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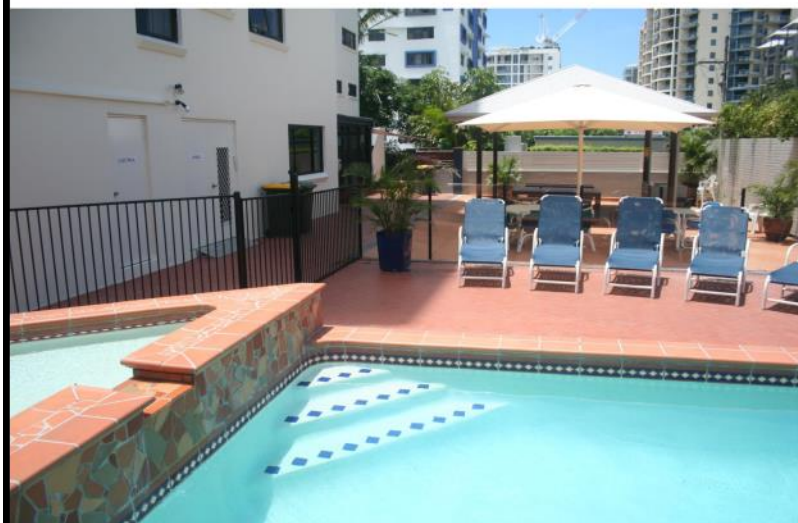
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# Time for a holiday in Mooloolaba Pool OR Beach



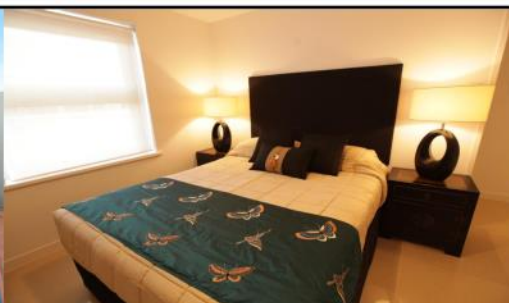
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## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz) or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

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# Upcoming National Events

## **30 Aug - Off Road Racing Nelson**

Southern Series Round 3 at Nelson. Short course and Enduro hosted by Nelson Offroad Racing club.  
[www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **13 Sept - Desert Defenders Winter Woolies Trip**

Hosted by Desert Defenders Off Road Club. A 4WD trip in the NZDF zones along the Desert Road. Start at Karioi Domain, Powells Road, Ohakune. Contact the DDORC Secretary - Kandy Mott  
[kandy@motts.co.nz](mailto:kandy@motts.co.nz)

## **14 Sept - 4x4 Charity Food Drive Gymkhana**

Hosted by Waikato 4WD club/Cozzie Four Wheelers/Jeep Club supporting the Salvation Army at Roturangi (Cambridge). The event consists of a number of Hazards including a speed section, hill climb and various other fun challenges. Three classes: Stock 4x4 (with A/T's or MUDs); Modified 4x4's; Competition/trailer (non road legal) 4x4's. Helmets and seat belts are required and a roll bar for soft top vehicles. Day membership will be required for non NZ4WD members. Spectators welcome (gold coin donation please) Refreshments will be available.  
For information contact: Bryan Williams Phone 021931360 or Dom Barnes phone 0278233018.

## **Oct 03-05: Mainland Winch Challenge Round 5**

Round 5 of the Mainland Winch Challenge Series to be held at Makihikihi, Timaru. For more details see [www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz](http://www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz).

## **Oct 09: Off Road Racing Matamata**

Northern Series Round 3 short course and Enduro at Matamata hosted by Bay Offroad Racing Club see [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **Oct 18-19: Manukau Winch Challenge**

Manukau Winch Challenge, to be held in the Onewhero area. Further details to come, see [www.manukau4wd.org.nz](http://www.manukau4wd.org.nz) for email [themudman2@icloud.com](mailto:themudman2@icloud.com) or more details.

## **Oct 25: Off Road Racing Championship Finals West Melton, Christchurch**

Short course and Enduro at West Melton Christchurch hosted by Canterbury Offroad Racing Club see [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

## **Nov 14-16: NZ1 Winch Challenge**

Based in Christchurch and is billed as the biggest event of the year. Friday is scrutineering and a vehicle display for the public. The public will get to see the vehicles compete on a man-made course under lights in central Christchurch. Saturday is another public day on the outskirts of Christchurch with Sunday a 1 stage with a mass start taking 204 hours which will test endurance of teams. Refer to [www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz](http://www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz) for full details.

## **Nov 15 & Nov 29: 42 Traverse Cut Back**

Planning is underway for a 'working bee' on the 42 Traverse in the Tongariro Forest. Two weekends are being organised to provide options. Save one to keep this route open.

## **Dec 06: Operation Stirling (2 day guided 4x4 tour) Waiouru**

Date to be confirmed. The tour is specifically designed for families and owners of 4x4s who want to go off road, see amazing sights, experience adventure but not damage their vehicles. The route will be selected to accommodate utes, SUVs and the more road orientated 4x4s. Full details at [www.offlimits.co.nz/operation-stirling](http://www.offlimits.co.nz/operation-stirling)

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.





## Club Sub-Committees

The club has the following sub committees running currently (convenor named first, where applicable):

- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury
- **Community Response Group:** Steve Mercer, John Parfitt, Grant Purdie, Mike Murphy, Neil Blackie
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:** Neil Blackie
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Steve Mercer, All trip leaders
- **Touring Class Membership:** John Parfitt, Murray Taylor, Ian Hutchins, Ger van Hees
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Roger Seymour
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** President / Club Captain
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Barry Insull



# G. Guy Motors

## 4WD SPECIALISTS 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)

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Bob Jeffery (Deceased)	Heather Jeffery	Ron Johnson	Steve Lacey	Colin Landy
Phil Lewton	Vern Lill (Deceased)	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare	Ron Oliver (Deceased)
Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	Ron Wadham

## **South Island Trip 2014 Day 10: Mesopotamia to Methven**

We were woken at 5:30 am by the noisy farm helicopter starting up.

Packing up from the campsite at Mesopotamia was quite an experience for some. Three 'friendly' deer wandered into the campsite. At first we enjoyed the experience, but when they started trying to eat people's belongings it became quite a challenge as the young stag wanted to butt anyone trying to move it on.

We filled in time before leaving camp by visiting the Upper Rangitata Cemetery where various members of the families of Mesopotamia were buried. By reading the inscriptions you get a feel for the history of the Prouting family and the adventures that some young guys must have had up until their deaths in the harsh high country.

Mr T (Murray), Orange Peel (Ian & Bernice) and Dark Knight (Murray & Glennys) left early to try and find a way across the Havelock and Clyde Rivers to Erewhon Station. Fortunately, they eventually managed to find a way across.

On the way back to civilisation, the rest of the convoy was delayed waiting for a big herd of black cattle to move off the road into a paddock.

Back on the tarseal, we travelled on the Ashburton Gorge road on the north side of the Rangitata River and stopped at the Burnett Quarry Reserve to look at the Old Stone Hut and Lime Works machinery before enjoying lunch beside the small adjacent stream.

After lunch we continued on to the Hakatere Conservation Park where some walked around the area before heading on to Methven via tracks beside the Ashburton River. Meanwhile White Knight (Ken) and Meccano Nut (Max) walked up to the Blackburn Mine where coal was mined by both underground and sluicing. The initial mine was opened in 1929 and closed in 1930. Later on two other mines were opened with the last one closing in 1968. Runner (John and Helen) had to prove their name so ran to the mine and back.

Rabbit (Ashley & Gillian) continued up the Ashburton Gorge Road to Erewhon station and back.

Meccano Nut (Max & Gillian George)

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## **South Island Trip 2014 Day 10: Mesopotamia to Methven**



A young stag took a dislike to Ken



Old Limestone Cottage in Burnett Quarry Reserve



Sluicing gun at the Blackburn Coalmine in the Hakatere Conservation Park



Blackburn Coalmine in the Hakatere Conservation Park



Happy Hour at the Methven Camping Ground



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## **Club Champs Results and Prize Draw**

Club Champs were held over two rounds in March on two very different courses.

Round 1 at Colin James had a lot of mud which I got a bit carried away with and the course was very difficult. Of course I forgot to take the water pump to wash the trucks down for the standard class day!



Round 2 was very dry but a great day at Malcolm Judd's.

Thanks to both Colin and Malcolm for letting us on their farms those days. As usual it was very competitive with a lot of good humour and good to see so many Valley Club members out on the Club and Modified class days.

With 33 trucks entered over the two rounds and three classes and quite a number entering both rounds, most drivers had better than one in 20 chance of winning the draw. The draw is for three night accommodation at Windward Apartments in Mooloolaba courtesy of Larry and Mary Haines, plus CCVC contributing \$1500 toward airfares to get there and back.

And the lucky winner was Bryan Taylor!! Would you believe it - two years in a row! Congratulations Bryan, you're clearly a lucky person!

However Bryan has very generously decided to offer the prize back to be re-drawn so someone else can get to take advantage of it. The re-draw will be done at Club night in August - Wednesday 13th - you don't need to be there to claim it but it'd be good if you were.

Neil Blackie



### 2013 CLUB CHAMPS - TOTALS - Club Class

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Place</u>
Craig Freeman	Mitsubishi	465	310	775	1
John McMaster	Land Rover	240	-	240	
Peter Osborne	Land Rover	?	490	490	



### 2013 CLUB CHAMPS - TOTALS - Modified Class

<u>Name</u>	<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Place</u>
Mark Stockler	Toyota	200	150	350	1
Keil Behl	Land Rover	450	270	720	2
Neil Blackie	Land Rover	DNF	270	270	3
Brian Howat	Special	60	-	60	
Daniel Howat	Special	-	70	70	
Ash Senior	Special	-	160	160	





## 2013 CLUB CHAMPS - TOTALS - Standard Class

Name	Vehicle	Round 1	Round 2	Final	Place
Henare Royal	Jeep	440	260	700	1
Phil Gibbons	Toyota	460	360	820	2
Bryan Taylor	Mitsubishi	480	460	940	3
Andrew Gee	Jeep	500	260	760	4
Frank Allen	Suzuki	640	400	1040	5
Ken Bathgate	Jeep	740	360	1100	6
Ashley Collins	Suzuki	760	415	1175	7
Bruce Piper	Toyota	780	700	1480	8
Peter Jenkins	Mitsubishi	940	420	1360	9
Antony Royal	Jeep	-	160	160	-
Brian Howat	Land Rover	-	380	380	-
Peter Evison	Suzuki	-	400	400	-
Ralph Dobson	Suzuki	580	-	580	-







## Presidents Piece - August 2014

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So Spring arrives..... It must have as I have seen some calves and lambs !!! This means summer is on its way and must be time to start preparing your vehicle now for trips over the summer. Get those "I must get around to that" jobs done now, and not having them fail when you're out on a trip and hold up the other members. It is also a good time to maintain your winch. The number of times I have had members proudly tell me they have a winch, and then falter when I ask when did they last use it ? Murphy's law says that the winch will fail at the most in-opportune time, normally on the steepest, narrowest part of the track, with the full weight of the vehicle hanging on it at the time.

Talking about vehicles and checks.... Remember you need to have your vehicle checked by our inspectors before you come out on a trip. Making the Trip Leader do this prior to the trip again holds up those members who have spent the time and effort earlier.

We had the 2014 Awards night last month; what a great night. We had Keith Quinn along to talk to us, well known as a Sporting Presenter, or as he said ... "just a common tater". I thought the insight into Keith's life was very interesting and gave us a great view of the early years of television in New Zealand. This was followed by the awards for our winning members but more importantly recognition of those members going the extra yards for the club and members. As I said a great and well organised night. Well done John !

Hope you are planning to come out on some Club trips this coming month. Remember, it doesn't have to be a Trip Leader who organises the trip, any member can do this, we just need the TL to run the trip on the day. If you have an idea to run a trip somewhere, or can get access to a new block of land, feel free to organise a trip there and ask one of the TL's assist you on the day.

See you out there !  
President Charles



CCVC Attendees      Ralph Dobson, Barry Insul, Graeme Millard  
(also Brent Samson for Valley Club)

Meeting was chaired by Ken McAdam.

All executive positions were retained by the current committee members,

Chair:	Ken McAdams
Vice Chair:	Pete Petterson
Secretary:	Marcus Steeneken
Treasurer:	Murray Dean
Press Officer:	Andy Cockroft
General Officer:	Pete Gernet (position name changed from Safety Officer)

**Arac Funds:** Total funds available \$6000.00  
Odlins Road fund is \$4000.00 of the total due to an insurance payout for recovering a Hilux damaged and stuck in the river.

Being a windy wet night may have kept people away, only about twenty people attended meaning you could easily get to have a say. The meeting was well run except no minutes from the last AGM were available. I am pleased with the progress ARAC are making on behalf of our sport, great work getting funding to improve the Orange Hut, a huge “well done”.

**Web Site:** [www.arac.org.nz](http://www.arac.org.nz)

The web site has recently been up dated and now has information on Tracks & Trails in the Akatarawa Forest. I encourage you to have a look as they map the tracks and even have a video of driving some of them.

There is a section on the Orange Hut and a place to sign up as a volunteer worker.

The site has a forum section which is new and it could be a good place to correspond with like-minded people.

**Charitable Status:**

Andy has been looking at getting ARAC deemed a Charitable Trust, this has not be approved as ARAC is seen as being a political body. Andy has requested details on what ARAC needs to change to gain Charitable status, the idea is that it is easier to apply for funds should the status be granted.

**NZFWDA:**

ARAC applied to the association to be granted club status so they can gain cover via the NZFWDA insurance policy. To date they have not received an official response.

### Waiotauru Hut, Odlins Road:

ARAC are in discussions with DOC in Masterton with a view of taking over the responsibility of the hut. It looks like DOC will demolish the hut if this is unsuccessful. ARAC have indicated they would look at replacing the hut with a more modern structure, they do not see any heritage value in retaining the present building.

ARAC have recently installed a new fire place and external chimney. ARAC are looking for a club (CCVC was mentioned) to assist in some track maintenance below the "blow-out" as the water is causing major track damage and if left could become a real problem.



## **Akatarawa Forest:**

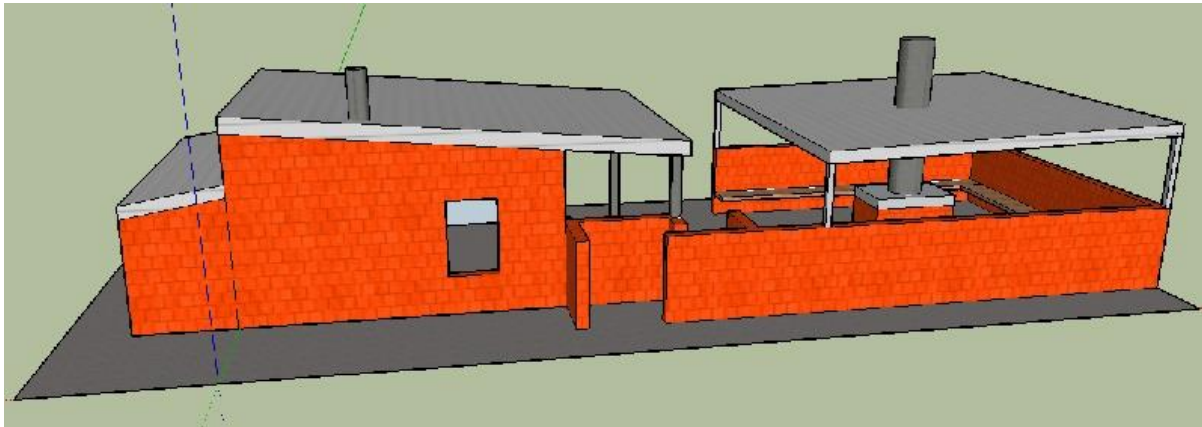
The Trip Leaders approvals were discussed and ARAC are planning to run some refresher trips for the few that did not pass before allowing them to re-sit the test.

It was also confirmed that all Trip Leaders will need to sit the test every two years to ensure they are up to date with the area.

ARAC are looking to submit the names and locations of all tracks in the plantation forest to ensure on going access now the cutting rights have been sold, they estimate another 100 tracks be added to the ones you can see on the web site.

## **Orange Hut:**

The grant of \$21.5k is in the ARAC bank account, this has to be used within two years and planning is well underway. ARAC is applying to the Hutt Council for a building permit and once granted they will be looking for volunteers to assist with the build. In addition to the new BBQ area the car park will be drained and fixed, the old log hauler will be sand blasted and painted before being moved into a new raised location.



## **Track Maintenance:**

Work on the Rock Garden was discussed, this is now passable but only just. Looks like the bogs will be drained on the Ruts Track and some work on the Devils Staircase is being considered.

Check out the web site, look to help on some working bee's and use the forest.



## St John First Aid Refresher Course

Two years ago the Club ran a St Johns First Aid course for members and a number of members gained their first aid certificates. These are now expiring and those members are required to attend a Refresher course in order to keep the certificates current.

The Club has booked a St Johns course for these members (who have all received individual invitations to attend) however, because we have booked a full course (up to 20) we have a number of places available for any other members who need to complete a Refresher course in order to keep their First Aid Certificate up to date.

The course is to be held on the evenings of Wednesday 7th and 17th September in Lower Hutt and the cost to members will be **\$40.00** (Usually \$147.00).

My understanding is that a 3 month "grace" period is given for expiring Certificates to be renewed before a person is required to attend a "full" course again so if you fall into that category feel free to join us. Also, if your certificate is due to expire any time shortly (not necessarily expired yet) come along and avoid having to seek out a separate Refresher course.

I also understand that your original certificate does not have to have been issued by St John in order for the course to count as far as renewal is concerned. ***If in any doubt contact St John direct and check with them 0800 347782.***

The club is keen to have as many "first aiders" as possible in its ranks and to this end it is keen that once obtained, people keep their certificates current, hence this heavily subsidised course.

For members who do not currently have a First Aid Certificate but would be keen to obtain one, the club is planning to organise a further "Qualification" course next year.

If you are keen to attend this years Refresher course please contact John Parfitt and he will add you to the list.

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## **Deadwood Safari 2015 Update**

The countdown is on with eight months to go, planning is well underway and the Deadwood Committee has had three meetings in the last few months. I'll try to get a short update into each newsletter from now on, this is a Club event and we need involvement from Club members as we get closer to make it work. There's an excellent group on the Committee with 12 wise men taking the lead.

As a very brief background the Deadwood Safari is an event initiated by CCVC over 35 years ago with a competition event run in the Akatarawa Forest involving Deadwood Ridge. Since then the Deadwood Safari name has been consistently used for the NZFWDA National 4WD trial held in Wellington and the financial success of those events has provided the majority of the financial foundation the Club now enjoys. Due to its high profile and pulling power, CCVC registered the name as a trademark some years ago.



So where are we up to; we've confirmed the date – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March, venue - Jeff and Noline Berkett's farm (same as Feb this year), and we've got a management plan (health and safety), a strategy sorted for sponsorship, scrutineering and ideas for advertising, promotion and catering. We're starting to get quotes for the various services required. To give you an idea of the size of the event, total turnover can be as high as \$25,000 for the day.



From now on we need to start talking to potential sponsors and if you know a business that might consider taking naming rights on a section for a relatively small sponsorship or donation of prizes, please let me know so we can ensure we're not doubling up and are providing the right information.

An idea for advertising is to put signs on a moveable trailer – if you have an old trailer which could be used for this, or could even build something cheap to do the job, please let me know.

Another area we need members support for is as section marshals on the day. A lot of members have done this before and know how straightforward it is but we'll run a couple of Club Champs events before Xmas and get volunteers to marshal those events for training and practice. Good chance to just come and watch Club Champs as well.

More next month.  
Neil Blackie



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# THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

Go on – step outside your comfort zone and write something for the magazine. Even just a few sentences. You don't have to have been stuck or done anything embarrassing, the rest of the members just like to read your perspective on anything related to the club.

## SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to [mole@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:mole@ccvc.org.nz) and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so lets make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



If you can do so, resize the images to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution setting on your camera). This makes the images small enough to email to [david.coxon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:david.coxon@xtra.co.nz). Alternatively put your pictures on a CD and call me to arrange to get the CD to me. My contact details are:

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027 451 0361 (m)

## Club Trips - August, September, October

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
<b>August 2014</b>				
Wednesday 13th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Saturday 16th	Akatarawa Ramble - Book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 16th	Drive the tracks at Rallywoods - Bookings Required (Note start time)	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4	Rallywoods
Monday 25th	Trip Leaders Forum	Steve Mercer	Meeting - 19:30	All Fire Safety (Pete Kings), 3 Matiu Close, Elsdon Porirua.
Tuesday 26th	Deadwood Safari Sub-Committee Meeting - 7.00pm, Station Village Bar, Hutt Road	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:00	Station Village Bar, Hutt Road
Wednesday 27th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club
Sunday 31st	Takapari Rd with North Range and / or Wharite Peak - Bookings Essential - David Home phone 045674501 Cellphone 0274510361	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Takapauri Road, Manawatu North Range Rd Whariti Road
<b>September 2014</b>				
Wednesday 10th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Saturday 13th	Akatarawa Ramble - book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Tuesday 16th	Deadwood Safari Sub Committee - 7:00pm Station Village Bar, Lower Hutt	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Wednesday 24th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club
Sunday 28th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - To be confirmed	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
<b>October 2014</b>				
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St
Sunday 12th	Akatarawa Ramble - book with Graeme (04) 5267636 or 029 2001700	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Tuesday 14th	Deadwood Safari Sub Committee - 7:00pm Station Village Bar, Lower Hutt	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Friday 17th	Akitio Wild Weekend - Bookings Essential - Limited Numbers	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4	Akitio
Saturday 25th	-Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris (04) 566 - 6197 Cellphone (021) 629 - 600	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area
Saturday 25th	Central Zone Club Truck Challenge	Valley 4WD Club	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	-tba-
Wednesday 29th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club



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## **Trip Categories**

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

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

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

### **Family 4X4:**

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

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

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

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

### **Shiny 4x4:**

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

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

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

### **Club 4x4:**

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

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

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

### **Hard Yakka:**

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

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

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



# Editorial Ramblings

**WANTED:** Society Gossip, Scandal, Rumour, and if all else fails, TRIP REPORTS and NEWS! Photos also very welcome ....

The mag's late AGAIN this month, just to ensure that the assistant editor's relieved of the task when the Editor-In-Chief returns (no not really...). My apologies to anyone who was inconvenienced.

So where's Alan today? London (but the picture's from Chester).

You can follow his blog at <http://alans-big-oe.blogspot.co.nz/> to find out more...

The next magazine will be by Alan, so should be back to the usual standard and timetable.

PLEASE keep the news, trip reports and photos flowing to [newsletter@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz) - we're particularly short of trip reports...

Thanks to Andrew Gee, Ralph, Neil, Max & Gillian George for this month's contributions.



**Are you a new member?** Do you get the News emails from the club? Do you have access to the club's web-site memberzone? If not then have a word with a committee member as these are all ways in which the club communicates with it's members. Some useful email addresses are:

- [Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz) (general web site queries)
- [Lists@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Lists@ccvc.org.nz) (person who administers the list servs)
- [Trips@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Trips@ccvc.org.nz) (Trip Coordinator)
- [Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz) (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
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- [Welfare@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Welfare@ccvc.org.nz) (club welfare officer)
- [David.coxon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:David.coxon@xtra.co.nz) (Club night photo submission)
- [Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz) (any general questions)



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