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The club meets at 7:30pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month
at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone.

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Club Recovery					
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Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins	Grant Purdie	Tony Street	Ron Wadham	

WHEN HELP IS NEEDED

Should any members fail to return from any outing, four wheel drive or otherwise, whether as a club member or as a private individual, the following person/s should be contacted in the first instance:

Anthony Reid 973 8262 or 027 273 6579 or 021 061 1831

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Gavin Holden 478 4666 or 027 249 1959

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Editorial Ramblings

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

This month's cover picture came from John P and was taken on a recent trip in the Akatarawas - looks like someone has forgotten to reinstate the road.

And inside the front cover is a brand new advertiser - Rob was the bloke behind the Naenae Tyres advertisements last year and he is continuing to offer CCVC good tyre deals with this new business where you don't even have to find him as he will come to you!

As usual, please support our sponsors as they are supporting your club.

Cheers,

Alan!

We (CCVC) have been advised by the Petone Working Men's Club that everyone who is not a member of the Petone Working Men's Club **MUST** sign in when they enter the club, including CCVC members attending club nights, meetings, etc.

This is standard procedure for licensed clubs and it is a legal requirement that this be done so please ensure you sign in as a visitor whenever you attend CCVC events at the Petone Working Men's Club (if you are not a member of PWMC of course).

It is very important that we comply with their request if we wish to maintain the good relationship we have with them.

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, its executive or committee members. Publication of maintenance techniques or mechanical modifications should be weighed against generally accepted procedures and the Club should not be considered an authority in this area.

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



National Events

Nov 12-14: Thermal Thunder Winch Challenge

The Hamner 4WD Park has new owners providing bigger and better stages. 4x4 Events NZ Inc's inaugural event and final round of the Mainland Winch Challenge series. Held at Pucker Park, Hamner Springs, limited to 40 vehicles, spectators welcome. See www.4wdaccessories.co.nz or contact Rick on 03 365 1909

Nov 13-14: 42nd 8th Annual Ahuroa Volunteer

Fire Brigade Fundraiser Rodney Offroad Club, takes place over farmland one hour north of Auckland, with two runs to choose from (extreme and family). Camping availabl, cost is \$150 for vehicle, driver and one passenger. 4Wheeling all day Saturday, farmers dinner Sat night, Sunday breakfast and another half day 4wheeling. Truck wash available. Contact Vicki 027 572 2595, rambaud@xtra.co.nz, b.j.white@xtra.co.nz or Nigel on 021 743 869

Nov 14: National Trials Round 1 Okaihau, Bay of Islands.

Rangitikei Hunt Club 4WD Trek Encompassing the Kawhatau & Rangatikei River valleys, the trek is run over Sat and Sun with camping at the Mangaweke camping ground. Fully catered incl a cash bar on Sat night. Family orientated. Details from Alex & Fi on fidalgety@xtra.co.nz, 06 322 8460 or 021 222 3413.

Nov 21: NZ4WD Magazine Have A Go Day Jeep Woodhill 4WD Park, Helensville, Auckland. Come and try your hand on an easy circuit for free, or try out the whole park at a special reduced rate. Food & accessory stalls, all amenities for a great family day 9am to 3pm. Mud plug for those who want more.

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Jan 08: National Trials Round 2 Whitemans Valley, Upper Hutt. Valley 4x4 Club

Jan 15-21: Northland Kauri Coast Safari 2011 In association with the Kauri Coast 4WD Club. From Dargaville through awesome beach and forest country, the safari will end on Friday. Local schools are used for overnight camping and the schools provide a meal every night. Contact Chris & Leanne Kemp 09 434 6005, Serena Carran 09 439 0064, PO Box 18 Dargaville or kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz

Jan 30: National Trials Round 3 Edgecombe, Bay of Plenty. Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club

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.



We are trying to find out more details on the history of our club trophies and awards - things like previous winners, where the trophy came from, what it was originally given out for, etc. So if you know anything that we don't know (see trophy page on the website to see what we do know) then please get in touch with a committee member or drop an email to:

newsletter@ccvc.org.nz



Club Sub-Committees

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

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, Antony Royal, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury, Rodney Bracefield, Gavin Holden
- **Competition:** Ash Senior
- **Deadwood:** Roger Seymour
- **Emergency Comms & Radio:** Ian Hutchings, Grant Purdie, Rodney Bracefield, Jim Johnson, Phil Lewton, Rick Smith, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme, Murray Wills, Steve Mercer, Tony Brown
- **Land Access:** Grant Purdie, All trip leaders
- **Police Search & Rescue (SAR):** Jim Johnson, Gavin Holden
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King, Steve Mercer
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Charles Odlin, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens, Mark Wilson

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

- **Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee:** Ralph Dobson, Charles Odlin & Grant Purdie
- **Dept of Conservation Head Office Liaison:** Paul Adams
- **Foxton Beach Coast Care:** Bruce Mulhare, Grant Purdie, Russell Stevens & John Vruink
- **Friends of Belmont:** Stewart Burrell
- **Greater Wellington Regional Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Horowhenua District Council:** Grant Purdie
- **Tread Lightly!:** Ralph Dobson
- **Wellington City Council:** Grant Purdie & Barry Insull

Club Night Presentation—NZ Walking Access Commission

The WAC isn't just about walkers - they cover all public access to all public land.

This includes Paper Roads, which we now call Unformed Legal Roads.

Come as see their presentation, planned for Club Night on Wed 10 November.

They'll tell us all about what they do and what they're planning to do and aim to give us a working demo of their new online mapping system that some of our members have been helping them test, as long as internet access works from the meeting.



Club Email Addresses

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

- Webmaster@ccvc.org.nz (general web site queries)
- Lists@ccvc.org.nz (person who administers the list servs)
- Trips@ccvc.org.nz (Trip Coordinator)
- Newsletter@ccvc.org.nz (to send stuff to the newsletter editor)
- Database@ccvc.org.nz (membership database administrator)
- Access@ccvc.org.nz (Chairman of the Land Access Management Committee)
- NZFWDDelegate@ccvc.org.nz (NZ Four Wheel Drive Association delegate)
- Treasurer@ccvc.org.nz (club treasurer)
- Welfare@ccvc.org.nz (club welfare officer)
- David.coxon@xtra.co.nz (Club night photo submission)
- Helpdesk@ccvc.org.nz (any general questions)

Trial Calendar 2009-2010 Season

Round	Club	Date	Zone	Area
Rd 1	Bay of Islands 4x4 Club	14 November 2010	NZ	Okaihau
Rd 2	Valley 4x4 Club	08 January 2011	CZ	Upper Hutt
Rd 3	Eastern bays Twin Diff Club	30 January 2011	NZ	Edgecombe
Rd 4	South Waikato 4x4 Club	19 February 2011	NZ	Karapiro
Rd 5	Competition Committee	13 March 2011	CZ	Colyton
Rd 6	Mt Egmont 4WD Club	23 April 2011	CZ	Taranaki (FINAL)



Competition Committee 2010-2011

ZONE POINTS will be taken from your best **three** zone results
NATIONAL POINTS will be taken from your best **five** national results

Presidents Piece Nov 2010

Finally the weather cleared long enough for the Terawhiti Station beach clean up to take place. Numbers of kids from the KCC (Kiwi Conservation Club) were down a bit probably due to being away over school holidays but still a reasonable turn out with plenty of CCVC trucks and members out to assist with the event. Guy (Station Manager) and family keenly took part and lead the way down into Ohau Bay first to drop off Max George and his merry team of helpers. The rest of the convoy then headed over to Te Ikaamaru Bay or Plastic Bay as sometimes referred. The track was reasonably wet and rutted, made all the more interesting towing a trailer. The little Suzuki nearly had a race on as the trailer decided it wanted to get to the bottom first but all was controlled with a press on the accelerator. The day was magic, a gentle breeze coming off the sea and a low tide to make the clean up a little easier. We quickly filled up the trailers with rubbish, 750 kg to be exact. The winches had a work out with a couple of pieces including a bail of blue plastic twine and a plastic road works barrier that was most buried in the sand. After lunch we headed out and said our good byes before making our way to the Happy Valley tip where we had arranged for free dumping of the rubbish. Not many treasures found although the Suzuki's trailer wasn't empty as I was collecting old fishing buoy's, old fence posts and a large piece of green net for our weekend retreat by the sea.

I really enjoyed the talk at October club night from "Rally Tours New Zealand", Greg Paul took us through a couple of recent trips across Europe into Asia that sounded like trips of a life-time, and he does it for a job. A great turn out for the night so thanks to Dennis, our Secretary, for arranging this. For the November club night we will have Steve Mercer taking us through one of his trips down to Antarctica using tracked vehicles so please all come along as this should be fascinating.

I hope some of you got out over Labour Weekend although I understand the weather wasn't the best. Your President indulged another of his hobbies and went off fishing for a week. Excellent weather, calm conditions and the fish were biting so a great trip away in the outer Sounds.

I plan to do the Redwoods trip so will hopefully see a few of you out on the trails, if not the next club night should be very interesting with another guest speaker taking the stage so see you then.

The President



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Frequently asked Insurance Questions & Clarifications

These are some of the questions that have been asked, which we have endeavoured to get answers to, if you have a question that is not covered please contact secretary@nzwda.org.nz

Question

Are we insured when a member's son, daughter, wife or girlfriend drives the vehicle?

Answer. Only the Affiliated person is covered (perhaps need to change the constitution to say something like Affiliation covers nominated person (voting rights) and family members)

Question

Are we insured if new members (non nz4wda members) join a trip?

Answer. New members / public must fill in a 'day membership form, which must include name, address, phone number, a nominal fee be charged for the day, say a gold coin donation and can be tracked in your books.

Question

If the club is running an event, and the profits are going to be shared between a charity/ school and the club are we still covered. Some clubs hold events in conjunction with schools to raise money for both, and what would be covered.

Answer. Clubs can retain some of the money, but must NOT be running a commercial event.

Question

Are we covered for Forest & Rural Fires?

Answer. There is \$2,000,000 cover for the Forest & Rural Fires Act. This was increased effective 9 August 2007 as it was a requirement for some events.

Question

If a competing or non competing vehicle is involved in an accident and damages property or persons, is the club covered? (Accepting that the competing vehicle is not itself covered for damage).

Answer: If the vehicle is a non-competing vehicle owned by a general member of the public (not a day member) then it would not be covered. Damage to persons would, in most cases, be picked up by ACC but the cover should respond if it falls outside of ACC. Damage to property should be covered. All vehicle's should have own insurance policy that at the least covers third party.

Question

Is the club (as a NZFWDA affiliate) covered while running events under the terms of the NZFWDA policy?

Answer: Yes covered – but any other person who has a site at the event, including school fundraisers, sponsors, food stalls etc must have their own Public Liability.

Question

A Health and Safety plan that includes official's procedures is a requirement for large events. Is a copy required by the insurer and are there any specific requirements we should include?

Answer: The insurer may ask for a copy of the Health & Safety plan in the event of a claim so it would be prudent to have this sent to NZFWDA to have on file.

The most important issue is that you take all steps to protect the health and safety of spectators, officials, employees and competitors. Insurance can help with monetary considerations such as legal fees and penalties but it cannot help if a court imposes a jail sentence for say manslaughter. There is a Legal Defence Cost cover in place which provides cover for the costs to defend criminal charges made against members and arising from them carrying out their duties in running the club.

Question

If a club is being assisted by members of other NZFWDA clubs to manage the event, are those other NZFWDA members also fully indemnified by the insurances while assisting?

Answer: Yes covered

Question

There will be spectators present at various event stages. Aside from our Health and Safety plans are there any insurance specific requirements?

Answer: The main covers relevant are Employers and Statutory Liability, Public Liability and Legal Defence costs. You have all of these covers. There is an Association Liability exposure but this is probably minor. Association Liability is similar to Directors Liability and protects the executive against being sued for mismanagement by creditors in the event of insolvency.

Question

National Competition events and winch challenges, providing all members are affiliated, are these covered and is notification to be sent to insurance body?

Answer. The policy is set up in such a way that notification is not required prior to each event. In the event of a claim you would just need to be able to show that the event is sanctioned by the governing body – documentation to NZFWDA prior to event held.



Kiwi Conservation Club beach clean up at Terawhiti Station



"CCVC 40th Anniversary Public 4WD tag along trip".

This trip will be held on the 28th November 2010 and will run along the south coast from Ocean Beach, Wairarapa to Orongorongo station, Wainuiomata following the footsteps of the first CCVC trip back in 1970/1.

Trip fee's will be \$125.00 per vehicle (allowing up to 4 persons), numbers are limited on a first come basis, inquiries to and register at or ccvc40th@gmail.com for registration documents to be sent to you or put 4wdonline.co.nz in your browser and follow the links.

Fees include a BBQ lunch at the coast end along with the vista of the beautiful South Coast of Wellington and with all its beauty, history and wildlife including seals.

Seats are required for a trip to take members of the Wellington Maritime Archaeological Society around the Wellington south coast. We will be stopping at various points to hear about the history of ship wrecks on our rugged south coast. 4wd access fees will be covered by our guests.

If you are able to assist with seats on this trip please reply to this email with your name, home telephone number and number of seats available. The Trip Leader will get back to you with all the trip details.

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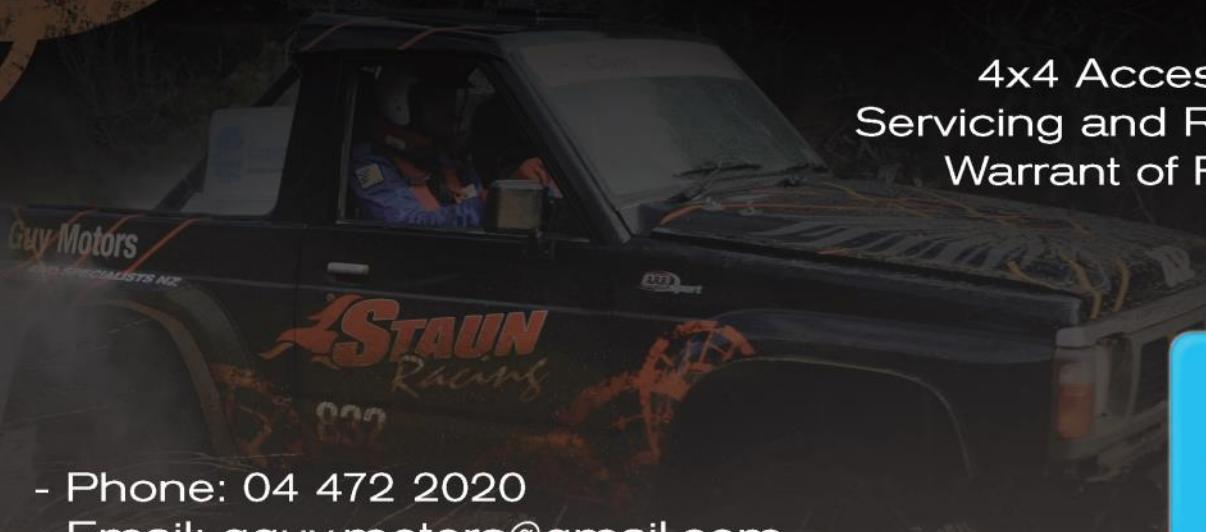


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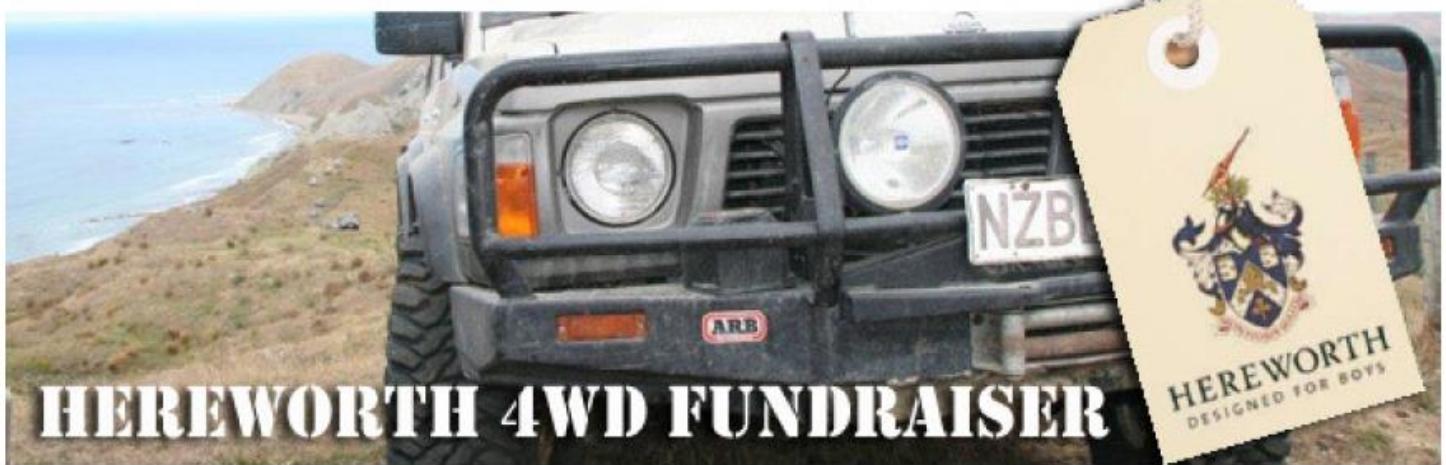
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Start: Friday afternoon, 11 March 2011

Finish: Sunday afternoon, 13 March 2011

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Cost: \$400.00 per vehicle (including 2 persons)
\$180.00 per extra adult
\$ 80.00 per Intermediate child aged 12 and below

Deposit: \$170.00 per vehicle due 15 December 2010 (Non refundable)

Balance: \$230.00 per vehicle due 31 January 2011

Limited to 100 vehicles (4WD & Low Range). **Tyres:** Good condition all terrain or equivalent.

No dogs No firearms No glass bottles

Further information: Mark Warren waipari@xtra.co.nz or Pete Sutherland (021) 244 4013
Or visit www.hereworth4wd.co.nz for more information and to register online.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please note, you may register online at www.hereworth4wd.co.nz or complete and return this form.

I/we wish to join the Hereworth 4WD Trek.

Paid \$170.00 deposit to confirm entry

Cheque enclosed (*Cheques payable to: "Hereworth 4WD Fundraiser"*).

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Vehicle Make and Model: _____

Note: All correspondence will be by email unless by special request.

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a.thomas@xtra.co.nz

Further details and entry forms will be sent in January at which time payment of the balance of entry fees will be required. Please note that deposits are non-refundable.

Registrations are subject to acceptance by The Hereworth Old Boys Association, organisers of this event, at it's discretion.

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Club Champs Round 2 @ Judd's farm

Sunday the 31st of October was round two of the Club Champ series held at Malcolm Judds farm just off the Haywards Hill Road.

We had 23 drivers competing and 13 hazards to get through. Two sets of hazards were divided solely for either standard class or modified. This was to try keep the shiny's out of the nasty stuff and the tuff trucks in it! A few bonus lines were thrown in to keep the few rally trucks happy, one of which only Mitch Seymour and navvy Mark (double driving the truck) were game enough to try and proceeded to let loose oodles of Holden LS1 horsepower in the bottomless bog with mud rooster tails to the moon... still didn't make it though!

The general consensus seemed hazards were tougher than round 1 - which may have been to easy - so was good as it challenged some people and encouraged strategic thinking to recover stuck vehicles. Ask Deane Whitton and his recovery team about that one!

A blindfold course and club travel ramp was included for a bit of variation to the normal hazards. The travel ramp proved popular, if a little confusing. To try and explain it as quickly as possible, it is a measure of a vehicle's most extreme flex point. The test proceeds as the vehicle attempts to climb the ramp as high as possible with a single front or rear tire without lifting a wheel off the ground. The distance the vehicle can travel up the ramp without loosing contact with the ground is measured from the bottom of the ramp, then up and on the ramp to the point in line with the leading hub. That distance in inches is then divided by the vehicle's wheelbase, also in inches, and then multiplied by 1000 to calculate the score. For example my Vitara has a wheelbase (centre hub to centre hub) of 86.5 inches. I travelled up the ramp to the point I couldn't go any further without lifting a wheel. This figure was 58 inches. Dividing 58 (distance) by 86.5 (wheelbase) gives 0.670. Multiplying 0.670 by 1000 gives a Ramp Travel Index (RTI) score of 670. This calculation is performed like this worldwide at all 4x4 events and simply means I can drive 67% of my wheelbase up a travel ramp (normally of around a 20 degree angle). Vehicles scoring 1000 have driven there full wheelbase and numbers over 1000 are amazing as have driven more than their wheel base. This calculation is neat as it takes your wheelbase into consideration so you can therefore compare scores between all vehicles e.g. LWB Pajero VS. SWB Suzuki.

The steep slopes and sidling of one hazard caught Henare Royal out in his Suzuki ute who did a full side to

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side rollover back onto his wheels, all ok though with an external cage to protect most of the truck. Jamie Andrews also had a lay down on his driver's side on the same hazard but the little Zuk was easily pushed back onto its wheels by 5 or so people.

People travelled around in 4 groups to do all hazards which worked well as we were finished just after lunch. A sausage sizzle BBQ lunch was cooked up in the barn and kept people well fed. Trucks went home fairly clean thanks to Roger Seymour's water pump that blasted off the mud. This thing is grunty once it's on song and I struggled to stay grounded with it blasting me and my zuk away! Thanks for bringing it along Roger. Big thanks must also go to Jamie, Mitch, Neil, Sarah, Phil and anyone else I have forgotten who helped make club champs possible. But most importantly to Malcolm Judd for use of his property!

The results for those that handed in score cards were as follows:

Standard Class

Martin Taylor	90pts	1st
Craig Freeman	260pts	2nd
Peter Becker	380pts	3rd
Matt Farr	600pts	4th
Brian Howat	685pts	5th
Alan Geeves	940pts	6th
Nick Martin	960pts	7th

Modified Class

Pedro Osborne	55pts	1st
Mitch Seymour	80pts	2nd
Henere Royal	260pts	3rd
Ash Senior	320pts	4th
Damon Grant	540pts	5th
Jamie Andrews	580pts	6th
Deanne Whitton	780pts	7th
Paul Clarke	860pts	8th



Top of Woolshed Road as at Sat 23 Oct - looks like someone hasn't bothered to reinstate the road!



CCVC Member Grant Uridge is looking to put together a team to participate in the iconic Motu School East Cape Safari being held on the weekend of 28th - 31 January 2011.

Copies of the event flyers, entry forms etc can be obtained either through Grant or the club Helpdesk

If anyone is interested in participating in this event let Grant know so he can get a team together and registered for the event.

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Australian Outback Adventure 2010 (Part 3) - by John Parfitt

In part 1 and part 2 of this series I covered my journey to Darwin and then overland with Ray Harkness to Broome in Western Australia in his Toyota Landcruiser "Bushcamper". In this instalment I will cover the final part of our journey from Broome to Perth.

With Broome being "full" for the season, we have travelled to a caravan park on the beach on a station called Barn Hill some 80 km south of Broome and here we met a young English couple who were to buy Rays vehicle at the end of our trip.

The morning of day 11 of our journey started with Ray completing negotiations for the sale of the vehicle concluding with a deposit paid and arrangements made that Tyrone would pick the vehicle up in Perth on the Wednesday prior to our Friday departure back to Wellington. He would then drive the vehicle back to Barn Hill (3 day journey 2,200 km).

Deal done we headed to Port Headland for the night. A port town based on the shipment of iron ore and other minerals etc where houses rent for \$1,200 + per week (for a small 3 bedroom). It's not a pretty town, very industrial.

The following day was spent on the road ending up at a ghost town called Wittenoom which was built to service a "Blue Asbestos" mine. All the streets are laid out, street signs in place but all but a few buildings are gone. Up and moved elsewhere. Look the place up on the web, makes interesting reading (same goes for anywhere I have mentioned in these texts). We bush camped at a billabong close to the town that night.

The next day we travelled via the spectacular gorges of the Karijini National Park to Tom Price then the following day, via some 300 km of dust roads through desert country, to Mt Augustus arriving there just on dusk. Mt Augustus is claimed to be the largest rock in the world.

After a look around the rock next morning we travelled a further 300km on dusty desert roads to Meekatharra and although the roads were of a good standard we saw only a couple of vehicles during the whole days travelling.

A night at Meekatharra then a relatively short drive via Mt Magnet to Sandstone, a small town with a rich heritage but only one shop (combined Post Office/supermarket) a tourist office and shire (council) office and depot. The highlight of the area is a gold trail and "London Bridge" which is a rock structure that looks like a bridge (funny that).

You realise how remote some of these places are when you read a sign at the camp that tells you to report any medical emergencies to the Flying Doctor on a free phone number and that the nearest medical clinic is some 130km away.

The following day we headed to Kalgoorlie (stayed in the same camp spot in the same camp as 2 years ago) then prepared to start the final leg of our journey West again to Perth.

Southern Cross was our next stop then, via some interesting rock formations that Ray was particularly interested in seeing (amateur geologist) to a small town called Koorda where we were the only people in one half of the camp with one other caravan in the other. It was very strange to have the camp facilities virtually to ourselves (never saw the other people).

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Day 20 saw us travel to a place on the coast called Cervantes. The journey took us through a Catholic centre town called New Norca which contains a large church, monastery and many buildings that reminded me of places in Europe. There is also a large "colonial" hotel which looked impressive. Catholic's amongst us will know more about this place than I do but it was interesting in that it seemed out of place in the Aussie countryside.

Cervantes is on the coast some 250 km north of Perth and is the base for the Pinnacles National Park, an interesting formation of columns that appear out of the sand dunes. Well worth a visit if you are heading north from Perth. A new main highway was nearing completion when we were there (since opened) which is a costal route direct to Perth which will speed up the journey between the two considerably.

The following day we headed to Perth and started the process of cleaning the vehicle ready for its new owner. With the vehicle water blasted and scrubbed and all the "junk" removed it scrubbed up nicely and was duly picked up as arranged and driven off "into the sunset", as the saying goes.

Ray and I then spent the Thursday and Friday in Perth, doing a bit of shopping and visiting friends before catching an evening flight to Auckland on the Friday for an 8:00 am flight Auckland to Wellington on the Saturday morning.

This was the end of a great adventure and with the sale of the truck (Bushy) the end of an era, particularly for Ray who has been doing these trips at least twice a year for a number of years.

Thanks to Ray I have been very privileged to have seen a huge amount of Outback Australia, having, over the two trips, been places seen and done things I would have never had the chance to do otherwise.

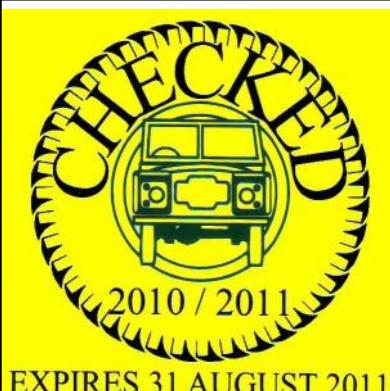
Aussie is a huge country and it's not until you go exploring that you start to appreciate the distances between places and just how remote some of these places are. If you get the chance to get out into the outback take it, you won't regret it

If you are thinking of heading off for an adventure have a chat to someone like Ray who has been to most places, as there are ways you can see the "best" of the outback without spending months on the road and travelling 1,000's of Km's.

And yes, Ray and I are still speaking, even though we spent so long in each others company. You do get to know what subjects to avoid in conversation as there are always things you will never agree about no matter how long you spend discussing them.

Please be advised that the yellow 2010 / 2011 club sticker is now available and it is a requirement for all vehicles to have one attached for all club trips from 1st September 2010. Please make sure you get yours by making an appointment with your local friendly vehicle inspector. Thanks.

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Sandstone Nursing Post is open:

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St John Ambulance

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
November 2010						
Wednesday 3rd	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
Thursday 4th	Web Project Meeting	Murray Wills	Meeting - 19:30			
Saturday 6th	Guy Fawkes BBQ and Fireworks - Bookings essential	John Vruink	Family Shiny	Wellington South Coast - First washout - between Sinclair Head and the Long Gully road.		
Sunday 7th	Rallywoods with Steve O - Bookings Required	Steve O'Callaghan	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Rallywoods		Bookings required
Wednesday 10th	CCVC Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 13th	Odlins Road Weekend - SWB Only - Bookings Required	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Odlin's Road		
Saturday 13th	South Coast Annual Clean Up - Bookings Required	Barry Insull	Family Shiny	Wellington South Coast		
Monday 15th	CCVC Trip Leaders Forum	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Wednesday 17th	Club Recovery Sub Committee Meeting	Anthony (Ant) Reid	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Thursday 18th	Diesel & Turbo Wellington Information Evening - Bookings Required	Stewart Burrell	Family Shiny	Diesel & Turbo, 65 Waione St, Petone		
Saturday 20th	Firewood Loop Both Ways - and other Tracks into the Night - Bookings Required	Charles Odlin	Club 4X4 / Hard Yakka	Akatarawa Forest - Firewood Loop		
Saturday 20th	Reccy for Rotary Fundraiser - Reccy only - Invite only	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4			
Sunday 21st	Maritime Archaeological Society South Coast Trip - Members Only - Bookings Required	Ray Harkness	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks & Long Gully		Bookings Required
Wednesday 24th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Porirua Club		
Sunday 28th	CCVC 40th Anniversary Public Trip - Members Trip Sheet - Bookings Essential	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Orongorongo Coast		
Sunday 28th	CCVC 40th Anniversary Public Trip Orongorongo Coast - Bookings Essential	Contact ccvc40th@gmail.com to register	Family Shiny			
Sunday 28th	CCVC Driver Training Day for Prospective Members - Bookings Essential	Steve Mercer	Family Shiny		Confirmed	Bookings Required

December 2010

Saturday 4th	Team Challenge Fun Event	Neil Blackie	Shiny 4X4	Rallywoods		
Tuesday 7th	CCVC Safety Sub Committee Meeting	Murray Taylor	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-		
Wednesday 8th	CCVC Club Night - All Welcome	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Saturday 18th	Summer Solstice on Sutherlands Bookings Required	Paul Adams	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track		Bookings Required

January 2011

Monday 10th	South Island Summer Escape Tour - Limited Numbers - Bookings Essential	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4			
Wednesday 12th	GWRC Sunset Tour #1 - Club Members only - Bookings Essential	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	Confirmed	BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Wednesday 19th	GRWC Sunset Tour #1 Back up Date - Club Members Only	-tba-	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		RAIN OFF DATE ONLY

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.ccvc.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 stropping, 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

New Club Kit



Here's the new range of club clothing that our publicity officer has arranged to be available to members - and there's a order form elsewhere in the mag. There are male and female shirts, vests, a hat and a cap. Note that Stewart is still working on this so the order form over the page is currently incorrect but this will be amended shortly.



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