

### **Day One: Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2018 the majority of our group assembled at the Inter-Islander check in lines at 7.00am, all loaded up and excited to get underway.

This year we had Trip Leader Ross Picard and wife Michelle, in the trusty Toyota – Enterprise. Grant Uridge with Cameron & Sydnie in the newly returned Nissan short wheel base Winnie. Richard Trotter with Josh and Little Cam in the Landrover – Lulu. Neil Blackie and Angela, (first timers) in the black mostly Landrover. David Sole in the long wheel base Nissan. Matt & Sammie Murray along with Corben, Rosella, Indi and Corben's friend Riley in the Mitsubishi long wheel base – which has been christened Hulk IT!

Bruce Tustin met us at Waiuta as he had been touring the South Island in his new camper van, towing his red jeep.

### **Day Two: Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

After the brains trust reviewed the weather report on Saturday night it was agreed that we would strike out for Napoleon Hill on Sunday as it was looking like the best weather for the week! Our planned departure time was 8.30am and at 8.35 am on Sunday morning we rolled out and down the road through Blackwater to join the highway between Reefton and Greymouth, heading south before turning off at the Grey River heading up to the Waipuna Creek.

The Trip up Waipuna Creek is a journey back in time through the fun covered gorge, dripping with water and through the tunnels which were created by the old timers as they chased the gold which ran through the hills and creeks. The river showed evidence of high water and large rough rocks and boulders; the trail was very different to the one we followed in 2017.

Once we had completed the loop up through Waipuna Creek and the tunnels, over the top and back down the creek, we arrived back at the gate and decided to head further up the road to check out the access to the start of The Chasm. We wanted to check the river levels and locate the land owners to seek permission to cross their land. Having achieved this we then headed back up the Snowy Road the check out the river level at the exit to The Chasm.

To be continued next month.



*If you haven't checked out the video of this trip go our face book page. Don't forget to like the page to get updates on trips.*

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## SELF DRIVING IN THE LAKE DISTRICT - UK

We have recently come back from a trip in Europe and being 4WD enthusiast we were keen to see if there were any 4WD trips we could do while on holiday to get a different perspective on the places we were visiting. Googling 4WD trips tended to bring up trips where you could take your own vehicle or strangely trips that were on quad bikes or dare I say it Segways. (Unsure how a Segway fits into the 4WD category?)

Nick test drove a Volkswagen Amarok in Wolfsburg in Germany (The city that was built for the Volkswagen factory) The Test drive track was pretty tame but did involve driving over a large seesaw and what I can only describe as a wire mesh bridge.

From reading an article in a UK 4WD magazine it seems that lots of the self drive and 4WD hire companies are moving offshore from the UK due to pressure from walking groups and land owners making it no longer a viable business.

We did find a company in the Lake District, called Kanuku, that offered both Self drive tours and guided tours in either Pajeros or Landrovers, including some ex army vehicles. The Company is keen to keep access to the tracks available and make it clear to visitors to keep on the tracks and be courteous of other track users and houses that abut the tracks by driving slowly in low range in built up areas.

The tracks around the Lake District are a maze of short rocky tracks running between villages and roadways on what we would call paper roads. It seemed a bit odd that some of these paper roads seem to run right through someone's back yard! If you weren't guided or had a route to follow it would be easy to get lost or end up on a track that turned into a walking track with no room to turn around.



*"Once a year, go someplace you have never been before." - Dalai Lama*

We booked 2 trips. The first was a guided trip in a bright orange Pajero (Similar to our own truck back in NZ) This trip was aimed more at those who have never been 4WDing with the trip leader guiding the visitors over "the tricky bits" but ideal if you are wanting an easy trip driving through quaint villages and up stony roads to spectacular views. Beware it may convince you that Pajeros are great vehicles.

The second trip was a self guided trip in a ex army 4WD. The truck had no power steering and gave the arms a work out especially when navigating tight corners. I preferred this trip to the previous one. You were given notes on which paths to take, which was a bit similar to orienteering in a car.

To limit disruption to other track users Kanuku usually only take out groups of 3 - 5 as some tracks have no space for passing if you encounter another group coming from the other direction. Some tracks were so narrow that the wing mirrors touched the walls on either side and made it difficult for even walkers or cyclists to pass.

Both trips would probably be rated in the touring or family shiny categories but was a good opportunity to drive some other 4wds and explore another country. They would be ideal for someone who just wants to see the countryside from a different angle. It made us appreciate the land access we have here in New Zealand as well as the variety of tracks available.



## OCTOBER 2018 TRIPS EVENTS:

### **Wednesday 10th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

7:30 Naenae Bowling Club  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt.  
All Welcome  
Neil Blackie  
Meeting

### **Saturday 13th EASTBOURNE CLEAN UP** (Members Only Family Shiny)

Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance and back  
An opportunity to do your bit for the environment. The more members the better.  
Book with Darren Young

### **Sunday 14th AKATAWARA FOREST - SHINY 4x4**

Northern part of the Akatarawas. Orange hut for lunch.  
Book with Steve Mercer by 13 October 2018

### **Saturday 20th McKENZIE TRAIL - SHINY 4x4**

Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail  
Book with Ian Dixon by 19 October 2018

### **Sunday 21st McKENZIE TRAIL - SHINY 4x4**

Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail  
Book with Ian Dixon by 20 October 2018

### **Saturday 27th ORONGORONGO MONTHLY TRIP - FAMILY SHINY 4x4**

Oronogorogos  
Book with Phil by 25 October 2018 [philgreen2964@gmail.com](mailto:philgreen2964@gmail.com)  
Note: there is a \$15 land access fee for this trip—don't forget to bring the money on the day

### **Wednesday 31st CCVC COMMITTEE**

MEETING 7:30  
Neil Blackie  
Meeting

## **NOVEMBER 2018 TRIPS/EVENTS**

When booking trips please send you  
First and Last name, Rego and best  
contact number to the trip leader.

### **Saturday 3rd SHINY 4x4**

SOUTH COAST CLEAN UP  
All Welcome  
Book with Barry Insull by 2/11

### **Sunday 4th FAMILY SHINY**

Details to come  
Book with David Coxon

### **Sunday 4th TRAINING DAY**

For prospective members  
Book with Phil  
[philgreen2964@gmail.com](mailto:philgreen2964@gmail.com)

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

7:30 Naenae Bowling Club  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt.  
All Welcome  
Neil Blackie  
Meeting

### **Friday 16th FAMILY SHINY**

AN ADVENTURE IN THE FOREST  
Book with Graeme Millard  
Akatarawa Forest

### **Sunday 18th CLUB CHAMPS**

Shiny 4x4 - ROUND 2  
To be confirmed  
Ralph Dobson

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

Orongaronga Monthly Trip  
Book with Phil Green by 22/11  
[philgreen2964@gmail.com](mailto:philgreen2964@gmail.com)

### **Wednesday 28th CCVC COMMITTEE**

MEETING 7:30  
Neil Blackie  
Meeting

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## TRIP CATEGORIES

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Incorporated (CCVC or Club) organises and runs 4WD trips and events that cover terrain of various degrees of difficulty. Club members and visitors that participate have differing levels of off-road driving skills and experience and their vehicles have differing degrees of off-road capability.

As a guide to participants, the level of difficulty of each trip is identified in advance as falling into one or more of the pre-defined Trip Categories. The Trip Categories are defined as:

**Touring Class** Travelling on back country roads accessible to the General Public. Limited “off road” travel may occur but only where appropriate to vehicles on the trip;

**Family Shiny** Introductory level “off road” trip;

**Shiny 4x4** More challenging “off road” trip;

**Club 4x4** Specialist vehicles and equipment required, also additional driver skills;

**Hard Yakka** The most difficult terrain, requiring significant driver and vehicle capability.

Safety issues can arise if drivers have inappropriate skills, experience or vehicle capability for any given trip.

CCVC has defined the guidelines set out in this document, describing driver skills and experience pre-requisites for participation in club trips and events in order to optimise safety to the greatest extent possible and practicable.

### **Membership of CCVC**

To become a member of CCVC a driver must attend three (3) trips of either the “Touring Class” or “Family Shiny” category trip.

Once these trips have been completed and the “Application for Membership” submitted, the prospective new member’s application will be considered through the Club’s new member approval process.

### **Advancing through the trip categories**

In order to advance to a “harder” trip category, members are expected to have participated in a minimum of two (2) trips in the previous category. Members are to advise the Trip Leader when they attend their first trip of the next category up.

Members will be required to have attended a club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of “Shiny 4x4” or above.

The member must also be judged as being capable to participate in this level of trip by the Trip Leader.

A Trip Leader has the absolute right to exclude a member from a trip if they believe that the trip is beyond the capability of either the member and/or their vehicle and that participation in the trip has the potential to place the member, their vehicle or other persons participating in the trip in any form of danger due to the Member and/or their vehicles unsuitability.

The Trip Leaders decision on the day is final and can only be contested via the clubs “Complaints Process” as set out in item 51 of the Clubs Rules (Constitution).

To participate in any trip other than “Touring Class” members vehicles must have a current CCVC Vehicle inspection sticker.

Note: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a “Shiny 4x4” category in order to exclude non members).

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

### **October 10th DEADWOOD SAFARI**

Run by Valley 4WD Club  
Marshalls required.

### **October 12-13: MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE**

Round 5, Hosted by LROCO Club, venue Dunedin  
Email [mainlandwinching@gmail.com](mailto:mainlandwinching@gmail.com) F or entry form.

### **October 20-21: OFF ROAD RACING SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP**

Final: Hosted by Canterbury Offroad Racing Club. At West Melton  
Short course & Enduro.  
More information [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

### **October 19 - 21: NOVAWINCH “BATTLE OF THE PALACE”**

Teams Event 2018 at Possum Palace, Northland. Hosted by Norwest OHV Club. Open to all competitors who are members of the NZFWDA  
More information email [possumpalace4x4@gmail.com](mailto:possumpalace4x4@gmail.com)

### **November 24-25: MANUKAU WINCH CHALLENGE**

Hosted by Manukau 4WD Club, venue Maramaua. Challenge, Outlaw and Club Class  
Email [events@maunkau4wd.org.nz](mailto:events@maunkau4wd.org.nz) or refer to [www.manukau4wd.org.nz](http://www.manukau4wd.org.nz)

### **March 23-25:**

### **HEREWORTH 4WD SAFARI**

The Hereworth Old Boys’ Association 7<sup>th</sup> bi-annual Hereworth 4WD trip.  
Email [hereworth4WD@gmail.com](mailto:hereworth4WD@gmail.com) for further information.



## TRAINING:

Training takes place on every trip and Trip Leaders will try to provide support and instruction (as appropriate) to prospective and new members attending each trip.

This may be done either by the trip leader or by having an experienced Club Member take the individual "under their wing" (so to speak) for the period of the trip.

Training events for specific aspects of 4WD'ing will be organised by the Club from time to time.

As from the effective date of this document, attendance at a Club driver training event will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the club.

Members will be required to have attended a Club training event, as determined by the Club from time to time, prior to being able to participate in any trip with a category of "Shiny 4x4" or above.

The next training day is SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 Book with Phil [philgreen2964@gmail.com](mailto:philgreen2964@gmail.com)

## VEHICLE INSPECTIONS:

Safety is paramount in everything the club does and to this end the Club has a vehicle inspection regime where members vehicles are inspected by appointed CCVC Vehicle Inspectors to ensure that the vehicles meet the specific requirements as set out in the various Club documents (e.g. CCVC-SAFETY-0002 Minimum Standards for Tow Hook Mounting).

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue. CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in any trip category other than Touring Class trips have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except: Exemption to the Inspection Sticker rule above may be given for trips where the nature of the trip involves minimal or no off road driving and a CCVC certified vehicle is not really required in order to participate in the trip (e.g. Trips/events that have been given a "Shiny 4x4" category in order to exclude non members).

As from the effective date of this document, having a vehicle inspected and obtaining a vehicle inspection sticker for the vehicle will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club. Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say as to whether a person or vehicle can participate in any trip or event.

It is recommended that novices on Family Shiny trips and Members new to the Shiny 4x4 category make themselves known to the Trip Leader so they can be allocated a "buddy" to guide and assist them during the trip.

## VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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



## 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

## ROLL OF HONOR

The Roll of honour celebrates life members of the club who have passed away.

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

## CLUB NOTICES

### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

These have now been printed and posted, but there are a handful of Members who have no postal address recorded with the Club and thus we cannot send them their card!

Let us know where you are please!

### RADIO PROMOTION

We have been offered some great rates to CCVC club Member for purchasing radios through Tait Communications. Membership card must be presented at purchase.

Contact Ian at [ian.hutchings@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ian.hutchings@xtra.co.nz) to get a list of prices and models



### CLUB ASSETS

The Club has purchased various assets over the years, mainly for use on Club events or to facilitate the smooth running of the Club. At the discretion of the Committee these assets may be borrowed by Club members for non-club purposes. An approach for use should be made to the Clubs Asset Manager, Duncan Grocott, <mailto:assets@ccvc.org.nz>

The main assets are:

Small Marque  
Large Marquee  
Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)  
Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)  
Portable gas bbq



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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, photos, puzzles, technical items, "How-to's", etc. these are to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month.

Please email to  
newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

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## CCVC CLUB MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at club night, in the club magazine and on our facebook page

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

- Pick your best 6 to 10 photos
- Save the images as a jpg
- Please resized to 1920 x 1080 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)
- Please don't put the photos on a website in an email or in a pdf file as it makes it hard to extract the images.

We are always looking for 4WD related video clips, PowerPoint presentations, YouTube listings, etc. that can be shown on club night – we have the technology!

### CLUB NIGHT CONTENT:

Brendan needs all material by 7.00pm on the Friday night prior to Club night to allow sufficient time to prepare the data show. If you have a "ready to show" USB stick with sequenced, correctly rotated photos and or video or PowerPoint presentation, these could be given to Brendan on the night, but please contact Brendon prior to arrange. If you have any questions please contact Brendon.

Please Email them to [photos@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:photos@ccvc.org.nz) – most email systems have a limit of 10MB so use an online service like [files.fm](http://files.fm) or put them on USB key

Contact details: Brendon Millard  
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### MAGAZINE NIGHT CONTENT:

Penne needs trip reports, photos and any other content by the 1st of each month to allow sufficient time to put them into the magazine.

Please email [missmuddypenne@gmail.com](mailto:missmuddypenne@gmail.com).

