



## VEHICLE CLUB Wellington

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THE PRESIDENTS PIECE

Sadly I have to report that a long term club member, Mark Stockler, passed away recently after a battle with cancer. He was more active with the Valley Club but was a member of CCVC for well over twenty years and well known within the club.

Unfortunately Covid caught up with the Dobson family in October and hit hard. Wellington looks to be in the middle of a new wave so be careful and consider others if you feel even the slightest bit unwell stay at home.

Due to Covid I missed the last club night which I understand went well, thanks Darren for doing a presentation on your USA trip. Last committee meeting covered the possible requirement for additional safety gear to be carried by trip leaders, a sub-committee has been formed to look at any requirements in more depth. Planning has started for our next AGM as a number of senior committee positions are being vacated and so new people will need to step up to carry on the good work. We will have a new President who is currently looking for a Secretary, Entertainment Officer, Safety Officer and a Vice President.

Neil Blackie is stepping down as our Club Captain who is tasked with looking after the Trip Leaders. Duncan Grocott has agreed to take on this roll so the transition is underway. Huge thanks to Neil who has been an extremely valuable member of committee for years, he is looking at stepping back from running the club and spending more time in the Landrover or was it the Porsche. I look forward to working with Duncan who is no stranger to being on committee and working with Trip Leaders.

I spent Labour Weekend in a very wet Surfers Paradise, one week prior to the Gold Coast 500 Super Car race, poor timing but it was for work so not my doing. I took a photo of a Jeep which solves the problem of no storage in the factory standard version.

I'm planning on having a movie night at the December club night, something a bit different so start putting together any videos you have and bring them along. See you on the trail.

Regards  
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.

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



## AKATARAWAS WITH THE BOTSOC - 15 October 2022

I volunteered to help out with providing vehicles to transport members of the Wellington Botanical Society as I saw it as a chance to take visitors into our playground and reinforce the club's responsible attitude. We were basically going from Totara Park to Orange Hut and back, with stops at several spots along the way.

My knowledge of things botanical is limited to what I can mow and what I can eat, so this report will not be as educational as some might have hoped. One thing I learnt from previous experience with BotSoc members is that they are very punctual and Saturday was no exception. It was a cloudy and slightly chilly day as JP went through our briefing then Leon (BotSoc) and our Barry did a briefing for their members on 4WD safety.

Getting people to pick a 4WD and get in it sounds easy but sometimes it's like herding cats. Finally all in we headed off to our first stop a short way up the Pram Track. The BotSoc squad wandered to the back of the convoy to check something of interest whereas I was interacting with vegetation at the front.

From there it was up Whakatiki onto Titi with our next stop at the end of the Link Track. This was a 10-15 minute walk down the Link Track but was also the designated morning tea stop. The BotSoc squad made mountains of food suddenly appear with Shaun kindly providing a table to set up on. Then they all wandered off while we casually grazed on, I mean looked after, their food.

When it came time to move on from here my 'cruiser did not want to start. It simply made a loud clicking noise rather than the preferred brrrm brrrm. In fact it made over a dozen loud clicking noises before I gave in and sought help from Sean. He turned his truck around and hooked up the jumper leads thinking the battery wasn't charged sufficiently but still the 'cruiser just clicked. I tried to crash start it but that failed. I waited a few more swear words then gingerly tried one more time, this time with the desired result. I subsequently found out the problem was a faulty solenoid on the starter.

Next stop was on the Causeway by the wetlands where a small bush with white flowers was the centre of attention. Thanks to Jude I can tell you we were looking at a clematis plant that was unusual in that they are climbers and the flowers are usually seen well off the ground in other trees.

Along the road to the Orange Hut for lunch, then back on the trails. Our last stop for the day was the one I was most interested in, the biggest northern rata in the forest. This is about half way up Pram Track from Dopers and is a short walk from the road. The top of this tree and other similar ones nearby stand well proud of the main canopy making them easy to see as you drive up. But you don't realise how big they are until you get much closer. It took thirteen of us to link hands around the tree base (no, there was no singing). I learnt that the northern rata (*metrosideros robusta*) is a hemi-epiphyte, which means it usually starts off high in a host tree, eventually sending down roots around the outside of the trunk of its host as it had done in this case. Apparently its preferred host is a rimu tree.

Lesson over we mounted up again, the cruiser started after a few nervous clicks (I'd been forced to turn it off as the handbrake couldn't be trusted on the slope) and headed back to the Totara Park gate. The BotSoc squad were well-organised and well-prepared as well as being a friendly bunch, all combining to make an enjoyable day out.

Thanks to Barry and David S for putting the trip together.



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



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





## SPINIFEX PLANTING FOXTON BEACH - 15 October 2022

I was invited to join in with the Spinifex Planting at Foxtan Beach on Saturday 15 October by Murray Middleton, whom I have known for a long time thru the Wellington Tramping & Mountaineering Club.

There were 4 of us joining in and I made the most of getting a record of the event.

It was a great day out for some good community service.

There are 40 images from the planting

Brian Johnston





## NOVEMBER 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS:

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

### **Wednesday 9th PRE CLUB NIGHT DINNER**

**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

### **Sunday 13th TWIN CITY TRIP**

AKATAWARAS

### **Sunday 13th TOURING TRIP**

MANGAHAO RESERVOIRS

### **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

## **DECEMBER 2022 TRIPS & EVENTS**

### **Sunday 11th FAMILY SHINY**

ORONGORONGOS monthly trip  
All Welcome

### **Wednesday 14th CCVC CLUB NIGHT**

NAENAE BOWLING CLUB  
5 Vogel Street, Lower Hutt

All Welcome  
Ralph Dobson

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,

For more events refer to our  
Website [www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz) or our  
Facebook page [www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/](http://www.facebook.com/wellingtonccvc/)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/2341019559499870/)



## 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 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](mailto:carovond1950@gmail.com)

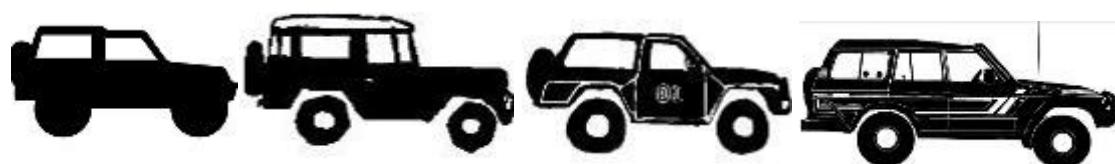
### Fri 3rd March 2023 - Sun 5th 2023

HEREWORTH 4WD TUTIRA TREK 2023

This biennial fundraiser is now gearing up for the 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 Parfitt  
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   | Duncan Grocott |
| Secretary      | Shaun Ross     |

## GENERAL COMMITTEE

|                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Competition Officer     | Ralph Dobson    |
| Driver Training Officer | Shaun Ross      |
| 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:

Graham Mills

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.

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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](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  
(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](mailto: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](mailto:database@ccvc.org.nz)

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

