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at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy Street, Petone.

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

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Editorial Ramblings

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

Are you aware of the club magazine being online in full glorious colour? Looks better in colour doesn't it? Give some thought to us only publishing the magazine electronically as you'll be asked at the December club night. Come along and have your say.

Now not too many days to Christmas so I hope you've started your shopping! Looking at the calendar there are a few interesting looking trips to head off on, if I wasn't off doing the family thing in the South Island I'd be tempted.

So have a great and safe holiday period and feel free to write some trip reports of your exploits, see you in 2013!

Alan!

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

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

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

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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National Events

Dec 16: NZFWDA Trial Round 3 Hosted by the Competitions Committee in the northern zone.

Jan 19-26 2013: Northland Kauri Coast Safari Eighth in the series of bi-annual events, a 6-day journey through some of the most spectacular beaches, scenery and landscape. For a registration pack contact Chris or Leanne on 09 434 6005, or PO Box 18, Dargaville, or email: kauricoast4wdclub@yahoo.co.nz. Also visit www.kauricoast4wdclub.wikispaces.com

Jan 20: NZFWDA Trial Round 4 Hosted by the Mt Egmont 4WD Club, central zone.

Jan 27-29: Motu Safari Annual East Coast safari held over the Auckland Anniversary weekend. Starts Motu Domain and weaves in and out of the East Coast region finishing at the Ruakokere Church. Incredible views & experiences, travelling forests, farms, rivers & tracks, cross country as much as possible. Designed as a family affair but with interest for the more adventurous too. Contact Paul & Shelley Cornwall, Motu School, PO Box 11, Motu, 06 863 5804 or email admin@motu.school.nz

Feb 07-09: High Hill Country Safari Organised by the East Coast 4WD Club in support of the Eastland Rescue Helicopter Trust. Three full days in the Matawai (Gisborne) district. For more details email thewatertankman@xtra.co.nz or info@graemesaudio.co.nz

Feb 16-17: Pirongia Safari Contact David Samuel on dsamuel@clear.net.nz with "safari" in subject line or 07 871 9651 (before 9pm)

Feb 24: NZFWDA Trial Round 4 Hosted by the Windy City 4WD Club, central zone.

Mar 02-03: 4x4 National Park Fundraiser of the National Park community, see 4x4nationalpark.co.nz

Mar 08-10: 4th Bi-Annual Hereworth Trip Will be heading inland to the foothills of central Hawkes Bay. More details closer to the time, but in the meantime contact Andrew Thomas on 06 858 4959. A website for registrations will be up soon.

Mar 16: OCS 4WD Safari Fundraiser The third annual Otamatea Christian School PTA & Rodnet Offroad Club 4WD safari weekend, based at Matakoho (2hrs north of Auckland). Two runs available, play or safari. \$170 per vehicle, this includes driver & one passenger entry plus three meals each. More information from Philip and Julia Leaf, 09 431 6622 or pjleaf@ubernet.co.nz

Mar 30 (Easter): NZFWDA Trail Round 6 The finals, hosted by Eastern Bays Twin Diff Club, Northern Zone.

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.





Club Sub-Committees

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

- **60k:** Terence Broad, Ron Johnson, Bruce Mulhare, Antony Royal, John Vruink, Mark Wolstenholme
- **Club Recovery:** Anthony Reid, Morris Jury
- **Community Response Group:** Steve Mercer, Mike Murphy, David Coxon
- **Competition:** Neil Blackie
- **Deadwood:**
- **Safety:** Murray Taylor, Carl Furniss, Peter King
- **Trip Leaders Forum:** Steve Mercer, All trip leaders
- **Web Project:** Murray Wills, Grant Purdie, Stefen Cook, John Parfitt, Mike Stevens

The club also has the following external organisation liaison people:

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



Presidents Piece

Last critique for 2012, a year our family has found rather difficult with the passing of my younger sister and nearly losing Mum, still we are all healthy and keen for a better 2013.

On a positive note the year has run pretty smoothly from a club point of view, good numbers out on the trail, a positive committee environment, some fun away trips and still excellent numbers coming along to club night.

The committee held a special meeting recently to discuss the direction of the club and what we should be focusing on looking into the future. Some great ideas came out of the team, some from left field that needed a little time to digest but now make good sense. We will discuss these at the coming meetings and get some details around ideas that are popular so we can all make a few decisions at the AGM meeting in May.

The club rules entrust the committee to run the club (makes for a more casual club night meeting) but we are always looking to the membership for ideas on the direction of the club, these can be discussed at committee and brought back to the wider group. Part of the December club night will be set aside as a "special general meeting" where we will vote on the following motion, **"that the CCVC Cross Country Chronicle become fully electronically produced and circulated from July 2013"**. We will have some time allotted to discuss the motion but I am hoping those who are attending will have had a look on the web site at the electronic version and will have made their decision, yes or no.

Steve O, our membership officer has had a visit to hospital, I understand he is well on the way to be mended and we should see him again soon, AJ (training officer) is looking after membership in the interim.

The Suzuki had a couple of outings in November, first was the washed out Standard Class Club Champs. The Saturday was summer weather and we spent the day watching WW1 planes flying around Hood Airport in Masterton, the Sunday however was drizzle and not the warmest. By the drivers briefing it was raining and the 9-10 trucks had a few problems getting to obstacle one. If points were awarded for getting to the second obstacle then I would have been in the top three. It was soon clear that it was hopeless so we tried one more of the easy hazards and all who attempted it failed so we had a drive over the back of Colin James' property, back down for a BBQ and off home for a hot shower and an afternoon in front of the telly.

We also helped out taking the members of the Otari Trust on a trip around the Orongorongo Coast. I learnt a bit from my passenger on local plants and the geology talk given by our own Ray Harkness. The day was sunny although a strong Norwest was blowing a bit of dust around as we made our way up to the airstrip before driving up the river, then on to a talk on growing suitable coastal plants for re-vegetation projects in the

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old glass houses from the original Riddiford's homestead. On around the coast for lunch at Barney's Whare, on across the big slip and then back to see if any seals were in residence. Another interesting trip with David Sole our resident botanist.

Lastly this month I need to thank the committee, our club night door teams (Alan, Linda, Sonya and Chris), sub- committee members, trip leaders and general helpers, well done on making a successful club. Merry Christmas, be careful out on the trail and I'll see you in the New Year.

CCVC Special General Meeting

*To be held on 13 December 2012
As part of the usual monthly clubnight*

Reason for this: to vote on whether the club should convert the monthly club newsletter to a fully electronic newsletter accessible in full colour from the club website (no paper copies)

Background: it costs the club approximately \$650 per month to print and post the monthly club newsletters, multiply this by 11 months and this comes to a sizable amount of club expenditure that could be used for other 4WD related expenses.

Motion: "that the CCVC Cross Country Chronicle becomes fully electronically produced and circulated from July 2013". Moved by Paul Adams, seconded by Ralph Dobson

All members are welcome to come along and cast their vote.

Orongorongo Trip Report

28 Oct 2012 - by Chris Dreyer

Well I guess it come as no surprise that the Morris-led "Standard Orongorongo" is only as standard as you want to make for yourself. 4x4 trips? What are they about? Let's see... Fun...family time, experiencing the great outdoors... going places where you normally don't have access to... and so I can go on.



But 4x4 trips are also about keeping your procrastination in check. Yep, you guessed it, there is a reason why I am the one to write the trip report. On the previous track I transported two passengers from the farm gate to the DOC camp and back when their Jeep suffered two punctured front tyres. This time, when I ran into a spot of trouble, it was Rabbit that kindly took me along the rest of the trip and back.

By now you ask yourself just what this spot of trouble was then? Orange Roughy time? Nah, surely not - but I did almost think it. But for now, let's go to the starting point on Orongorongo car park where

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we usually gather. Overcast with a bit of drizzle made for slightly interesting prospects ahead, although, by the time we reached the airfield the drizzling had stopped. There were a few less trucks this time as some usual patrons were off on a weekend away trip further up the East Coast towards Castle Point. After a short stop AJ and Zero trekked up the ruddy incline and not long afterward he radioed for shovels, grubbers and willing muscles. The ruts caused him to bottom out a few times. As there was a fair number of visitors on AT's and trucks without tow hooks, it was deemed safer to engage in track maintenance rather than tricky recoveries.

Not long after, the first club truck was called up, and then another, and then all the rest and it was much more like a dodgy SH1 than the ruts we normally used to. Wet conditions earlier kept the pace slow, and as we were



still in lambing season the pace was subdued for the rest of the trip. We reached the morning tea spot by the river with not too much drama, but then...

So this is where we get back to my introductory comments about 4x4 trips and procrastination. For some time now, I knew my battery clamp was rusting. Mental note, get that sorted. But, as you well know, when it's not an imminent problem we tend to file it a way a bit deeper. The pace was slow, so the bounces not that rough. Steadily we

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passed the farm's gate into the Orongorongo Station. Although the track made a slight S-bend, I just kept going straight! I tried gently turning to the right but the steering was stuck; wouldn't move!!! First thought was "Oh ****[that stuff]. I just broke my steering!" I stopped, curious drivers started swarming around me lying under the car looking at the steering form below... Nope, nothing seems off, leaking, bust, bent or in pieces. Ok, up off the grass, bonnet opened, and peering inside, the culprit revealed itself. The battery clamp had broken in half, as it was rusted through. The side tension rod managed to land itself nicely wedged into the knuckle that turns the steering shaft onto power steering. Nice one! As we had already lost quite some time building roads, it was decided to abandon vehicle and pick it up on the way back.



I hopped into the front seat of Ashley's rabbit. As passenger I now had all the time to enjoy the scenery and the comfort of a more modern vehicle. We cruised along through filled mud ruts, rocky terrain and made our way to the shale. About 10 minutes into the ride with Rabbit, I apologised for "Smelling a bit like engine". I just played novice bush-mechanic under and into

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my engine and though this was the cause of me smelling my not so usual fresh self. Soon, we discovered that my crawling around on the grass under the car was in an area popular with the sheep for ablu-tion. I reeked of sheep *****[that stuff again].

Needless to say I applaud the inventor of alcohol based sanitary wipes! They should be marketed as "Sanity Wipes". We carried on over the shale with a bit less of a smell. We soon reached the mud bog and it was time again to exercise our skills in track maintenance. The drop was just a bit too vertical and the ruts just a bit too deep and needed some TLC. Without much fuss we moved on and arrived at the DOC campsite fairly famished. We had already built two roads by the time we stopped for lunch, so the body wanted to replenish energies. Anything from healthy salads to starchy potato chips was consumed by the various groups and many wandered off to the beach, almost standing complete still; trapped in a state of awe of the magnificent coastline they were beholding.

The weather was, by now, mild and the temperature quite comfortable. We headed back, slightly faster than the in-trip, again with not too much fuss. A nice gentle relaxing meander through some of the most bewildering scenery New Zealand's South Coast has to offer. That's until we hit the mud bog! Trucks were guided through one by one. Here and there a visitor truck on AT's was nudged from behind to get them over the slippery hurdles.

Now as any good and decent Orongorongo Trip Leader normally does, the planned afternoon stretch takes us past the farm again, and back up the river along the right hand side ridge; moving inland. Why? Well, simple. Cause we can! But there is a bit more sinister reason. Water crossings! Oh the joy. So, it's up along the banks and then criss-cross over the winding river back to the farm gate. As per usual, half-way down this track, we have a wee afternoon tea stop where some more muscled vehicles, or those smaller ones with a bit of grit, wander of across to the opposite bank which is a steep climb out of the water and quite a rocky slope after that.

Once we all had our fun there, oh, and did I mention the mud gets washed off from the under-bits of your truck?, we moved on out back to the departure plot. We were not far off when JP radioed in a potential problem with a Disco's drive-train. It seemed to not be a big deal as soon after, they joined the main group to air up and say their goodbyes. I headed off a bit further to "bungy-cord-tie-down" my battery for the trip home. Most trucks passed and a regal wave and

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nod of "no, no, I'm OK, move on along..."greeted their concerned frowns. The last vehicle to pass was the Disco, except it did not pass all the way. The concerned driver stopped, looked real worried, and tried to pull away again. A number of clunking metal sounds with no forward motion left him and I equally worried now. Here is this massive heavy Discovery which seems to be not going anywhere soon, and I, with a little Rugged



having visions of having to tow him out!! I decided to remain calm and radio out a distress call on CCVC1!!! Morris was still there, handing the keys back at the Farm House. Big Red also answered the call and turned around to assist. The vehicle was mobile in 4x4 Low ratio only. The three of us formed a "convoy buffer" around the Disco and escorted him out to Wainuio-mata at 40km/h and over the pass to

safety in the Hutt.

Thanks, Shaun & Morris!! There you have it then. Don't procrastinate, fix those rusty bits and don't for one moment think Orongorongo is so "standard".



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The Treasurer
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Dear Sir

a few months ago my vehicle became stuck in mud in a remote location. I was rescued by members of your club who happened by not long afterwards. Please accept my cheque for \$125 (attached) in appreciation for their efforts.

Yours sincerely

Warren Bell

Ever wondered what the difference between Grannies and Grandads is?

A 5 year old granddaughter is usually taken to school, daily, by her grandfather. When he had a bad cold his wife took the grandchild. That night she told her parents that the ride to school with granny was very different!! "What made it different?" asked her parents. "Gran and I didn't see a single tosser, blind bastard, dickhead, foreign prick or wanker anywhere on the way to school today!"



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The motor mower had broken down and Jane kept hinting to Dick, her husband, that he needed to get it fixed.

Somehow, however, it seemed the message just wasn't sinking in.

Jane finally thought of a clever way to make her point.

When Dick arrived home that day, he found her seated in the tall grass, busily clipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors.

He watched silently for a short time, then went into the house. Jane thought she had again failed to get his attention.

Well, he was gone only a few moments, and when he came out again he handed her a toothbrush saying, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the paths."



Motu School East Cape Safari 2013 Auckland Anniversary Weekend

Saturday the 26th of January to Tuesday 29th of January.

Dear Participant,

Organisation of the Motu School East Cape Safari 2013 is now underway. (Finally)

The Safari begins at **Motu Domain on Saturday the 26th of January**, weaves in and out of the East Coast region and finishes at the Raukokere Church on **Tuesday the 29th of January**.

The Safari will tour through the back blocks of the East Coast with incredible views and interesting experiences on the way, travelling forests, farms, rivers and tracks.

The aim is to travel cross country as far as possible and practical, as always the weather has the ultimate say. Following another winter of **extremes**, there may be some changes to the itinerary as the Safari progresses!

The Safari is designed as a family affair, but will have enough interest to keep the more adventurous entertained.

- Camping areas arranged (BYO tents and comforts).
- Evening meals will be available to purchase. More details following registration.
- Cold running water and toilets available.
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Once again there is great interest in the Safari for 2013. We are offering spaces on a "first in, first served" basis to those that have registered an interest.

Our acceptance of a \$50 deposit per vehicle will confirm your place on the Safari. However to maintain this place all other payments must meet the deadlines.

Please Note:

- On confirmation of a place the deposit is **Non Refundable**.
- An incomplete entry form may delay securing a place on the Safari.
- Ensure **all team** deposits are paid with entry.
- Ensure Participation Contract is signed and returned as requested.
- Ensure Driver/Vehicle Entry Form is complete and returned.

Looking forward to hearing from you!
Paul Cornwall.

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Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place	Status	Notes
December 2012						
Saturday 1st	CCVC Club Champs - Standard Class Round 2- POSTPONED	Neil Blackie	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	-tba-		
Sunday 2nd	CCVC Club Champs - Club/Modified Class Round 2 - POSTPONED	Neil Blackie	Club 4X4	-tba-		
Saturday 8th	Akatarawas in December - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636 or 029 200 17001	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 9th	Cyrus Forest (Otaki) - Limited Numbers - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL	Ralph Dobson	Club 4X4	Cyrus Forest - Otaki		
Wednesday 12th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Ralph Dobson	Meeting - 19:30	Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St		
Sunday 23rd	Orongorongo in December - Kids Xmas Picnic Run - BOOKINGS by 16/12/2012 ESSENTIAL -- Book with Morris	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
Thursday 27th	Akatarawa Forest Recce - Limited Numbers - Bookings Required	Grant Purdie	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Saturday 29th	Akatarawa Forest - Full club vehicle equipment required	Grant Purdie	Family Shiny / Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 30th	Hunterville to Turangi the back way - Bookings Required - Members only	Andrew Johnston	Family Shiny	Central Plateau		
Monday 31st	Desert Road Explorer - Bookings Required - Members Only	Andrew Johnston	Family Shiny	Central Plateau		
January 2013						
Tuesday 1st	42nd Traverse with AJ	Andrew Johnston	Shiny 4X4	42nd Traverse		
Wednesday 2nd	Various trips at Foxton Beach and McKenzie Trail - 2nd - 12th January 2013	Grant Purdie	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail Foxton Coast		
Wednesday 9th	Greater Wellington Regional Council Sunset Tour - Members of the Public Must book with the Council via their Summer Program	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4	Battle Hill & Puketiro Forest		
Tuesday 15th	Akatarawa Forest with Grant P - No 2	Grant Purdie	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Wednesday 16th	GRWC Sunset Tour No1 - Backup date	Stewart Burrell	Shiny 4X4			
Friday 18th	Ohinewairua Campover - Bookings Essential	John Vruink	Shiny 4X4	Ohinewairua Station, Taihape		
Saturday 19th	Akatarawas with Grant P - No 3	Grant Purdie	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Saturday 19th	Taranaki Family 4wd Club Waitotara run for central zone clubs	Taranaki Family 4WD CLUB	Shiny 4X4	Waitotara Valley		
Saturday 26th	Orongorongo in January - Book with Morris	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		
February 2013						
Saturday 9th	Greater Wellington Regional Council Sunset Tour - Members of the Public Must book with the Council via their Summer Program	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Battle Hill & Puketiro Forest		
Saturday 16th	GWRC Sunset Tour No2 Backup Date	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4			
Saturday 23rd	Greater Wellington Regional Council Akatarawa Tag-a-long - Members of the Public Must book with the Council via their Summer Program	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4	Akatarawa Forest		
Sunday 24th	Orongorongo in February - Book with Morris	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area		

Traction control: How hard you can put your foot down
 Stability control: How hard you can yank the rudder.
 Understeer: Hit a fence with front bumper
 Oversteer: Hit fence with rear bumper
 Power: How fast you are going when you hit the fence
 Torque: How far you push the fence.

A noted psychiatrist was a guest speaker at an academic function where Boris Johnson happened to appear. Boris took the opportunity to schmooze the good doctor a bit and asked him a question with which he was most at ease.

“Would you mind telling me, Doctor,” he asked, “how you detect a mental deficiency in somebody who appears completely normal?”

“Nothing is easier,” he replied. “You ask a simple question which anyone should answer with no trouble. If the person hesitates, that puts you on the track.”

“What sort of question?” asked Johnson. “Well, you might ask, 'Captain Cook made three trips around the world and died during one of them. Which one?'”

Boris thought a moment, and then said with a nervous laugh, “You wouldn't happen to have another example would you? I must confess I don't know much about history.”

Do you want to read a "Full Colour" copy of the mag - it is available on the clubs public website. We will also be adding copies of previous magazines as well (once the newsletter editor finds the time to PDF them!).

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



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