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Should members need assistance in recovering their vehicle (typically when used on a non-club activity) they should contact in the first instance:

Duncan Grocott, Phone 027 487 6676

(other members can then be tasked to assist)



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MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

This is your magazine so it can only be as good as the contributions you make!! We need any articles, trip reports, technical items, "How-to's", etc to be in the hands of the editor by the end of each calendar month.

Please email to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz or post to 34a Hine Rd, Wainuiomata or fax to 04 914 8366.

DISCLAIMER: The opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and not necessarily those of the club, it's 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.

Upcoming National Events

March 10-11: Annual Ahuroa Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser

By Rodney Offroad Club. Actual date yet to be confirmed - normally held in November each year but now will be held in March 2018. Annual event held in Ahuroa. Usually two options: 1. Club Shiny - need WOF and Rego, great scenery and covering a wide range of amazing farm lands. 2. Tuff truck - great mud and hill challenges with a very small amount of roadwork, suitable for non-WOF and Rego vehicles. More details to follow.

Mar 24: NZFWDA National 4x4 Trials - Round 5

Open to the public and spectator friendly, the NZFWDA 4x4 trials series comprises one day events hosted by NZFWDA affiliated clubs around the country. This round will be hosted by Mt Egmont 4Wheel Drive Club. For further detail see www.nz4x4trials.co.nz/calendar-and-results/

Mar 30 - Apr 02: Zukfest NZ 2018

The Canterbury Suzuki 4WD Club is hosting a Suzuki-exclusive off-road gathering in reefton. We will be driving local tracks of mixed grades from grade 3 to grade 5+ doing different stuff every day. All skill levels welcome. Entries capped at 35, prize giving and dinner on Sunday. Contact suzuki4wdclub@gmail.com or zukfestnz@gmail.com for more details.

Apr 14: NZFWDA National 4x4 Trials - Round 6 (FINALS)

Open to the public and spectator friendly, the NZFWDA 4x4 trials series comprises one day events hosted by NZFWDA affiliated clubs around the country. This round will be hosted by Wanganui 4WD Club. For further detail see www.nz4x4trials.co.nz/calendar-and-results/

Apr 29: Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge

Back for the fourth year this is the only event of its kind in NZ and was created and is hosted by Cowpertrucks. Held at 2278 SH3, Turakina it will feature the best of the best drivers and 4x4 trials competition vehicles in the country - and the line up of drivers has been confirmed. Vehicles and crews have been personally invited to test their skills against 10 extreme 4x4 courses. Steep hills, vertical banks, massive jumps, mud and speed, combined with good food, easy spectator viewing and live commentary all make for a fantastic day out with mates and family. Starts at 10:00am. The event will be recorded for TV and screened over four 30min programmes on TV3's CRC Motorsport show. See the Suzuki Extreme 4x4 Challenge facebook page for more info.

Some details in this column appear courtesy of Cathy Parker, publisher of the New Zealand 4WD and Sportvehicles magazine. Potential participants should contact the event organiser; CCVC cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies.

CCVC Club Member's Photos and Videos

We are always keen to share club member's trip photos and videos at Club night.

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

Pick your best 6 to 10 photos, resized to 1920 x 1080 pixels (or use a lower resolution on your camera)

Email them with a brief description of event, location, date taken and any notes you would like included to Brendon Millard

Email address: photos@ccvc.org.nz

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

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

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

Contact details
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Presidents Piece - March 2018

Hi all.

Last month I mentioned some aspects of what's available to member on our web site but didn't get quite as far into it as I hoped. There's lot's there.

The web address is <http://ccvcwellington.wildapricot.org> , login is your email address and password is whatever you made it (there is a forgotten password option).

There are forums there to discuss issues and a Trading Post buy, sell and swap. In the Memberzone you can find all members phone and address details, safety documents, copies of the last submissions made to GWRC and WCC. There are some photos (could do with some recent ones if you've got some), and a list of Club assets which can be borrowed subject to various conditions. We have an issue with the trip database currently linking into the site and have had to put in a temporary fix - it's a hard to see link (**Trip list Feb 2018.pdf**) at the bottom of the main box on the home page.

If you liked the Facebook page following my mention of it last month you'll be getting messages from there as well - <https://www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc> .

What's coming up - we're planning an "Open Day" to tell potential members about the club and the trips we do, still in the planning stage but looking at 24th of March so details will be out very shortly. We'll need a few Club members and vehicles to look after them for a short trip and BBQ in Whitemans Valley.

Boulcott Farm Golf Club's new clubhouse is now open so Club night will be in shiny new premises this month. A higher price and harder to separate from other activities in the building so not quite so convenient and we may need to look at other options. Let me know if you've got any ideas. It might mean meeting on a different night which will be decided and notified before you read this. Anyway hope to see you shortly one way or the other.

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:

Large Marquee

Small Marquee

Portable gas bbq

Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)

Six handheld radio's on club frequencies (used on training days)

Email address changes.

There is news about that Vodafone has stopped offering an email service, so anyone with clear.net.nz and paradise.net.nz addresses will have to change their email addresses. Once you have done this can you please advise the club of your new address - you can do this by going to the wild apricot site and updating your details or by sending the club an email to the membership email address members@ccvc.org.nz

Note that your email address is also used by the NZFWDA for the distribution of things like Trail Torque - you cannot change this yourself but if you let the club know you have changed your address then we will change it with the association - once again drop an email to members@ccvc.org.nz

Club Clothing

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



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

If interested please contact John directly on john.vruink@gmail.com

The Central Zone Jamboree 2018

The Central Zone Jamboree was held over Wellington Anniversary weekend. I hadn't planned on attending as I had already organised an away trip to Blue Duck Station, the weather unfortunately didn't play its part.

As we had done all the prep work for an away trip it made sense to head up to Ashhurst and join in. We arrived about 10.30pm and having found our camp site at the Domain we set up our camper and then caught up with Don and Trish from Jeep club and Alan and Shona from Egmont club.



In the morning we found 23 vehicles had registered for the weekend and a couple of late entries being us and the Beddow clan in the Nissan from CCVC. We heard a couple of trucks had attempted the river run last night and two trucks ended up sleeping over on the river bank, a Nissan being hydrauliced so not a great start for their weekend.

Two trips arranged for day one with some heading to the Shannon Dams and Pretoria Park and the others including us off to North Range Road and Takapari road. North Range Road

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was a great family shiney picturesque drive through the Wind Farms with a couple of detour tracks which proved a challenge for the ute in the convoy, luckily it stayed on its wheels after a failed hill climb

I had never driven Takapari Road which was a bit different with the very rocky terrain and some steep hill climbs which winds up to the Ruahines to a height of 1220m with the temperature dropping by 10 degrees. They say on a good day you can see coast to coast, haven't met anyone to confirm the theory as yet. We drove up to the A frame hut losing the ute on the way as they had damaged the radiator in a play bog and over heated. The track past the hut gets a little more interesting with four of us getting to the end with only one needing a winch.



Saturday night and a BBQ dinner was planned and a chance for everyone to get together and catch up from the day. A night drive up Wharite Peak was optional and we decided a few more refreshments sounded the better plan.

Sunday and again we had a choice or either The McKenzie Trail or a drive to Hills Hills, a private Forestry block. We had fun driving the outer circle track with a few of us needing a winch through some of the boggy bits. Once around we were offered more of

the same but we elected to head to the river for a swim as the temp was over 27.

Dinner was at the Ashhurst Inn and subsidised by Central Zone which was nice. Monday had us off to the Manawatu Off Road Racing Club Track in Fielding for a few timed laps on the 3.5km course. The mighty Jeep laid down a good time and wasn't challenged even though a few tried hard in the now wet conditions.

We did a river run tyo clean up and then packed up and headed home. A huge thanks to Central Zone for putting this event on, we will be back.

Ralph Dobson K184



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MARLBOROUGH MEANDER

This trip was to be a journey into relatively remote parts of Marlborough, on established tracks but with only occasional farms, huts, toilets and the necessities of life. So we were prepared to camp as required. Pre planning for access and ferry bookings were put in place and we were all set to go on January 20. Together with Anniversary Day this allowed a full week of travels with only four days away from work etc.

The itinerary was left a little flexible because we might not be able to go everywhere we wanted to, but the plan was to visit Kaikoura, Muzzle, Molesworth, Rainbow, St Arnaud, Branch river, Mt Campbell and Mt Patriarch. Even as we set off the DoC website noted a couple of our intended tracks were closed!

As we planned to cross the Clarence in its middle section, the big question was about river levels. There are two NIWA river gauges on line which show the flows in the Clarence before the Acheron junction, and the joining flow from the Acheron River. The Acheron had peaked at 35 cubic metres per seconds (cums) a couple of days ago (from 10 cums) and was slowly dropping, while the Clarence gauge was around 15 cums and steadily heading down. On previous crossings the gauges had both been under 10 cums so the crossing may well be marginal or not prudently possible, especially as one truck was missing a snorkel.

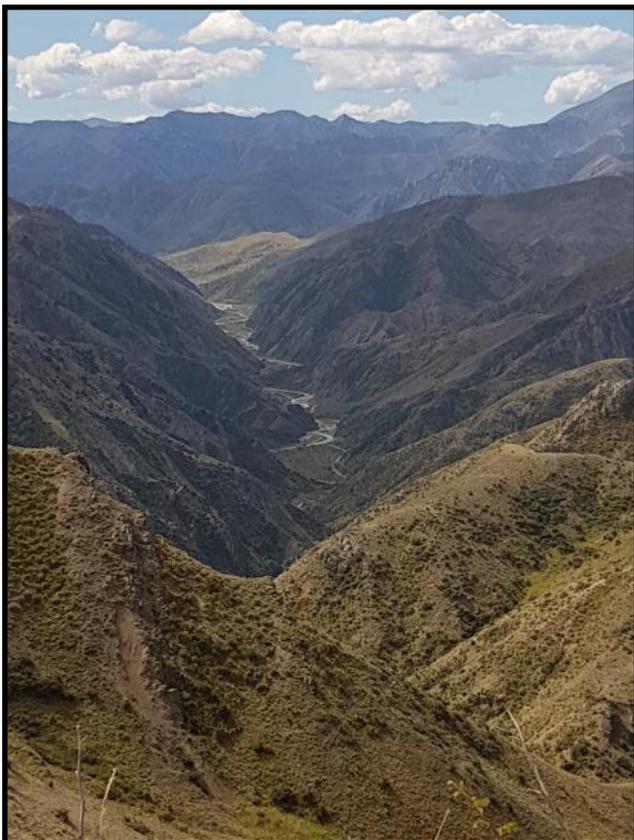
Day One – into the Clarence Valley

Five trucks were to join the meander so Orange Peel, Howard and Jeanette, John and Helen, together with Graeme taking the Saturday morning ferry were to be joined by Shaun, Denise and Gemma in Maximus at Blenheim. This was our last major supermarket stop, and we all then headed to Kaikoura. The road was officially open in daylight, but there were several stop-go areas where only single lane traffic was possible. A huge amount of re-construction has occurred but obviously there is much more to come.

After a fast fuel stop in Kaikoura we headed south and then to the Inland Kaikoura Rd. Another turn to the north had us on our first real track, over Bushy Saddle and Blind Saddle to the Clarence watershed. As track goes up to about 1300 m asl over steep and rocky terrain the safety briefing emphasised 4WD, low gear, vehicle spacing and the like.



Along the tops



The way we go

On the way up Howard had to pause to let his transmission cool down, but otherwise we were soon up the steep parts and rambling along to the descent on the other side. The landscape changed from fertile farm paddocks behind us to the massive Kaikoura ranges ahead of us with all the twists and turns of the tributaries that it drains. Warden Hut, a DoC hut on a tributary to the river (Seymour Stream) was reached a little before five o'clock, but with long evenings we pushed on heading to Palmer Hut on the Clarence River itself. There was a steep climb out of the Seymour and John discovered he had his hubs unlocked and had a couple of shots at the climb. Hmm.. I thought we all put in 4WD much earlier! The track to Palmer hut was pretty bumpy and some half hour later the radio blared out as Howard called - "Ian, I have lost a wheel". Bugger.

So the "Overland Workshop" was opened and the wheel hub jacked up and cleaned as best could be. Meanwhile the ladies did a terrific job of walking back a couple of km looking to recover some wheel nuts. Eventually a total of four were found which, with borrowing from other wheels, gave us a mobile truck again. Howard had changed his tyres before the trip, and the nuts clearly needed a re-tighten after road use. Whilst we were all frustrated, it was fortunate the nuts had not worked loose whilst on the 100 kph highway earlier in the day.

So on to Palmer and it became clear why the DoC web site obscurely said the track was closed. A 500 m length of track down a narrow-gutted stream had been completely washed out but it was possible to rock-hop

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along the old route. We soon reached a small area where the track used to climb out of the stream, but it was now a 2 m vertical upward cliff! The stream itself went into a narrow rocky ravine! So a detour up a bank where some bikers had found a way out was created and with a small tug on our long wheelbase vehicle we were on the track again. And soon enough it reached the river bed and was again washed away. This cliff to the river bed looked and soon proved to be drive-able, but not before Shaun had done some wadi bashing to give us a second option.

We then had to find a way back up to the track some 200 m further along the river bed and, with a bit of scrub clearance, Orange Peel had soon reached the original track. The others soon followed and in 500 m we found Palmer Hut, sitting on a rocky outcrop above the river. So we pitched tents as required, cooked dinner and were soon heading to sleep after a solid 12 hour day of travelling. The weather had been hot and sunny with little wind, but all thoughts were on the river and how fast it was dropping.

Day Two – Crossing the Clarence River

This was to be our watershed, so to speak, as we planned to cross over the Clarence to Muzzle Station. We first checked in by radio with the Station and headed back towards the Seymour Stream and towards Quail flat. The historic buildings here have suffered major damage with “holes you can see through” in the internal concrete walls. But it was a nice enough lunch stop before we headed to the River crossing are some 5 km northward. Whilst there were a few spots where the river braids looked quite crossable, the high cliffs meant there was no-where to go on the other side!

A little north of Tytler Point we scoped the first known viable crossing option. The large shingle fan of previous years was gone suggesting the river was higher, but there was a long underwater bar going downstream, say 250 mm deep and about a hundred metres long, which the river was washing over. Captain Underpants swung into action with his calibrated ski pole and found that travel along the bar and then generally across the deeper section to the other side would be possible. The water depth would not quite submerge the wheels. Orange Peel soon crossed successfully followed by the other five. The trick was to keep moving as travelling over the bumpy rocky bottom meant the swift current continually pushed the vehicles down

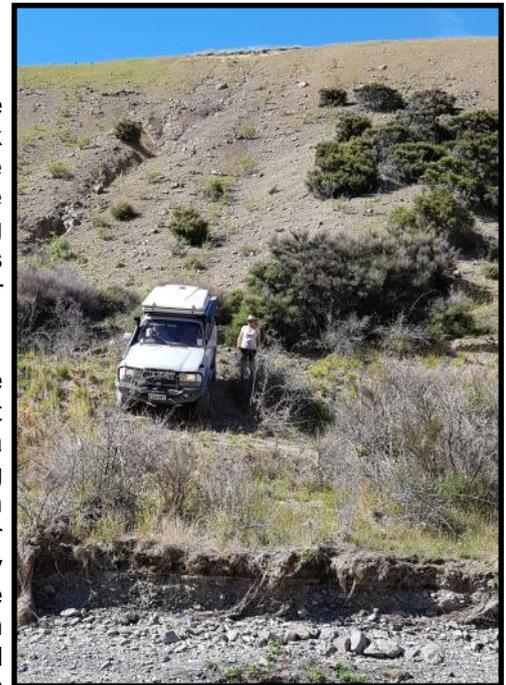


Across the river



Overland workshop

river from their intended line of travel. We soon joined some farm tracks and were back at the second (previously used) crossing point. The farm's John Deere's, with a fording capacity of probably 1.5 metres or more, were parked there but the water would certainly have been too deep and too swift for us.



Making our track

We travelled on to Muzzle Station, and after a good chat with Fiona and Guy, we went on towards Ravine Hut. Fortunately Fiona reminded us of the new locked gate between Bluff and Muzzle and gave us the combination! We had a long day tomorrow so were keen to make as much progress as possible. The weather was threatening with thunder, lightning and some heavy showers. The track keeps away from the river to avoid the cliffs and bluffs alongside the river, but rejoins the river near Ravine Stream and Ravine Hut. We camped on the river flats below the hut, but first had to muster out a herd of cattle from the best camping spot.

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We soon got a display of mustering by helicopter as the farm herded a mob down from a face behind the hut with a Robinson. About 15 minutes and it was all done. The chopper first got a small group moving, then shifted to another group, and another etc before eventually returning to the first group who by then had slowed down. This kept them all moving without undue stress on the cattle.

Day Three – Heading to Molesworth



The river after rain

After a continual mooing all night from cows with misplaced calves etc, we had breakfast, packed up the camp and started the trek to Bluff, but not without a stop at the Ravine Hut “room with a view”. The track veers well away from the river to clear cliffs so there were a succession of streams to cross and hills to climb up/down. There were good photo stops and at one ridge we could look down onto the site of a dam created by the Kaikoura earthquake. A large area of cliff had just detached and slid down to the river complete with an undisturbed area of grass and small trees. The river soon carved a way through, but the area and event is still obvious even a year later.

Once through the boundary gate we checked out with Muzzle and checked in with Bluff by radio. The road improved markedly as we left the steeper terrain behind and at Dee stream there was another John Deere making a better pathway to allow farm trucks to access the southern part of the station. We soon made Coverham, the headquarters for the southern part of Bluff Station, and made this our brunch stop. The Chalk Range provides a dramatic backdrop to the station. Whilst there were noises coming from the docking yards, there was no one at the homestead itself. Soon enough we pushed on towards the main Bluff homestead and the tarseal highway of the coast at Kekerengu. We learnt that we were the first group to come through this season and that there was still major damage to several of the station houses. We could see for ourselves that Coverham was still undergoing reconstruction. At Bluff Station near the State Highway, further houses were showing major structural damage.

Once on the highway it was on to Seddon to fuel up and purchase supplies for the next couple of days. Unfortunately the supermarket still had major damage and offered only a limited variety of goods. The broken chiller limited the fresh meat and new supplies were due tomorrow! So much for debates between insurers, owners and the store operator, but the public get less service meantime. Soon enough we headed up the Awatere valley headed for Molesworth for the night. A stop was made at Jordan Bridge and an apple tree under the bridge was harvested. Rain gave us a quick wash down, and a cuppa break at the was welcome. By the time we reached Molesworth it was fine and we set about selecting campsites. The DoC

volunteer advised that our intended Tardale Track was still closed but we should check with the ranger later in the day.



Earthquake landslide and new lake

Brief club notes:

1. Last request for the season!!!!!! Seats are required to take members of the public on a trip through the Akatarawa Forest on Sunday 18th March 2018. If you are able to assist please contact David Coxon: 0274510361 or david.gsi@icloud.com

2. I am still looking for a few more seats for my 1/2 day Te Kopahau trip being run on Sunday 11/03/2018 as part of the Wellington City Council Parks Week. If you are able to assist please let me know as soon as possible. Barry Insull, home phone (04) 234 7757 or Cellphone 0272404530 or bipest@xtra.co.nz

WEB SITE SAGAS

We recently moved the clubs Public web site so that it points to the Wild Apricot site rather than the old CCVC site and this has caused a few issues with the display of the Trip Sheets.

So our web site built under the Wild Apricot system was getting better..

Then we added the links to import the Trip Lists and it was just about done...

But the Wild Apricot name was a mouthful and we wanted to use ccvc.org.nz as before...

So the clever folk at Vodafone who host that site did a redirection for us so ccvc.org.nz would point straight to Wild Apricot..

And this all worked but the trip reports then ceased to work.

So there is a link to temporary list on the HOME page... and some trip sheets under a new Events page

And we will get it fixed shortly! Hopefully by the time you read this!

<http://ccvcwellington.wildapricot.org/Trip-Sheets-for-Members-Temporary-Page>

Central Zone Club Truck Challenge Round 5

Hosted by the Feilding 4x4 club

When? 17th March 2018,

From 8am, drivers briefing at 9am

Where? Hills Hills,

This is a private forestry block,
so expect trees

\$20 entry fee

Helmets to be worn

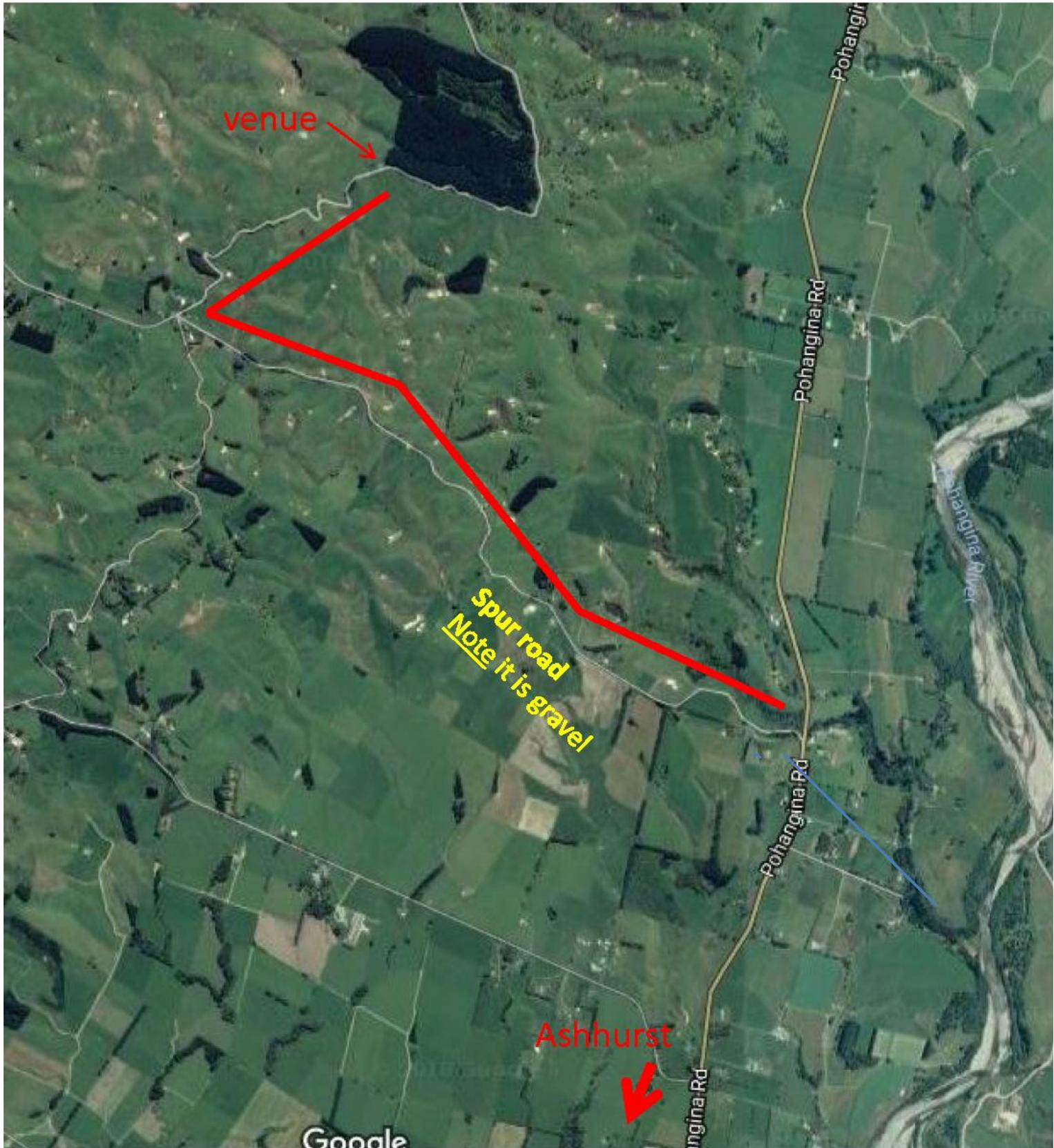
No dogs

No drugs and no Alcohol



Midlands road, easiest way of getting there is to go north, straight through Ashhurst towards Pohangina, turn left at Spur Road. Follow Spur Road until you get to the intersection, turn right onto Midland Road, follow until you reach the venue. You will see a shearing shed Will have signs up

Pre-registrations to: Mark Watchorn
markrae1964@gmail.com



Location of the NZFWDA Central Zone Club Truck Challenge

CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE – Round 5

17/3/2018

Hosted by Feilding 4x4 Club

REGISTRATION AND INDEMNITY FORM

This form may be filled out and emailed back

NAME:

ADDRESS:

.....

PHONE NO: or

E-MAIL:

CLUB:

VEHICLE MAKE:

CLASS 1 (NO TRACTION AIDS)

CLASS 2 (UNCONTROLLED TRACTION AIDS eg LSD, max 33" tyres)

CLASS 3 (controlled traction aids)

Class 4 (adjustable mod's eg fiddle brakes)

HARD TOP SOFT TOP: (select/ tick one)

INDEMNITY

It is acknowledged, declared and accepted that it is a condition of entry to this event that you enter this event at your own risk. All persons having any connection to the promotion, organisation, and/ or the running of the event, including and not limited to the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association, host club(s), land owner(s) or lease(s), will be ABSOLVED FROM ALL LIABILITY or responsibility for any injury to any person(s), damage or loss of property incurred during the event.

DECLARATION

I (the under signed) hereby declare that I possess the standard of competence to enter this event and do not suffer from any disability that may detrimentally affect my control of my vehicle.

Further, at all times, I take full responsibility for the conduct of and safety of any other person in my vehicle. I also agree that the decisions as to eligibility, conduct, participation, scoring or any other matters relating to the running of the event, are the sole discretion of the organisers and agree to be bound by them.

Team Members (Please list – can be added to on the day, along with the \$20 entry fee that covers the entire team)

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Signature: (needs to be signed at registration if emailed)

Date:

Name: (Printed)

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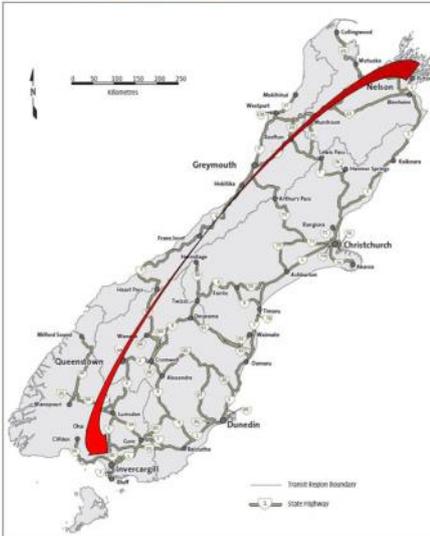
NZFWDA 2018 Conference and AGM



A call to all the keen 4wd folk throughout NZ

Our 2018 event is looking good, get ready to get in quick, to reserve your place

The President's Run



Saturday 12 May – Friday 18 May

A whole week of 4wd from the north of the south to the south of the south on your way to the conference and AGM.

Trip Leader: Neville Dunton, Association President

Trip Organiser: John McDonald, Southern Zone PRO

You can join the trip anywhere along its route.

There is limited accommodation available at some of the stops, which will limit the number of trucks.

Register [here](#) - first-in first-served.

See the tentative itinerary attached to this brochure. There will be easy options if you want to avoid any of the rougher tracks. Full details once we've got bookings and finalised everything.

Conference activities



Saturday 19 May

Building on the success of the new approach to the conference over the last couple of years, we're doing the same again this year.

Visits to two of the most fascinating petrol-head museums in the world:

- Transport World
<https://www.transportworld.co.nz/>
- Classic Motorcycle Mecca
<https://www.transportworld.co.nz/motorcycle-mecca/>

Plus, there will be some other interesting places to visit, planning is in progress.

All this will be followed by the Association dinner. And guess what, it'll be the oyster season if we're lucky!

We'll provide buses between the venues.

Full details will be published in the AGM pack.

Flight information, accommodation and booking details on the next page.

AGM, followed by possible afternoon trip



Sunday 20 May

The AGM will start at 9am, at the Ascot Park Hotel. You will need to register for this.

For those of you with time on your hands before your flights after the AGM and lunch ends at about 1pm, depending on numbers we may be able to arrange some seats for a run out to Oreti Beach, made famous by the World's Fastest Indian.

This also depends on whether we can get enough transport for everyone, maybe one of those WW2 troop transports can be hired?

Again, details to be finalised.



Your travel and accommodation

Given the conference programme and the rather limited flights available, most people may wish to travel Friday, then stay 2 or 3 nights before travelling home.

<i>Flights</i>	<i>Accommodation</i>								
<p>There is not a huge range of flights to and from Invercargill, so you'll probably want to look at booking pretty soon and to be prepared to stay a bit longer than you normally might.</p> <p>We've had a suggestion to look at www.webjet.co.nz for options, not that we're endorsing that site.</p> <p>As another option, you may like to look at travelling to Queenstown then sharing a car or mini-bus to Invercargill.</p> <p>Northern and Central Zones have come up with a conditional subsidy for their clubs, to help cover the costs of the flights. Contact your Zone Secretary.</p> <p>We recommend you book soon, on the one hand to get a flight, on the other hand the later you book, the more expensive it's likely to be!</p>	<p>The conference and AGM will be based in the Ascot Park Hotel. The dinner may be at the Transport Museum, we'll provide transport from and to the Ascot if necessary.</p> <p>Accommodation rates for delegates are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>Motel unit</td> <td>\$110.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Classic hotel unit</td> <td>\$160.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Superior hotel unit</td> <td>\$165.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deluxe/Apartment</td> <td>\$180.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>(rates based on 1-2 people, incl GST, room only)</p> <p>Read more at http://ascotparkhotel.co.nz/accommodation</p>	Motel unit	\$110.00	Classic hotel unit	\$160.00	Superior hotel unit	\$165.00	Deluxe/Apartment	\$180.00
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Bookings

Here's the process for booking:

<i>1. Flights</i>	Book your flights first! Now!
<i>2. Accommodation</i>	<p>Over to you to arrange your own accommodation for the Conference and AGM.</p> <p>If you'd like to stay at the Ascot, book by contacting the hotel directly through their website or by phone and mention you are booking for the NZ 4wd event so you can get the discounted rates shown above. They can't take online bookings and give our discount.</p> <p>For more information contact: Russell Quin on rp.quin@xtra.co.nz or +64 27 222 4879</p>
<i>3. Conference and AGM</i>	<p>The 2018 Conference and AGM Information Packs will be emailed out by 30th March 2018 to all Association members as well as Club Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates named on the NZFWDA Database.</p> <p>It will include official notice of the AGM, registration forms, delegate votes, AGM agenda items, minutes from the last AGM and NZFWDA Life Membership nominations.</p> <p>For more information contact: Conference: Russell Quin on rp.quin@xtra.co.nz or +64 27 222 4879 AGM: Bobbie Kincaid on secretarynzfwda@gmail.com or +64 27 414 2596</p>
<i>4. President's Run</i>	<p>Register here. Bookings essential, first-in first served.</p> <p>For more information contact: John McDonald on john.mcdonald@xtra.co.nz or +64 21 464 639</p>
<i>5. Oreti Beach on Sunday</i>	<p>Bookings will be in the AGM pack</p> <p>For more information contact: Russell Quin on rp.quin@xtra.co.nz or +64 27 222 4879</p>

The President Run

This trip is sponsored by Neville Dunton, the Association President, and organized by John McDonald, Southern Zone PRO.

John has planned this trip as an adventure down the scenic east coast of the South Island, keeping in mind that you will have a long drive so the tracks aren't truck wreckers but there will be some challenges on the way.

John advises you not to bring your most precious shiny truck, as it may come back with a few mementoes of the trip but nothing serious.

John has done some of the tracks but not all of them, and most of them will have changed since he was last there, so he can't guarantee the condition.

Please bring a well-prepared vehicle with all your own recovery equipment.

John is still working on food & accommodation, so the details are very shaky at the moment. Perhaps if you budget for between \$1500 & \$2500 for the trip (Picton to Invercargill) then that should cover it.

If you have any questions you can give John a call on 03 308 0443 or 021 464 639 or email him at john.mcdonald@xtra.co.nz

Basic Tentative Itinerary

Saturday 12th May

- Drivers Briefing at Picton.
- Then there will be a leisurely drive around Queen Charlotte Drive, ending up at Pelorus Bridge for lunch.
- From there we will head over the Maungatapu track to Nelson.
- From Nelson we drive down to St Arnaud, hopefully not getting lost on the back-country roads.

Sunday 13th May

- We have a trip up to Beeby's Knob behind St Arnaud in the morning.
- Then down the Rainbow Rd to Hanmer Springs, where you can soak off the day travel off in the hot pools.

Monday 14th May

- Heading south again we head down to the Huruni Hotel for smoko.
- After smoko we head down Lees Valley to Oxford.
- Then up Porters Pass to Lake Lyndon and down the Lake Lyndon road to Lake Coleridge.

Tuesday 15th May

- This is where we are going to test your river skills. We have three trips for you to choose from:
 - The Harper River. This is a rough river track culminating in a short walk to the Hamilton Hut.
 - The Avoca River. This is another rough river track, passing the Basins Hut, the Old Basins hut and continuing as far up the Avoca as time will allow.
 - And then there is the mighty Wilberforce. This has everything in it. Good tracks, rough river track and no tracks. Plus of course you have the Wilberforce deep swift and very dangerous. We should get to Fanghill Hut no problem but Urquharts hut will be the ultimate goal often tried but seldom achieved.
- Any 4x4 with 31" tyres can do these tracks, the only warning is that the shiniest of trucks just could get a wee bit tarnished.
- All these are return trips so if you have any teeth left you won't by the time you get home.
- This is the only place where you will spend two nights in the same place.

Wednesday 16th May

- This is where a good navigator will be essential, we are going to have a car trial across the Canterbury Plains.
- This is John's home and he has been extremely sneaky, there are lots of roads to use so he will be very disappointed if at least some of you don't get lost.
- Don't panic we are ending up at Black Forest Station on the shores of Lake Benmore and an easy 2 hour run from where you started.

Thursday 17th May

- We will be heading over the Black Forest Rd to Benmore Power Station with spectacular views of the lake far below.
- We will then drop down to Duntroon where we head inland to the Danseys Pass stopping off at the Danseys Pass Coach Inn for a quick lemonade.
- Given time we will head over to St Bathans for another quick lemonade before heading to Ranfurley for the night.

Friday 18th May

- This will be a big day with lots of driving but the tracks should be ok and we should be able to keep a good speed up.
- First we will head up the Old Dunston Rd to Alexandra.
- Then we will head up to Clyde and over the Hawksburn road to the Nevis Crossing.
- From there we will take the Nevis Road to Garston.
- Pumping up our tires we point the trucks south and head for Invercargill and the end of the trip.

Club Night.

Well we were really looking forward to getting into the new premises at Boulcott Farm Golf Club for our Club meetings. However now that the new premises are open they've increased the price and booked the only room available out for another function next Wednesday night. Very helpful. The Committee considered moving to a Tuesday or Thursday but general feeling was that we're committed to Wednesday. Ron came up with a number of options but price and parking were challenging, and then John V talked to the manager of the new Naenae Bowling Club complex and as well as being very keen for us to be there, he has offered a good price saving and there's lots of parking.

So please take note that the meeting next Wednesday 14th March is at the Naenae Bowling Club in Vogel Street, Naenae - If you turn left into Vogel off Naenae Road at the roundabout it's the first driveway on the left along a very new concrete wall and parking is down there. This is a trial and we'll be asking what members who attend on Wednesday think of it before we commit to further bookings.

There's a couple of things to note - the restaurant there isn't open on Wednesday night currently, may open on Wednesday in future if there's sufficient demand. The menu looks good and very reasonably priced though. Second - their liquor licence is more restrictive than other clubs and unless you're signed in by a Naenae club member or an affiliated club member, you can't buy a drink. It's just \$30pa for social membership so I have an idea about how we might support CCVC members in joining this club (and it's affiliated to other clubs so membership here gets you into all those affiliated clubs).

So - Wednesday night, if you're coming to the Club meeting - it's at Naenae Bowling Club's new premises, Vogel Street, Naenae. Hope to see you there.

Cross Country Vehicle Club

Roll of Honour

THE ROLL OF HONOUR CELEBRATES LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

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

Member Information:

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

CCVC Life Members

Tom Adams	Graham Barr	Leith Bean	Stuart Brown	Andy Cockroft
Mike Gall	John Hughes	Heather Jeffery	Steve Lacey	Colin Landy
Phil Lewton	Bruce Mulhare	Raynor Mulhare	Peter Osborne	Ross Perkins
Grant Purdie	Tony Street			

CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

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

Call signs are available to financial members on request to database@ccvc.org.nz

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

Trip Categories

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

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

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

Family 4X4:

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

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

Members: Anybody is welcome, especially prospective new members.

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

Shiny 4x4:

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

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

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

Club 4x4:

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

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

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

Hard Yakka:

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

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

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

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status
March 2018					
Saturday 3rd	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Book with Phil (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Training (Unknown)		
Saturday 3rd	Greater Wellington Regional Council Sunset tour #2 - Members of the public must book with GWRC	Ian Hutchings	Shiny 4X4	Belmont Regional Park	
Saturday 10th	GWRC Sunset Tour #2 - Back up date	-tba-	Shiny 4X4		
Sunday 11th	Wellington City Council Parks Week - Seats Required	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Te Kopahou Reserve	
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Saturday 17th	Akatarawas with Ian H - Book with Ian (ian.hutchings@xtra.co.nz)	Ian Hutchings	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest	
Saturday 17th	Central Zone Club Challenge Round 5	Fielding 4x4 Club	Event	-tba-	Abandoned
Sunday 18th	Greater Wellington Regional Council - Akatarawa Ramble - Members of the public must book with GWRC	David Coxon	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	
Saturday 24th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - All welcome - Book with Phil 04 970 3126 (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area	
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Friday 30th	Otapawa Easter Escape - Bookings Required	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Otapawa Station, Haunui Rd off Route 52, Tiraumea, (sign posted as you approach Tiraumea) - OR via The Alfredton Road toward the coast from Eketahuna view at http://www.otapawa.co.nz/farmstay.htm	
April 2018					
Saturday 7th	Akatarawa Forest with Ian G - Book with Ian ipgroom@xtra.co.nz	Ian Groom	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest	
Saturday 7th	CZ Club Truck Challenge	Neil Blackie	Event	See Trip info sheet	Planned
Wednesday 11th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Sunday 15th	Bit of a challenge with DD	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	
Saturday 21st	24 Hour Track	Neil Blackie	Club 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - 24 Hour Track - Downhill	
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Sunday 29th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - All welcome - Book with Phil 04 970 3126 (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area	
May 2018					
Sunday 6th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Book with Phil (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Training (Unknown)		
Wednesday 9th	CCVC AGM - In association with Club Night	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - 7:30pm Boulcott's Farm Heritage Golf Club, 33 Military Rd, Boulcott, Lower Hutt - All welcome	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	
Saturday 12th	Fun in the Forest with DD - Bookings Please	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest	
Saturday 26th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - All welcome - Book with Phil 04 970 3126 (philgreen2964@gmail.com)	Phil Green	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area	
Wednesday 30th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Neil Blackie	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-	