

## VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

### *Cross Country Chronicle*

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## THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

Finally, I hear you say, we won't have listen to him any more! Yes it's nearly over, my three years are up. We talked at Committee about removing the three year term from Club Officer positions but dropped it as soon as there wasn't unanimous agreement – I think it's a good idea to keep the rotation going, new blood with fresh ideas etc. A different face and voice at Club nights. Not quite gone though – one more Club night, AGM and Awards night to MC in June.

Thanks for having me, not that I'm leaving, but I appreciate your tolerance. Maybe I won't be such a target for awards now! And the job's been OK too, just a bit of organisation required but our systems are solid and everything's well run. The Committee has a lot to do with that and have all been a great support so thanks to you.

I don't have too much to say this month. I've sent out the President's report, probably omitted to mention a few people and things in there, sorry if I've missed mentioning someone's worthy effort but know that you would have definitely been appreciated at the time.

Hope to see you at Club night on the 8<sup>th</sup>. It's our AGM and I really encourage you to consider putting your hand up to join the Committee – the current Committee are mostly happy to carry on with their roles but we are looking for a Secretary, New Member's Officer and Welfare Officer. Don't be afraid to come to the AGM worrying about being landed with one of these roles against your will – they require a nomination, seconder and your agreement. And we do need 20% of members present to get a quorum. Plus I have some good video clips of our trucks completing a tough track recently – should get you keen to do the Rollercoaster on May 25<sup>th</sup>!

All the best

Neil

## CLUB CLOTHING

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

<b>Cap</b> Navy/White 4014	\$15
<b>Beanie</b> Navy 3059	\$20
<b>Hoodie</b> Navy ZHH	\$75
<b>Soft Shell Jacket</b> Black SJM	\$110
<b>Jacket</b> GJ Navy/Charcoal	\$100
<b>Polo Shirt</b> Navy/White	\$40
<b>Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt</b>	\$16.50

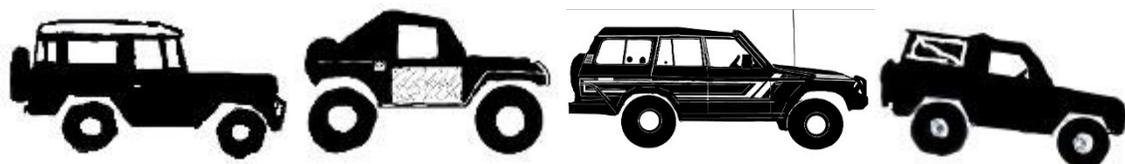
If interested please contact John directly on [john.vruink@gmail.com](mailto:john.vruink@gmail.com)

## CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS

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

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

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





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## ARAC AGM March 2019

Only 14 attendees for this AGM.

Not sure if it was how the meeting was advertised or the fact it was to run under the new constitution where only the club delegate gets a vote, previously it was all attendees got to vote.

Delegates from CCVC, Featherston Family, Wgtn Family, Tararua, Windy and Valley clubs. Five of the attendees where from CCVC.

Ken McAdam gave an overview of what ARAC had achieved over the last 12 months. The main accomplishment was the signing of the MOU with the GWRC. The other positive was the building of the new Waitotauru Hut which is now well underway.

ARAC subscriptions were again voted as staying at \$0.00

Akatarawa Sub Committee – Marcus Steeneken

A machine has cleaned up the bottom end of the Whakatiki forest creating an all weather access.

No meeting with GWRC since MOU signed, this is due to happen soon.

An application for funding was submitted with Transpower in relation to installing a radio repeater in the forest.

Tararua club have requested permission to repair the bottom of the Rock Garden, waiting on feedback from ranger.

Looks like no further intake of trip leaders is planned until the expiry of current leaders comes due, this is approx. 2 years. Clubs without a leader should contact Marcus who offered to find a leader for trips and leader training.

Odlins Road Akatarawa – Dave DeMartin

Building of new hut well underway, inspector has checked foundations earlier on and now will accept photo evidence of the build.

Hut is now water tight with the last of the flashings going on now.

Clubs will be asked in a few weeks to assist with a site clean-up, watch for this in the club calendar.

Sutherlands Track – Ron Lonsdale

Track in good condition after work done last season. Track is open but a little scratchy at the top, looks like a working bee to clear this up a bit is on the cards.

Press Officer – Andy Cockroft

Confirmed the funding for the new Waitotauru was reinstated.

The A Frame hut up on Takapari Road in the Manawatu looks like it will be repaired.

South Coast – Barry Insull

A lot of discussion on the draft plan for the Wgtn Green Belt and the number of submissions being worked on. ARAC will be submitting one on behalf of its members.

That pretty much covers off the meeting. CCVC again showed a strong presence and interest in what is happening in our local play grounds.

Ralph Dobson

CCVC Delegate



## ORONGORONGO TRIP 23 MARCH 2019:

### A view from the rear

The coast is a great place to be on a nice day, and conditions were absolutely perfect for our usual jaunt in total contrast to the previous month. We had 15 trucks all up, ably led by Phil and assisted by honorary gate-boy Frank (is the Jeep fixed yet?). Some of us were checking out the new Ranger Raptor ute that Stewart had borrowed for an extended test drive, wondering if it would still look so shiny at the end. It was good to see quite a few visitors amongst us and they were all excited at the prospect of getting off the tarmac for a change. We had a great range of Toyotas, with a few 80s, a Troopie, a Surf, a Prado, my old banger 60 and a couple of Hiluxes. But not a single Mitsubishi, strange!

I was running tail, a job I actually quite like as it gives me time to go my own pace. On such a great day this meant I could stop to take photos at any time safe in the knowledge I wasn't holding up the convoy. Or going a bit faster with the excuse of having to catch up after shutting gate, that's my favourite bit. Phil decided that we wouldn't bother with playing in the river at the end of the trip as there was no water to play in. This worked out well as we used the extra time to take full advantage of our usual stops. The stunning weather meant we spent quite some time at the airstrip as well as our normal photo stop along the ridge.

After morning tea by the trickle pretending to be a river we had an uneventful trip around the coast to the DOC camp at Corner Creek for lunch. The only challenge was avoiding the mounds of soil left along the road that will eventually be used to form the cycle trail.

At the end of a very relaxing lunch break Phil sounded his horn and led the convoy back towards home. One of our visitors decided to veer off down a side track towards the beach. By the time I'd stopped his mate doing the same thing I'd lost sight of him. After checking the beach I assumed he'd found his way back to the main track further along. I called up Phil and a quick vehicle count confirmed we had everyone.

We wound our way back to the playground and discovered that our main hillclimb had a massive water channel through making it unusable for our trucks. And the other steeper climb had become more challenging with deeper holes causing compulsory cross-axling and wheel-lifting. Naturally Stewart's test drive included such a test, which the ute impressively passed. And Megan in the big 200 series Landcruiser got the most air but still made it look easy (I think electronic traction-control is cheating!) A few others had a go, with one 80 series doing it easily (lockers are great) and another not quite so lucky. The rest of us were happy to just watch, and enjoy the day.

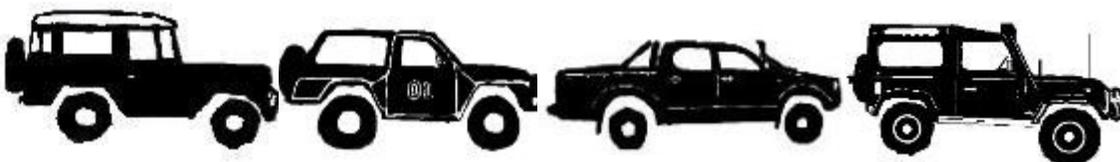
On the way back we still had time to spare so stopped at Barney's whare to stretch our legs and once again take in the amazing view down the tectonic layers brought up by earthquakes through the ages and out to sea across a serene Palliser Bay.

I drove the remainder really slowly but unfortunately that couldn't stop this trip coming to an end. An absolutely brilliant day, thanks to Phil and everyone else who came along.

And from the tail, please follow convoy rules, they are there for very good reasons. Don't make me come and find you.

Brett Smidt

Photos by Brett Smidt and Nic Stark



## McKENZIE TRAIL - EASTER TRIPS 2019:

Two trips were run over the Easter weekend. The first, on Saturday, was a reconnaissance trip to establish what the conditions were like particularly because when the Dixons last ran this trip in January, they said parts were very precarious and sometimes it was difficult to work out where the track went.

So, three of us went in on Saturday, Grant Purdie (trip leader), Brent Cameron, and me Paul Jonson. Well we started at 9:30am and we drove the whole track without pause or incident and finished at the end of the track at three-mile creek at 10:20am. One of the fastest times recorded for that trip. None of us had any issues and the track was quite passable. Once morning tea was finished, we decided to drive up the beach past Himatangi and explore some of the tracks up there. We went into the "Bowl" and had a bit of an explore. We ended up coming across an abandoned 4wd in a mud hole. When checked with the police we found it wasn't stolen and they said we should leave it where it was. So we did.

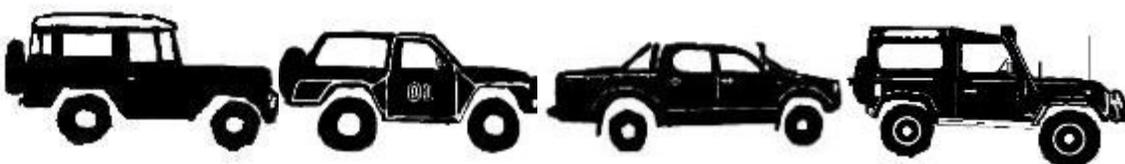
Once back on the beach we went back to three-mile creek and started the return trip down the McKenzie trail. Once again, no dramas and we all drove the track down to the Southern Fork. Here we decided to see if it was drivable as this part of the track has not been driven for some years. After a bit of a trek we decided to drive it as far as we could. We got so far until the trip leader got stuck and we had to recover him and then get the three of us out the way we came in. Again, no real dramas and we finished the day at 2:30pm.

### Day Two

This day saw Brent swap out to be a passenger with Russell Croome in his Cruiser along with newcomers to the trail, Julia Sanderson in her Pajero, and Harien de Mel in his VX cruiser. So, five trucks set out on this trip which was slightly more overcast than the previous day. Once the safety briefings were finished, we set forth and completed most of the track without issues. We reached the notorious macrocarpa stand where there is a double hump which is usually very challenging for first timers. Today proved to be no different. Grant showed the way and then we spent a fair bit of time coaching the other three on getting over the hurdle. I am pleased to report that even though there is a cop out route for this obstacle that all three got over without needing to take the alternative. We had lunch then as it was 12:30 by this time. During lunch I overheard Brent say to Russell that he, Russell, was better than his wife. Further eavesdropping revealed that this was probably more to do with Russell's lunch preparations for the two of them rather than anything to do with personal connections, as one might have initially expected.

Then onto the next biggest obstacle, the bowl, near the end of the track near three-mile creek. Now this is the one part of the track where you have to drive out or be assisted out and it can be quite challenging. Following a walkthrough and briefing Grant went through without issue. The next three trucks each spent some time trying to first drive it and then to manoeuvre a way out of it. In the end all three needed some assistance to get over the last bit which is not unusual.

Being tail end, it was then my turn. Now, as I have had an issue on exiting this obstacle cleanly in the past, I made a particular radio call to Grant to make sure there was enough room at the top so if I cleared the run I wouldn't come to grief. "Plenty of room" said he, "are you sure" said I, "go for it" said he, so off I go. Now since the last three had not made it over successfully the sand dune face was pretty carved up so on my first attempt, I didn't quite make it. I then rolled a road and gave it a second shot. Again, not successful. So, third time rolled a better road and gave it welly. So much so that I got out of the bowl and up on the plateau to find there was, in fact, not enough room and ploughed into the back of Julia's Pajero. I was pretty pissed. (cue video footage of evidence).



## McKENZIE TRAIL - EASTER TRIPS 2019 CONT.....

Fortunately, Julia's tow bar and my winch bar bore the brunt of the impact so there ended up being very little damage to Julia's truck and none to mine. It could have been a lot worse though if either truck were hit in a different place or not had the same amount of steel in the right place. I can only conclude from this that Grant's ability to estimate distance and length is somewhat challenged. Possibly where his definition of 9 feet is actually only 6 feet, or something of that nature.

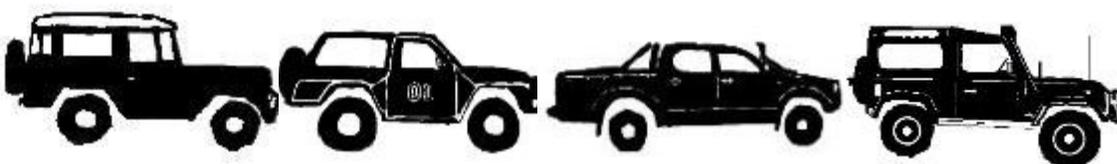
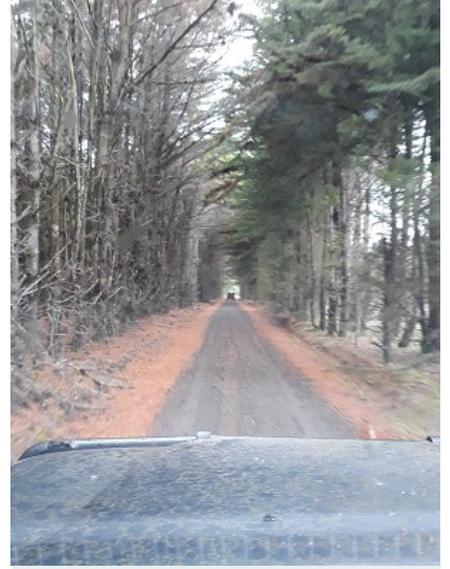
So, onwards from there, we went to three-mile creek and had a bit of a play. By this time, it had taken us 4.5 hours to get to the creek. Instead of opting for the return trip down the trail, which would likely have taken us another 4 hours, we collectively decided to drive north and cover what the rocky trip had done the previous day as well as look at some other tracks closer to Tangimoana.

We went into the bowl and discovered that the 4wd truck that had been abandoned the previous day had been removed. Then we did a couple of runs into the dunes before venturing further north.

We exited the bowl and drove up the beach up PukePuke stream where we drove in for a while until we decided to do a recky before driving further. It was at this point that I notice a branch embedded in Harien's left hand parking light. I removed it and gave it to his wife and then noticed the same thing on his right-hand parking light. He must have picked these up at the bowl. Bad luck.

We drove on a bit further looking for a way out to the beach and we came across a huge black sand dune and the way out. Grant shot up it with no issue. Then Harien gave it a shot and came to grief. He didn't make it and then ran offline going back down the dune into a hole. So, we had to winch him out sideways. It turned out to be a stressful recovery with his truck coming very close to rolling. All of that with his mother-in-law still in the truck. Thankfully no major drama and Harien got out round the base of the dune without issue. I don't think his marriage is in jeopardy because of this trip. Not sure about the mother-in-law though. Happy to report that all the rest of us scaled the dune without issues which was no mean feat for our newer members. Then it was a return trip down the beach to Foxton. All in all, a great trip and day. Thanks Grant. Everyone should give this trip a go, it is a lot of fun and a lot of challenge if you've only ever done family shiny trips, with lots of support on hand.

Cheers Paul Jonson



**GET TO KNOW YOUR FELLOW CLUB MEMBER.**

Name: Ralph Dobson



**What's your role in the club?**

Held a number of committee positions over the years, delegate, secretary, president, and competitions

**First 4wd vehicle:** Like many I had a Landrover Series II with a Holden 186 engine

**Current 4wd vehicle:** Got a bit greedy now and a Pajero for day to day and a TJ Jeep for play.

**Current 4wd modifications:** Too many to list but includes lockers, aftermarket diffs, bigger tyres and a winch to help people out

**Dream 4wd:** Loved my Landcruiser 80 series so maybe a well set up 200 series.

**Favourite type of 4wd trip:** away trips, exploring new territory. South Island has a lot to offer.

**Favourite CCVC trip that you have been on:** John's Ohinewairua Station is always a good trip.

**Dream 4wd trip:** Some amazing trails in the USA, we touched the surface a couple of years back, magic.

**When did you join CCVC:** Back in the late 80's, then let it lapse due to no suitable vehicle. Back again in 1999 .

**Any other 4wd related comments:** we all want to fun out on the trail, just need to be sensible

**CCVC ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING**

**Friday 28th June 2019**

**At**



**Guest Speaker Billy Graham**



\$60 per club member

New Venue, New Caterers.

We also have some great door prizes planned (Thanks Ron) G Guy is donating some tyres and rims!

There is also accommodation at the Retreat for those coming from a distance or just need an excuse.

For accommodation bookings go to <https://silverstreamretreat.co.nz/motel-bookings/> for the motel rooms

or shared accommodation eg bunk rooms go to <https://silverstreamretreat.co.nz/community-groups/>

If you won an award last year please return your awards this month to Alan



Agenda - 2019 Annual General Meeting of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc.

Name: Steve Mercer



**What's your role in the club?**  
Club Captain

**First 4wd vehicle:** Nissan Terrano

**Current 4wd vehicle:** Suzuki Samurai

**Current 4wd modifications:** engine upgrade, low range T case, air lockers, simex tyres, removed most of body

**Dream 4wd:** 2019 Suzuki Jimny.

**Favourite type of 4wd trip:** Club 4x4 .

**Favourite CCVC trip that you have been on:** South Island club trips.

**Dream 4wd trip:** South Australia - NSW

**When did you join CCVC:** 2005 .

**Any other 4wd related comments:**  
stay away from tar seal.

1. Welcome by President Neil Blackie
2. Confirmation of Quorum
3. Confirmation of the Minutes of 2018 AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Officers' Reports
6. Club Officers' Reimbursements
7. Confirmation of CCVC Subs for the 2019/2020 year

*The NZFWDA affiliation fee is increasing to \$35 this year, by majority vote the Committee proposed that the Club absorbs this \$5 increase by reducing CCVC full subs to \$50 and associate members to \$45, the total for full members affiliated through CCVC will remain at \$85pa.*

*Motion - That CCVC full membership annual subscription be set at \$50 and Associate membership subscription set at \$45.*

Proposed - Neil Blackie  
Seconded - Frank Allen

8. Notice of Motion

*It is proposed to amend the Constitution (Rules) to clarify the position of the Immediate Past President. The changes make it a non-elected position on the Club Committee for 1 year after a change of President. It is presently an elected position on each year until the President changes.*

The change is to:

Delete the words " the immediate Past President," from Rule 18 (a), and to Insert in 18 (b) the words " the Immediate Past President for a period of 1 year following a change of Club President," after the words the "Club Officers."

Proposed - Ian Hutchings  
Seconded - Paul Sadlier

9. Election of Club Officers
10. Election of General Committee
11. Election of Honorary Members

The Club Committee recommends the following as Honorary Members and Classifications:

*Landowners:* Jacinda Absalom  
Colin James  
Malcolm Judd  
Jeff Berkett

*Vehicle Inspectors:* Dave Bowler  
Peter Berkett  
Grant Guy  
Issac Forrest  
Raymond Greenbank  
Anthony Hargreaves  
Kane Hargreaves  
Dayal Landy



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Mike Mendosa  
Brian Howat  
Ash Senior

Financial Reviewer: Jeff Simpson

Welfare Officer: To be confirmed.

12. Appointment of Financial Reviewer

13. General Business

Annual Donations

*The Committee is recommending that an annual donation of \$500 be made to both the Wellington Free Ambulance and to Life Flight Trust.*

*Motion - That the Club makes an annual donation of \$500 be made to both the Wellington Free Ambulance and to Life Flight Trust.*

Proposed - Neil Blackie  
Seconded - Steve Mercer

*Advising that the Committee has committed to a \$200 annual donation to the Upper Hutt Radio Club towards maintenance of their repeater as they have kindly allowed CCVC to use the repeater for emergency calls.*

14. Meeting closed





# Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc



## 2018 CLUB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

### 50th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO COMPETITION:

As part of the 50th Anniversary, coming up in 2021, we need some historical photos for things we have planned. We have a few in the archives, that we will pull out over the next few months but would like to see what everyone has in their own records.

To help encourage everyone we have decided to run a photo competition to the end of the year. With winners being presented with prizes and the end of year function. (Yes there will be prizes—more info on them next month)

There will be 12 sections to enter.

- 1970s - Personalities
- 1980s - Personalities
- 1990s - Personalities
- 1970s - Competition
- 1980s - Competition
- 1990s - Competition
- 1970s - Away trip
- 1980s - Away trip
- 1990s - Away trip
- 1970s—Scenic
- 1980s—Scenic
- 1990s—Scenic

All photos entered will become property of CCVC and may be used in a 50 Anniversary Book, Calendar or other marketing material or Club publications.

Photos to be sent to newsletter@ccvc.org.nz

More information to follow next month.

I wish to nominate the person below for one of the following officer positions of the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.

Tick one only

Club Officers	
<input type="checkbox"/>	President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Immediate Past President
<input type="checkbox"/>	Secretary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Treasurer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Captain
<input type="checkbox"/>	
General Committee Members	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Competitions Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Driver Training Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Entertainment Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Committee Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Newsletter Editor
<input type="checkbox"/>	Publicity Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Safety Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social Media Officer
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trip Coordinator

	Name (print)	Signature	Date
<b>Person Nominated:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....
<b>Proposed By:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....
<b>Seconded By:</b>	.....	.....	...../...../.....

Please complete this form **legibly** and return to the secretary (or committee member) so that it is in the secretary's hands by the time the AGM starts. You may post it to **CCVC, P.O. Box 38 762, Te Puni** or email to **secretary@ccvc.org.nz**; please ensure that it is posted in time for our final mail clearance on the day before the AGM. It would be preferred if it could be returned earlier if possible.



## MAY 2019 TRIPS & EVENTS:

When booking trips please send your First and Last name, Rego and best contact number to the trip leader. Trip leaders details are available on the CCVC website under trips.

### **Wednesday 8th CCVC CLUB NIGHT - Meeting**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
25 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt  
All Welcome  
Neil Blackie  
7:30

### **Friday 10th OTAPAWA TRIP (10th Anniversary Trip) - Shiny 4x4**

Otapawa Station  
Bookings Required—Stewart Burrell

### **Saturday 11th SUTHERLANDS TRACK WORK PARTY - Shiny 4x4**

Through ARAC Waiwarapa  
Bookings Required—Ron Lonsdale

### **Saturday 18th AKATAWARA WITH FRANK - Family Shiny**

Akatawara Forest  
Bookings Required - Book with Frank

### **Saturday 25th ORONGORONGO MONTHLY TRIP - Family Shiny**

Orongorongos  
Book with Phil  
Note: there is a \$15 land access fee for this trip—don't forget to bring the money on the day

### **Saturday 25th THE ROLLERCOASTER - Club 4x4—Hard Yakka**

Akatawaras  
Book with Neil

## **JUNE 2019 TRIPS/EVENTS**

### **Sunday 2nd SHINY 4x4**

QUEENS BIRTHDAY  
Akatawara  
Book with Graeme M

### **Saturday 8th FAMILY SHINY**

ADVENTURE IN THE FOREST  
Akatawara  
Book with Ian G

### **Saturday 15th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGO MONTHLY TRIP  
Book with Phil

### **Sunday 23rd SHINY 4x4 - Club 4x4**

RALLYWOODS RAMBLE  
Book with Neil

## **JULY 2019 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Saturday 6th TRAINING DAY**

FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS  
Orongorongos  
Book with Phil

### **Sunday 7th FAMILY SHINY**

AKATAWARAS WITH FRANK  
Akatawaras  
Book with Frank

### **Saturday 13th JULY CLUB 4x4—**

#### **HARD YAKKA**

2019 WINTER EXPLORE REFTON  
Bookings required with Ross P

### **Saturday 27th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGO MONTHLY TRIP  
Book with Phil

# G. Guy Motors

## 4WD SPECIALISTS NZ



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## TRIP CATEGORIES

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Membership of CCVC**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **NATIONAL EVENTS**

**May 11-12:**

### **NZFWDA National Conference and AGM**

Palmerston North held by Manawatu 4wd

<http://www.nz4x4trials.co.nz>

**May 31:**

### **Marlborough SupaWinch Challenge**

The Marlborough 4x4 Club is holding their section of the SupaWinch challenge on Friday 31st May to 2nd June 2019 at Pine Valley Northbank Marlborough.

**Leigh Jones**

027 519 3024

[imsahi@xtra.co.nz](mailto:imsahi@xtra.co.nz)

**June 1-2:**

### **Off Road Racing North Island Championship**

Round 2 Hosted by Auckland Offroad Racing Club at Woodhill Forest. Enduro Course. [www.oranz.co.nz](http://www.oranz.co.nz)

**July 7th:**

### **FORCE4 KING OF CANTERBURY**

NEW ZEALAND'S BEST 4WD RACE  
NOT FOR THE FAINT HEARTED  
[info@4x4events.co.nz](mailto:info@4x4events.co.nz)

**August 9:**

### **Timaru SupaWinch Challenge**

The Timaru 4x4 club will hold their section of the Supawinch challenge at Mikhiki as they have done for the last 2-3 years. It's on 9-10 August

**February 6 2020:**

### **WHANGAREI 4WD CUB JAMBOREE**

Mid-North (Kaikohe area) see poster on page 9 of the Sep/Oct/Nov 2018 Trail Torque for details.

<http://www.nzfwda.org.nz/news/5556>



## TRAINING:

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

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

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

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

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

**The next training day is SATURDAY JUNE 6th Book with Phil [public@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:public@ccvc.org.nz)**

## VEHICLE INSPECTIONS:

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

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

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

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

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

## VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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



## CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

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

## ROLL OF HONOR

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

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

## NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to

Julia Sanderson  
Chris Zidich

## NEW TRIP LEADER

Duncan Grocott

## CLUB NOTICES

### RADIO PROMOTION

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

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



### CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

We are about to launch a closed members only facebook page. Messages will still be emailed out and posted in the web page. But this will be an easy one stop shop for those who use facebook everyday.

All our trips will be listed in events . Once we are happy with it you will all get sent an invite.

### CLUB ASSETS

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

The main assets are:

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



## MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

calendar month.

Please email to

[newsletter@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:newsletter@ccvc.org.nz)

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## CCVC CLUB MEMBERS PHOTOS & VIDEOS

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

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

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

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

### CLUB NIGHT CONTENT:

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

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

Contact details: Brendon Millard  
2/11B Gemstone Dr, Upper Hutt  
027 2235705 anytime  
04 5680157 work

### MAGAZINE CONTENT:

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

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

### 50 Anniversary:

We are looking for photos, stories and videos that tell about our clubs history so start looking. In the next few months look out for a photo competition where we will be looking for the best photos.

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

