

# Cross Country Chronicle

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## THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

The winter woodies are now out of the drawer and in regular use. Due to a family bereavement the Jeep has been parked up over the last few weeks but looking forward to getting out again soon.

June club night was well attended, it was great to see so many photos from trips over the previous month. If you have any suggestions on what you want to see at club night please drop me a line and we will try and make it happen.

At last months committee meeting we welcomed Dudley Harris and Dave De Martin to the table, I look forward to their input in running a successful club.

Our Akatarawa trip leaders have been through their certification with ARAC and the Wgtn Regional Council, I understand most passed and there is an opportunity to resit if additional training was required.

We have a bottle neck with getting new members through their three Family Shiny trips which should be relieved over the next couple of months. David Sole and I have been accepted as Sutherlands Track trip leaders so when the track opens for summer, we will run a few more trips on this iconic track.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary awards dinner is on over Labour Weekend with bookings open now. I strongly advise you to book early as we are predicting a full house and don't want anyone to miss out. The dinner is subsidised for club members as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations, please note that we have to confirm numbers prior to the night and so if you book and don't turn up the club still has to pay full price for your dinner.

See you out on the tracks, stay safe.

Ralph Dobson  
CCVC President.

## CLUB CLOTHING

John Vruink on behalf of the club has been investigating club branded clothing for members to purchase. He typically has samples at club night and there is usually a few members modelling various items on trips.

**Cap**  
Navy/White \$15

**Beanie**  
Navy 3059 \$20

**Hoodie - Pullover**  
Navy - Unisex  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$69

**Hoodie - Zip Front**  
Navy - Unisex  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$75

**Soft Shell Jacket**  
Black  
Mens & Womens Sizes \$110

**Polo Shirt**  
Navy/White  
Mens & Womens Sizes  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$40

**Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt**  
Navy - Mens & Womens sizes  
Standard Logo & 50th Ann. \$16.50

**Oilskin Vest**  
50th Anniversary Logo.  
Mens Only Size \$120

**Oilskin Jacket**  
50th Anniversary Logo.  
Mens Only Size \$145

**Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt**  
Grey with Deadwood Logo  
Mens & Womens Sizes. \$25

**Agri Station Boundary Jersey**  
50th Anniversary Logo  
Mens Only Size \$110

<http://www.ccvc.org.nz/Club-clothing>



## PALLISER-TAUANUI STREAM

I booked on Neil's trip past Cape Palliser and then up the Tauanui Stream for the night and out in the morning for an early finish. A good relaxing kick back weekend coming up. ....

Check the weather 7 days out – huge storm early in the week, coming right by the weekend, but weather coming in again over the weekend. **Friday:** severe rain warning Tararua's, but eastern Wairarapa looking suspiciously benign in the forecasts. No word from Neil. **Saturday morning:** recheck, a few mls of rain forecast in eastern Wairarapa, check the texts and checked the emails....no word from Neil.

Well, it was bucketing down in Johnsonville when I left and continued till Featherston with a bit of tail assist on the downhill side from the wind and the car in front being blown around the road. Still no word from Neil.

Featherston and it was raining as the six trucks checked in one by one. Word from Neil was that it is all go and why don't we have a cup of coffee while we are waiting. That done we headed towards Pirinoa, the rain easing up as we headed east. We stopped to pick up Colin Browne who, with his daughter, had travelled all the way down from Pukekoe for this trip. Good to see him driving a LWB GU Patrol and one that has been from Vladivostok London and still going strong.

We headed down to Lake Ferry and aired down at the beach, then followed the beach track which was soft in parts but drivable...and no birds at this time of the year. A very pleasant drive through to Whangaimoana. Interesting to see on a social media post a few days later, someone had taken the inland route and ended up in a very muddy hole. That done we aired up and headed round to Cape Palliser. The road had been closed earlier in the week but were well cleaned up by the time we passed through. Once at Cape Palliser, a toilet stop then through the gate. There had been a big fire which had burnt from the coast right through the rock formations and terraces to the top of the hill. It had all the hallmarks of carelessness either in lighting a fire or failing to put it out. At the stone wall we turned left and headed up towards the waterfall where we stopped for lunch. Great to see seal pups playing in a freshwater pool just downstream.

Lunch done and it was off along the coast. Uneventful, but always a pleasant ride. Neil kept things moving along as he wanted to be at the Tauanui hut before dark. Remember that. We reached the washout but flooding had left a two metre vertical drop into the stream bed. It looked like there were options but we didn't have the luxury of time to test them. The far side is looking a bit hairy now too.

Back to Cape Palliser and a pause in proceedings while a few of the crew climbed the steps to the light house. In surprising time they made it there and back and we were on the road back to Pirinoa. It was around 2.00pm when we turned off the main road to head up the forestry track to the stream. A bit of drizzle but nothing to worry about and Neil continued with the 'all go'.

Turned off towards the stream. The water had been way up earlier in the week with silt and debris everywhere. First entry into the stream and turn right. The bank is a bit tricky to get up and the track has a deep scour in it. The stream wasn't an option for the vehicles we had on the trip so a bypass was cut. Once through we continued to negotiate the remnants of the track – some of it quite good and some needing clearing after the flooding. We slowly picked and poked and our way up the stream, the time slipping away. We hit a ford where the bank had been washed away and while it wasn't particularly high it triggered from Neil on the radio a rather surprised exclamation "Well, we are committed now!" and enough to belly Wayne's Hilux on the edge. A gentle pull got Wayne off and, in the process, obligingly dragged a good deal of the bank down with him. This, along with a bit more digging, made the entry for the rest of us much easier.



Washout 26 June 2021



Track November 2019 – Photo taken from about where the truck is stopped in the photo above.



## PALLISER-TAUANUI STREAM - cont

The riverbed had to be negotiated slowly, not only because of the boulders, but the gravel banks were very soft and hadn't settled from the flooding. With an occasional assistance and with persistence, we continued through, by which time it was 5.00pm and getting dark. Weaving between the trees a shovel had been torn off a roof rack and a moulding off Colin's Patrol (yes Vladivostok and back and to be undone on a Tauanui tree!). Neil had come across a stump and huge pile of branched blocking the track. A bit of a rethink and a new track was cut in the dark and another drop into the stream. "When are we there?" became the recurring question. A few hundred metres away was the consensus according to Bruce. Neil headed up the stream a little and relocated the track and yes, we were good to go despite recent reservations.

We continued on slowly weaving our way through the trees. More branches to be cut and while we were waiting I checked my GPS position with the map on my iPad. We must be just about there – the difference in the coordinates was down to the nth degree. On the move again and the call came through we were at the hut. Pitch black it was. Four and half hours to get up the stream. It was 7.00pm and Neil is shaking his head.

We quickly set up camp – everyone was tenting or pulling out awnings and got tea under way. No sooner than we had finished tea when a big gust of wind came up the valley and upended Howard's tent. He retreated to the hut. With the wind roaring in the trees above the valley and swirling a little at the campsite, but not unbearably, we packed it in for the day.

After some light showers overnight, it was up for breakfast in heavily overcast and clouds blackening down the valley. Packed up and on our way by 10.00am. I had put my stop on the front and plugged in the winch cable in anticipation of having to get up the two steps we had dropped down last night. Remarkably we made slow but steady progress down stream with all the obstacles being easily overcome. A minor off by Wayne before the last crossing was soon recovered.

The stream was still down and clear, but drizzle has set in and as we headed out on the road to Pirinoa the rain really started to settle in. We stopped at the Landgirl for coffee and a bite to eat. Colin was muttering something about "should have bring his FJ40 instead of the Patrol!" The rain remained heavy all the way home, with the result that my truck was much cleaner for the trip.

And yes, Neil, it was alright on the day. A great trip, slightly challenging for the newer trucks and nothing a few more trips up the river won't sort.....and some digging past Palliser sometime in the future.

David Sole  
K116



## The interesting way around: A long weekend of brilliant driving around Ohinewairua Station - Queens Birthday Weekend 2021

So I think I am in good company here in saying – why go the direct way when you can go the interesting way! Our 2.5 days of driving all over the huge Ohinewairua Station (about 30mins east of Taihape) was definitely all about going the interesting way. Ohinewairua Station is one of the largest stations (possibly the largest) in the North Island and we had free run of it all, along with the sheep, deer, cows and Kaimanawa horses. Our mighty leader John Vruink has been here once or twice a year for over 20 years so he knows all the interesting ways – why go on the farm track when there is the cool hill to drive up and over?

The ground was pretty dry so the weekend was at a shiny 4x4 level and as we had a good bunch of vehicles and excellent drivers we managed to cruise across the land with no trouble and only a few snatch recoveries over the weekend. In respect of the environment we stayed clear of water, bogs and animals and focused our 'can I make that' driving on going up and down steep hills. Although as a jeep owner it pains me to say it, the station was really landcruiser country and the landcruisers amongst the group cruised over the trickiest hills beautifully.

### **So who was there?**

The landcruiser contingent was made up of:

John Vruink – in his beautiful blue FJ40, with Emmet as passenger

Kane Hargreaves and his wife Melissa with their kids in his mighty white landcruiser

John Dixon and his wife – in his yellow FJ40

Ian Dixon – his army green landcruiser

Luke and Emma Crossley in their gold Prado

Megan Koornneef – bought her 200 series but as she didn't have mud tyres opted to be passenger in Ross's buggy.

The Suzuki crew

The Van Wass family – Ross in his Suzuki buggy; Kelsey, with partner Ben, in her yellow Suzuki; and Jordan, with partner India, in his red Suzuki.

Paul came down from up North in his red Vitara, unfortunately had alternator trouble at the end of the first day and had to call it quits.

Team Jeep were:

Bruce Tustin – in his red TJ jeep – sadly for Bruce he busted his ring and pinion in his front diff on the first day so was out for the rest of the trip. He borrowed a car trailer to take the jeep home, and then came back to join in the fun as a passenger with Ian.

Dudley Harris – joined us on Saturday to tag in for Bruce on team Jeep, driving his nice new black JL jeep with his partner and his brother.

Frank Allen with Nichola and daughter in his black TJ jeep

Lara and Steve Penman – in my black TJ jeep

Hamish and son were the sole Landrover representatives.

We all met on Friday morning at the BP station in Taihape and filled the vehicles and jerry cans up with gas for the next 3 days, and then made our way out to the station to set up camp. Four groups bought along motorhomes and a caravan to stay in and the rest stayed in the shearer's quarters. The quarters and the bathrooms provided basic accommodation and a roaring fire, however they were in sore need of a good clean – some of us volunteered to arrive a day before the group next time to give it a clean.

### **Friday – the short loop**

After lunch we headed out to do a short loop of the station closest to the quarters. We were loving the beautiful rolling hills and the glimpses of snow-capped Mount Ruapehu, but the highlight was finding ourselves on the ridgeline looking over the cliffs down into the huge valley that makes up most of the station. We understand the valley used to be an ancient lake that drained at the eruption of Taupo, and we did find ancient remnants of shellfish in the cliffs. Truly a breath-taking spot. Back at camp we got the fire going and settled in for dinner, drinks and a whole lot of laughing and tall tales.



*Going the interesting way*



*The lineup*



*The Shearer's quarters*



*The valley*



*A Van Wass family photo*



*Luke and his Prado admiring Mt Ruapehu*



*Me with Ruapehu in the background*



## The interesting way around: A long weekend of brilliant driving around Ohinewairua Station - Queens Birthday Weekend 2021 cont...

### **Saturday – the long loop to one side of the station**

This morning we headed out further afield to do a larger loop on one side of the station down into the valley and up into the hills on the other side. John V was the recipient of some good-natured teasing after being the source of a few delays first thing. The first delay was 10 mins into the drive when he had to go back to camp to pick up the trip cash he had left on the table. The second was shortly after when he had to spend a chunk of time with his bonnet up repairing (or rather having Kane repair) a list of issues - broken engine mount, bolts missing off front drive shaft, exhaust sheared off, flat tyre, and air tank empty from previous trip. He won the award for worst pre-trip vehicle prep.

John quickly redeemed himself by taking us on another brilliant day of driving. We drove past the spot where years ago Ross had found himself upside-down in a pond fighting for his life. He told his terrifying story and I was very pleased we passed through there with no drama. We stopped at an old shed for a relaxing lunch in the sun.

We headed up into the hills into subalpine terrain which neighbours Waiouru army land. The monster hill of the day was well chewed up and slick, and only a few of us made it to the top – John, John, Ian and Kane making it to the top for team Landcruiser, and Jordan getting there for team Suzuki. Honorable mentions for Luke, Ross and Frank.

Back at camp that night the local school had put on a dinner for us (as a fundraising activity) which we were all super impressed with and very thankful for. It was an excellent dinner of delicious venison steaks, sausages and patties, and roast pork all sourced from the local area and cooked beautifully. Even a trifle to finish it off. Another night of cheerful chatter over drinks by the fire.

### **Sunday – the long loop to the other side of the station**

Today we drove quickly out to the back of the station to drive around a loop at the other side of the station. Yet another day of smiling at not having to air up/down and go in and out of 4wd – staying off road all weekend was such a treat! The day involved some fun grassy hills with some decent ups and downs under the watchful eye of some Kaimanawa horses. By now we had our gate opening and closing routine as smooth as a well-oiled machine, with everyone always keen to take their turn and help out. Team Landrover wins the prize for most often volunteering for gate duty (only just beating out Jordyn and India) – thanks. Then up the hills the terrain changed to subalpine scrub, peat and fun lightly rutted tracks. We had lunch at a beautiful spot by the river.



*Evidence of John's excellent pre-trip vehicle prep (cough...). We saw this bonnet*



*Saturday lunch spot*



*Years ago Ross ended up stuck upside-down in the pool at the bottom of this hill fighting for his life.*



*Subalpine driving*



*Another line-up at the top of the hill*



*At the edge of the property, next to army*



## The interesting way around: A long weekend of brilliant driving around Ohinewairua Station - Queens Birthday Weekend 2021 cont...

After lunch fun was had taking on some more technical driving. John D celebrated getting up a steep clay section that had thwarted him last time. Duncan and Frank had a red hot go at it, but it was me who redeemed the good name of Jeep by making it up on my first go. Speaking of kick-arse women, it was great for me to watch Kelsey in action – she is such an experienced driver and managed it all with ease. I also loved seeing Megan's grin as she hooned around as passenger in Ross' buggy.

Our final night back at camp delivered more laughter and philosophising about how to solve all the world's problems (apparently a highly modified V8 should do it). Monday morning we packed up for the drive home, happy and content about a no dramas weekend of off-roading. As the resident new kids on this trip we could see why all the others come back year after year. Definitely one of my favourite trips and we will certainly be back. Thanks John for a great long weekend.

Lara Penman (with thanks to Emma Crossley for her photos)



*Stunning Sunday lunch spot by the river*



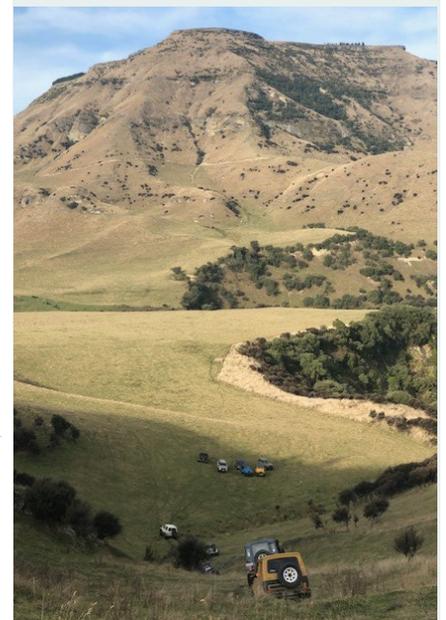
*Into an excellent rutted sub-alpine section*



*Megan grinning with glee having fun hooning around in Ross' buggy*



*Had we all stopped to look at another beautiful view? Not this time – this was our cell reception spot where we caught up with the world (no cell reception at the shearer's quarters) – much jokes were had at what people chose to do with their precious reception time.*



ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND - SAVE THE DATE!

## What's in this dry bag?



## Come along to our 50th Anniversary Dinner on Sunday 24th October 2021 to find out.

All paid up members who attend the dinner will receive a free goodie bag with a few 4wd friendly goodies inside.



### 50th Anniversary Weekend

### Labour Weekend 2021

BOOK NOW TO AVOID MISSING  
OUT!

**Friday 22nd** - Old timers run Rallywoods

**Saturday 23rd** - Day trip location TBA

**Sunday 24th** - 3/4 Day Trip TBA

**Sunday Evening** - 50th Anniversary Dinner  
Silverstream Retreat 6:00pm to 11:30pm  
Combined with CCVC awards evening and  
new Life Member presentations.

**Monday 25th** - 1/2 day trip with BBQ

**Accommodation** Motel style rooms are available at Silverstream Retreat 3 Reynolds Bach Drive, Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt Phone 04 562 9080 or 0800 800 499

Email: [info@staywithus.co.nz](mailto:info@staywithus.co.nz)

Accommodation is limited, if you wish to stay at Silverstream Retreat please contact them directly. Booking reference Cross Country Vehicle Club 50th Anniversary

**Dinner Registration** Club members via the club web site from 2021 June  
Non members contact [50years@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:50years@ccvc.org.nz)

If you know of any past members who would like to come please let them know they can register via email [50years@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:50years@ccvc.org.nz)



# BACKROADS TO CASTLEPOINT

Sunday morning, rain and a southerly... weather to curl up on the couch with a good book and a coffee... unless you signed up for a trip that will go ahead in any weather :-). So there is me, making my way over the hill to Featherston early Sunday morning, glad that a friend is coming along.

Arriving at the meeting point I'm impressed by how many people are joining the trip despite the weather. After a briefing by Ashley we are split into two groups, so that each has about eight vehicles with the plan to cross and meet each other at Castlepoint at lunchtime.

I'm in the group that first has the uneventful road section till the café at Tinui where we stop for morning tea. It turns out to be hard to get us away from there, the fire is on and they have coffee with cake so we end up meeting the other group, which has come over the backroads, early.

Since we are taking the backroads through the Tinui Valley to Castlepoint, we continue from here as one group. The rain hasn't stopped and the wind is picking up but the valley is still showing its beauty, rolling hills with autumn colours and nice winding roads.

Part of the group is getting an extra sightseeing detour as I accidentally lead them the wrong way after losing sight of the car in front, but luckily Ashley notices quickly enough to turn the group around and take the lead before we have to tackle a couple of fords.

Despite the amount of water coming down, the fords are still easy enough to navigate, so easy that some opt for extra stream crossings when we pass over two bridges further down the road.

The last stretch takes us along the beautiful, rugged coast and just after two we have all made it to Castlepoint and take time to have lunch. Unfortunately without the usual chats because of the weather, but it is still fun to see us all lined up looking out over the sea with the lighthouse barely visible in the distance.

Even though I had put my hand up to do the trip report, I decide to play it safe and start on my way back to Wellington before the weather gets too bad.

Thanks to Ashley and David for showing me a part of the Wairarapa I hadn't seen before, and I hope to do the full loop some day in summer :-)

Ilse



## INTRODUCING NEW LIFE MEMBER - John Vruink

John, famous for wearing his shorts and jandies, no matter what the weather, joined the club in 1995 and his first experience four wheel driving was in his Toyota Hilux Surf with a night drive in the sand dunes at Foxton Beach, it wasn't enough to scare him off and he has enjoyed many years as a member and has made many lifelong friends from the club.

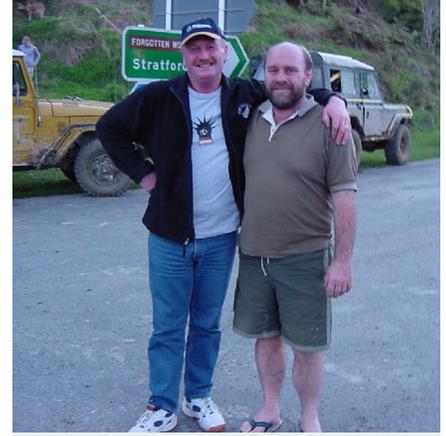
John is one of those members who works silently in the background. He has been on a variety of committees over the years. John's most important role has been the Entertainment officer for the club and has been in that position since 1998. He changed the club awards from an add on at the AGM to an Awards Night Dinner which has grown to include a wide range of guest speakers including sports commentators, sports personalities, extreme adventures, and comedy shows just to name a few. With spot prizes and sets of tyres as major prizes for members being provided by the club sponsors.

The last few years John has also been the club's Zone Delegate making frequent trips away to meetings and reporting back to the CCVC committee.

John's Hilux Surf (his work vehicle) was replaced, with the insistence of his wife, with his first Toyota FJ40 which was a great truck but was slowly rusting away. After many years of use it was parked up and a second FJ40 became his club truck. At club champs a few years later unfortunately this truck rolled. Over the next few years and with the help from John Dixon they rebuilt his truck which is the one he is currently driving.

He enjoys away trips which he has run around the country and his favourite trips are to Foxton Beach, Akitio, Pureora Forest, Otapawa and Ohinewairua which he has been organising trips to for over 20 years with many enjoying his home made Rum which arrive in a 5 litre bottle.

John was made a life member in 2021 for his long term commitment on the committee over the last 20 years, and for organizing and running events for the club.



## INTRODUCING NEW LIFE MEMBER - Barry Insull

Often referred to as the little comical fella, Barry's association with the club started with participation in a tag along through the Akatarawa block in 1992. Ever since he has been one of the club's support folk, Secretary for a term, our first Welfare Officer, Deadwood Marshall and Trip Leader. Barry has overseen 20 years of coastal clean-ups, 15 years of re-vegetation plantings and more recently spearheaded the club's involvement in predator control through a Wellington City Council/ Capital Kiwi initiative.

Over the years Barry has owned a number of both Suzuki's and Toyota Hilux's, although on the small side he claims the little Jimny is ideal for the trapping runs.

Memorable moments include early camp-overs, fundraising support for the small South Wairarapa Tuterumuri School and of course anything involving good banter. If lessons are to be learnt from trips, then it's don't discount the unexpected. Leading one trip beyond Red Rocks, Barry took the team up Karori Stream, despite a sunny day on the coast exceptionally heavy rain towards the city created a flash flood. Literally within minutes simple crossings were said to be frightening. The grapevine was soon reporting the property owner of the day had lost his vehicle in a crossing.



## INTRODUCING NEW LIFE MEMBER - John Parfitt

John joined the club in November, after CCVC members brought a number of vehicles to his son's school fete. (One of the CCVC members was the husband of one of the teachers at the school.)

An auction was held to ride along with a CCVC member on an Akatarawa trip. His wife had the highest bid and John went along on the trip.

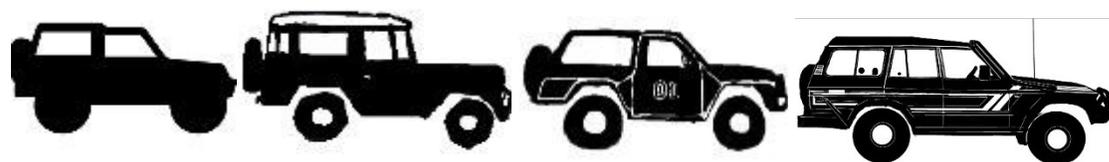
John held the position of secretary during the presidencies of Grant Purdie, Paul Adams, Charles Odlin, Roger Seymour and Ralph Dobson. He has also been involved in trip planning, the clubs web page, help desk, new membership officer, assistance training office and was club night projectionist..

He became the trip planning officer many moons ago. Originally using a trip database created for the club by the late Andrew Farmer which at the time lived on a computer in Mark Wilsons back bedroom in Karori. Later the database was moved (with much effort) on to a server operated by Murray Wills as part of his business (Maxsys). Recently the database was moved to the clubs Wild Apricot Database (an adaption of their "Events" module) which allows online bookings and trip leaders to load their own trips into the database .

John owned a Suzuki 413 JX before joining the club, this was his wife's daily drive and its 4 w'ding was limited to crossing paddocks to collect trailer loads of firewood in the Wairarapa. When he joined the club he owned a Lada Niva. Next was a Toyota Prado, purchased back in March 2002 as a replacement for the Lada. The Toyota was initially the "Family Car" but was also purchased as a club vehicle. Since being purchased it has been lifted, had a bull bar and winch added. It also now has a snorkel and lockers added to the front and rear.

As a "back up" club vehicle a Suzuki Escudo was purchased for his wife. It was set up for club trips (inspection sticker etc) It was sold to another club member some years ago.

John doesn't have a favourite trip as such, but finds the away trips are always good. You go to new and different places in the company of other like minded club members. What happens on an away trip doesn't stay on the trip, it goes in the magazine.



# 50 YEARS BOOK UPDATE



## 50 years of friendship, fun & four-wheel driving

Each paid up club member will receive a free copy. However there may be people who want more than one, or previous members or family who may want a copy of the book.

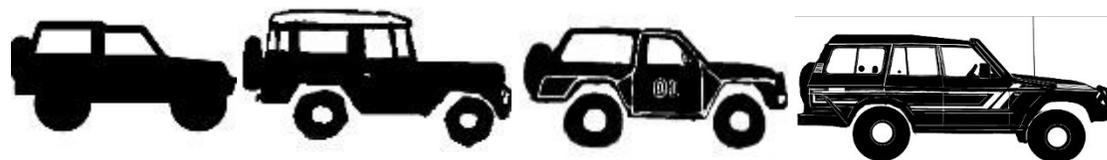
We are taking pre-orders of the book for any extra copies people may want. You can do this through our online store on wild apricot. If you know of any one else who may like to order a book, such as previous club members or family members of club members please let them know. The cut off date for orders will be the 1st of August 2021.

Cost \$20 plus postage and packaging. Alternatively the book could be picked up at our November or December club nights. (Or at the Anniversary Dinner if you are attending)

Delivery will be from 1st November 2021

A5 size, 300 pages of which 70 plus are full coloured

The book covers 50 years of CCVC trips and charity work. Has a brief history of Odlin's Road, Rally-woods and the Deadwood Safari. Includes a list of current club members as well as all Club award winners and Committee members since the beginning of the club. (Where there are records) And plenty of photos of people and trucks - you may feature in it.



### CCVC Online Store for Club

#### Merchandise (Clothing etc).

The clubs "Online Store" is now active and is the preferred method for members to order club clothing and any other club merchandise that may be available from time to time.

The Online Store is a module of the clubs Wild Apricot membership database and it allows members to:

- View all products available (photo).
- Order the products online.
- Pay for the products online.

There are currently two catalogues in the store:

- Club Clothing.
- 50th Anniversary Products.

There is also a clothing size guide.

#### Clothing Delivery.

The preferred method for clothing delivery is to have the products shipped to you by courier directly from the embroiders. There is a charge of \$9.50 for this (built into the system) however it means that you will receive the products within a day or so of them being produced by the embroiders.

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

#### Payment for Goods.

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

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

**Note: Payment is required before the goods will be ordered from the supplier.**

#### Where to find the Store.

The store is located in the clubs website under the "Memberzone" tab. You will need to be signed into the website in order to see it as it is only visible to CCVC Members.

#### Additional Information and Instructions.

The front page of the store contains information and instructions regarding the use of the store and it is highly desirable that you read this prior to completing an order. This is particularly important when it comes to completing the order and making payment as you need to follow a particular sequence to successfully complete the ordering process. It is simple if you follow the process (built into the module) but very frustrating if you short cut it.

*We know that it is often said that men do not read instructions but in this case PLEASE DO as it will save you a lot of frustration and confusion in the long run.*

## JULY 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS:

To book for trips now go to <http://www.ccvc.org.nz/New-Full-Club-Calendar>

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

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ralph Dobson  
5:30

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

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ralph Dobson  
7:30

### **Saturday 17th FAMIL SHINY**

South Coast Planting  
All Welcome

### **Saturday 17th CLUB 4x4**

THE ROLLERCOASTER

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

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip  
All Welcome

### **Sunday 25th SHINY - CLUB 4x4**

AKATAWARAS WITH DD  
Book with DD

### **Sunday 25th TOURING**

BACKROADS TO MANGAHAO RESERVOIRS  
Fully Booked

### **Wednesday 28th CVC COMMITTEE**

PORIRUA CLUB  
Ralph Dobson  
7:30

## **AUGUST 2021 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Sunday 1st TOURING**

BACKROADS TO MANGAHAO RESERVOIRS

### **Wednesday 11th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

CLUB NIGHT  
NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
All welcome

### **Sunday 15th SHINY - CLUB 4x4**

ODLINS WITH DD  
Book with DD

### **Saturday 21st SHINY 4x4**

AKATATRAWA Afternoon Trip with BBQ  
All Welcome

### **Wednesday 28th CVC COMMITTEE**

PORIRUA CLUB  
Ralph Dobson  
7:30

Keep an eye on the trips as new trips are being added all the time.

Keen to be a trip leader so we can run more trips? Talk to one of our current trip leader about how to be one,

For more events refer to our  
Website [www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz) or our  
Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/)

[www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/)



## 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).



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## TRAINING:

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

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

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

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

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

## VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

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

A vehicle inspection sticker is valid for two (2) years from the date of issue.

CCVC requires that all CCVC Members vehicles participating in any trip category other than Touring Class trips have a current CCVC Vehicle Inspection sticker. Members vehicles not having a current sticker displayed cannot participate in trips/events.

The Trip Leader/Event Organiser has no discretion in this regard except:

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

As from the effective date of this document, having a vehicle inspected and obtaining a vehicle inspection sticker for the vehicle will no longer be a prerequisite to joining the Club.

Members and prospective members can judge for themselves which trips are appropriate for them however the Trip Leader has the final say as to whether a person or vehicle can participate in any trip or event.

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

## VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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



## CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

Tom Adams  
Leith Bean  
Stuart Brown  
Andi Cockroft  
Mike Gall  
John Hughes  
Heather Jeffery  
Steve Lacey  
Colin Landy  
Phil Lewton  
Bruce Mulhare  
Raynor Mulhare  
Peter Osborne  
Ross Perkins  
Grant Purdie  
Neil Blackie  
Ralph Dobson  
Alan Donaldson  
Ian Hutchings  
Barry Insull  
John Parfit  
John Vruink  
Mark Wolstenholme

## ROLL OF HONOR

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

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

## CLUB OFFICERS

President	Ralph Dobson
Vice President	John Parfitt
Treasurer	Nic Stark
Club Captain	Neil Blackie
Secretary	Shaun Ross

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

Competition Officer	Ralph Dobson
Driver Training Officer	Phil Green
Entertainment Officer	John Vruink
Central Zone Delegate	John Vruink
Membership Officer	John Parfitt
Trip Coordinator	John Parfitt
Magazine Editor Officer	Penne Durdle
Social Media Officer	Penne Durdle
Sponsor Liaison Officer	Ron Gardner
Committee	Megan Koornneef David Sole Frank Allen Dave DeMartin Dudley Harris

## CLUB NOTICES

### CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

The club members only Facebook page is active! We had 50 members sign up in the first 24hours. Some members have found the link broken. This will be because the email the CCVC has for you is different from your Facebook email. If you want to join then just send your Facebook email to:

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

Club members are using it as a way to share photos of trips—I know not everyone uses Facebook but if you do and haven't managed to sign up it's a good way to see what other members are up to.

### CLUB ASSETS

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

The main assets are:

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

### NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new/returning members:

Simon Redshaw  
Euan Howden  
Garry Norman  
Wilken Lues  
Paul Rhynd

Please make them all feel welcome

We are well on the way to reaching our 50 new members in our 50th year.



## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!!

We need any articles, trip reports, photos, puzzles, technical items, "How-to's", etc. these are to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each

calendar month.

Please email to

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

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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  
(027 2235705)

### MAGAZINE & SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT:

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

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

### 50 Anniversary:

If you have any questions about the anniversary events please email [50years@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:50years@ccvc.org.nz)

### 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

