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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

I'm just back from a fantastic few days following the Repco Rally of NZ, weather gods could have been a bit kinder to us poor spectators but a great event. History was made with Kalle Rovanner being the youngest ever WRC world champion and you could see why. With at least five lead changes the rally had a bit of everything, we had drizzle on Friday morning and then sat around in shorts having a BBQ lunch before the afternoons second pass. Saturday service park was very wet but plenty of interest watching the mechanics strip down the car, replace suspension etc and all in 45 minutes. Jacks Ridge was super muddy for spectators but this didn't slow the cars down and we saw some amazing drives in the power stage. Doesn't sound like we are getting the rally back in 2023, fingers crossed the organizers did enough to have them back in 2024. We very rarely get a world class motorsport event and it was well worth supporting, highly recommended.

If you missed last club night we had a guest speaker, Colonel Amanda-Jane Brosnan who gave us an insight into the UN peace keeping Kiwi military are involved in located on the Golan Heights between Syria and Israel. Not a lot of 4x4ing due to the area being heavily mined but amazing history if you ever visit the region. Next club night we have a club member, Darren Pettengell who recently visited a huge off road event in the USA.

Some of you may be aware of a nasty incident recently on Thompsons Track near Te Aroha which crosses the Kaimai Ranges. It is not a track for beginners or the unprepared, unfortunately two people were badly injured when a Safari slipped off the track and rolled. Seems seat belts may not have been used as at least one person was thrown from the vehicle and suffered extensive life changing injuries. This was not a club trip but it is a reminder that when things go wrong they can have major repercussions. Think about what you are doing and what can go wrong, stay safe.

The committee approved Max Ganter as a trip leader last week, keep an eye out for more trips coming up as Max is a very active member and keen to hit the trails. Well done Max, welcome aboard.

That's it from me, stay safe and hopefully I'll see you on the trail.

Ralph Dobson
CCVC President

CLUB CLOTHING

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

Cap Navy/White	\$18
Beanie Navy 3059	\$18
Hoodie - Pullover Navy - Unisex	\$67
Hoodie - Zip Front Navy - Unisex	\$76
Soft Shell Jacket Black Mens & Womens Sizes	\$110
Dri Gear Polo Shirt Navy/White Mens & Womens Sizes	\$55.50
Crew Neck Cotton T- Shirt Navy - Mens & Womens sizes	\$20
Oilskin Jacket Mens Only Size	\$172.50
Oilskin Vest Mens Only Size	\$149.50
Wool Jumper Mens Only Size	\$124

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

Clothing Delivery.

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



A DAY OF POTENTIAL DISASTERS

The day started off ok.

Then one or two defibrillators were used. Legs were bandaged. Arms were put in slings. John got carried off on a stretcher.....and that was only the half of it!

No it wasn't a very bad day of 4wding. (Though Rabbit did pretend to be driving one while demonstrating the effects of heat stroke) It was a First Aid training day.

Our instructor tailormade the day to teach us how to deal with situations that may come up on a 4wd trip. (but hopefully we will never need to put our learnings into real life practise).

We role played broken bones, heart attacks, strokes, heat stroke, hyperthermia and got to play with de-fibs to get un understanding of how they work and where to put them (if your heart is on the correct side - not everyone in the clubs is)

Hopefully we all came away a bit more informed of and what to do when an incident happens.

Thanks for organising the day.



THE RETURN OF GR4D3R

After 51 weeks to the day off the road I was ready to make my debut return.

I had been to the doctor's and had my inspection. They put a pretty little sticker on the top right corner of my windshield and told me I was ready to go. I had been out previously as a trial run but Frank discovered there was still issues to fix on me so it was back to his garage while the Pajero took my spot again. But this time all was well and I had been cleared for takeoff.

So after getting some fuel for me & food for my occupants I headed up the hill to the starting point to meet my troop. I was nice and early so I thought I'd be there before anyone else, but no. Two of the visitors had beaten me. Keen buggers. Slowly everyone arrived, money was handed over by visitors and I was admired by the regulars. My new stickers were a great highlight & the story of my ordeal to get where I am made a great topic of conversation.

At 9am everyone had arrived minus 1 who had emailed to say he might not make & to leave without if he wasn't there by 9. So 16 vehicles headed into the forest. We all aired down, Frank gave the driver's briefing and we were on our way.

It was bliss being back out, the wind in my grill, tree branches rubbing against my sides. It felt like they were patting me on the back saying 'so good to see you back out'.

It was a fairly uneventful trip, being a family Shiny, but it was still fun as usual and a good trip to get my bearings again. The majority of visitors left with signed membership applications so I am looking forward to seeing them on future trips.

After farewelling all, I headed back home on my deflated tyres to wait for next weekend at Orongorongos (don't worry, I'll make sure Frank pumps my tyres back up before then).



HOW OLD IS YOUR TYRE?

Did you know that it is dangerous to use tyres more than ten (10) years old and do you know how to determine a tyre's age?

But my tyres wear out long before 10 years have passed! - The MT tyres on your club truck may do so and the ones on your day to day vehicle will fail a WOF depth test, (guaranteed at the time you can least afford replacements) but what about the spare tyre in the boot, the tyres on that trailer that you only use a couple of times a year, on the caravan or those part worn Mud Tyres you brought as a second hand bargain from a "mate" who has had them lying in the garage unused for "ages"?

So why shouldn't I use a tyre more than ten (10) years old? - So your spare tyre has never seen the road surface since the day you bought the car, still has 100% of its tread and even the manufacturing rubber dimples and is still as shiny as the day it was new and that trailer or caravan tyre still has 90% of its tread left and passed the depth test when it went for a WOF however, it's important to realise that tyres age and have a shelf life after which they become dangerous to use on the road.

The following explanation is taken directly from the **Bridgestone New Zealand** website:
Check it out for a more detailed explanation. (<https://www.bridgestone.co.nz/tyres/learn/maintenance/age-of-a-tyre>)

"What happens to old tyres as they age?"

Tyres are made of various types of textile, steel and rubber compounds that have properties that evolve over time. As the rubber in a tyre gets older and is exposed to the elements, the strength of the bond between the rubber and the steel belts is reduced. When an old tyre is put under load, cracks in the rubber will begin to form. These cracks may appear on the tyre's surface, but they can also appear out of sight within the structure of the tyre. Eventually, the cracking can even cause the steel belts in the tread to separate from the rest of the tyre. Driving on such a tyre is a serious safety risk."

Remember that old cracked tyre on the family wheelbarrow that you pulled out of the woodshed etc? Well that's an extreme example of what happens to tyres when they age.



So how do I tell the age of my tyres? - The date a tyre was manufactured is stamped on every tyre as what is known as a "Dot code" an example of which appears to the left.

Most tyres you will encounter would have been manufactured after the year 2000 therefore you are most likely to see the following. - Looking at the Dot code (example above), the last four digits of this number represent the week the tyre was made, followed by the year. In the case of the number used above, the "06" indicates the 6th week, and the "19" indicates 2019. So, the tyre was manufactured in the 6th week of 2019. This means that the tyre was manufactured between the 4th and 10th of February 2019.

Tyres manufactured before 2000

A different code was used for tyres manufactured prior to 2000 and an explanation of how to read those dates can be found on the **Bridgestone NZ** website quoted above should you come across such a tyre.

So what should I do if I find my tyres are over ten (10) years old?

Tyres should be replaced once they reach ten years of age, regardless of appearance, mileage or actual wear as they will have deteriorated as described above and therefore likely to fail if used on the road.

THANK YOU

BEN COOK

(he has taken over from G-Guy Motors)

**FOR DONATING \$1200 WORTH
OF TYRES FOR A SPOT PRIZE
AT OUR AWARDS NIGHT**

**WELCOME NEW
CCVC CLUB SUPPORTERS**

[4x4 – Hobbygear.co.nz](http://4x4-Hobbygear.co.nz)



[MudMods | 4x4 & Offroad Vehicle Modification & Fabrication Wellington](#)



TARARUA DISTRICT BACKROADS TRIP



OK. What clever bugger arranged an early start for a trip on the day we put our clocks forward? Couldn't have been the Rabbit could it? Guilty! And the starting point for the trip was in Featherston!

However, the trip worked out well. I had forgotten how interesting the backroads to the north of Alfredton were. Morning coffee was at the Alfredton Reserve (scenic and toilets), then along Pori Road with so much to look at.

The recent wet weather ensured that every little waterway was full and the grass very green. The scenery really was gorgeous.

After a brief halt to discuss possible sites for lunch, a visit to Waihi Falls was decided on. And David Coxon (trip leader) was given the challenge to find some sunshine! The falls were quite a way away but there was shelter if needed, toilets (always important on a touring trip), and the clincher? There must be a lot of water pouring over the falls.

A "must have just happened" slip and a fallen tree gave us pause for thought (*I'm glad someone with a bigger chainsaw than me got here first*) but no problems. A late-ish lunch at the falls and short walk to see the very large flow of water made the trip worthwhile.

With many people heading off in different directions at the end of the trip, it was decided to take a scenic route to Pahiatua and finish the trip there.

Many thanks to David and all those on the trip, who helped to make it a great day.

The Rabbit



OCTOBER 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

Wednesday 12th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER

Wednesday 12th CCVC CLUB NIGHT NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Saturday 15th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 15th COMMUNITY

BOTANICAL SOCIETY AKATARAWA Trip

Saturday 15th COMMUNITY

FOXTON BEACH Planting

Saturday 22nd CLUB 4x4

McKenzie Trail

Sunday 23rd CLUB 4x4

McKenzie Trail

For more events refer to our

Website www.ccvc.org.nz or our

Facebook page www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/

www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/

NOVEMBER 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS

Saturday 6th TRAINING DAY

ORONGORONGOS
New & Prospective Members

Wednesday 9th CCVC CLUB NIGHT

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome
Ralph Dobson

Saturday 12th BEACH CLEAN UP

SOUTH COAST
All Welcome

Saturday 19th SHINY 4x4

SUTHERLANDS TRACK

Sunday 20th FAMILY SHINY

ORONGORONGOS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 26th FAMILY SHINY

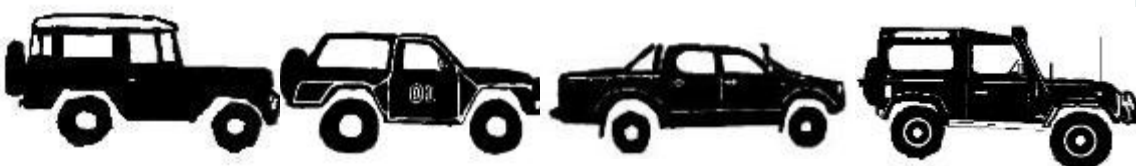
AKATARAWAS Monthly Trip
All Welcome

Saturday 26th CLUB 4x4

McKENZIE TRAIL - clearing
All Welcome

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

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



TRIP CATEGORIES

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

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

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

Family Shiny Introductory level "off road" trip;

Shiny 4x4 More challenging "off road" trip;

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

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

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

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

Membership of CCVC

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

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

Advancing through the trip categories

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UPCOMING NATIONAL EVENTS

Sat 15th October 2022

MATARIKI FORESTRY CHARITY RUN

hosted by the Whangamata 4x4 Club Inc. The event will be a one day event with a shiny 4WD trip separate to tougher event (rego and WoF required) run elsewhere at same time.

All funds raised will be donated to Charity. Limited numbers. Further details in due course. Enquires please email whangamata4x4@gmail.com (link sends e-mail) or phone Bhavesh Ranchhod 0274187712

Sat 25th February 2023

CENTRAL HAWKES BAY 4x4 TREK

hosted by the Waipukurau Rotary Club. This will be a one day coastal hill country trek from Omakere to Porangahau Beach. Website and Facebook page to be set up for registration.

For inquires contact Dan von Dadel-szen Co ordinator Phone 027 891 7659 or email carovond1950@gmail.com

Fri 3rd March 2023 - Sun 5th 2023

HEREWORTH 4WD TUTIRA TREK 2023

This biennial fundraiser is now gearing up for the 8th running in 2022 and will be based around Tutira, Northern Hawkes Bay. Previously cancelled last year due to pandemic.

Bookings open later in year :

Contact: hereworth4wd@gmail.com



TRAINING:

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

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

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

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

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

VEHICLE INSPECTIONS

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

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

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

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

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

VEHICLE INSPECTORS

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



CCVC LIFE MEMBERS

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

ROLL OF HONOR

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

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

CLUB OFFICERS

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

GENERAL COMMITTEE

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

CLUB NOTICES

CLUB MEMBERS ONLY CLOSED FACEBOOK PAGE

Some members have found the link broken. This will be because the email the CCVC has for you is different from your Facebook email. If you want to join then just send your Facebook email to:

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

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

We are also planning on using this page to live stream club nights.

CLUB ASSETS

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

The main assets are:

Marquee

Water pump/blaster (useful for cleaning trucks)

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

Portable gas BBQ

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to the following new/returning members:

Mark Denoate

Wayne Grey

Please make them all feel welcome



MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

calendar month.

Please email to

missmuddypenne@gmail.com

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.

The mention of products, service procedures or service organisations herein

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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 any questions please contact Brendon.

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

Contact details: Brendon Millard
(027 2235705)

MAGAZINE & SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT:

Penne needs trip reports, photos and any other content by the 1st of each month to allow sufficient time to put them into the magazine. Thanks to those who contributed content to this months magazine. The best format is as a word document in Arial Narrow 10

Please email missmuddypenne@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

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

