



# Visitors Guide

## **SOME KEY 4WD DO'S AND DON'TS**

- **Do** engage 4WD when off road to avoid road damage and improve vehicle control.
- **Do** use LOW ratio LOW gear during steep ascents and descents.
- **Do** consider reducing tyre pressure to increase traction (e.g. 20psi – 138kp).
- **Do** leave all gates as you find them.
- **Do** keep yourself and others well clear when there is vehicle recovery happening.
- **Do** secure all luggage and equipment in the vehicle cabin to prevent injury from it bouncing around.
- **Do not** follow too close.
- **Do not** attempt a water crossing until the depth has been assessed.
- **Do not** leave gates you have opened unattended.
- **Do not** use a tow ball for towing or recovering vehicles (ever).
- **Do not** forget to disengage 4WD when returning to sealed roads.
- **Do not** forget to re-inflate tyres at the end of the trip or when back on public roads.

## **BOOKING FOR A TRIP**

To book for a trip use the contact number published as part of the trip description. If a contact is not present, please use the “contact us” procedure below.

## **CLUB NEWSLETTERS**

A copy of the club newsletter is available through a tab at the bottom of the club website and can be downloaded if required. Copies are also available at club meetings for a cost of \$5.00 (to cover printing costs).

## **CONTACTING THE CLUB**

To forward an email to the club please use the “Contact Us” option on the clubs website:

[www.ccvc.org.nz](http://www.ccvc.org.nz)

## **The clubs Postal Address is:**

Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporated.  
P.O. Box 38 762  
Wellington Mail Centre  
Lower Hutt 5045

## **Please Note**

**The material contained in this guide is a summary and does not fully represent all details of club policies, rules and procedures.**

Welcome to the Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Inc

Our club was started in the early 1970's by people who had 4WD vehicles and wanted to spend more time using them for the purpose the manufacturers had intended and to further their interests with like minded individuals.

We are very pleased to have you along on our trips. To keep us all safe and prevent vehicle damage we require you to follow a few simple rules as outlined in this booklet.

This visitors guide is intended to provide you with an introduction to 4WD'ing with our club. Please keep it handy as you should read it before your first few outings.

As a visitor you may participate in our Family Shiny trips only, unless you can show the trip leader that you belong to another 4WD club.

## **CLUB NIGHTS**

You are welcome to come along to club nights held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every Month (excluding January) at 7:30pm at the Petone Working Men's Club, Udy St, Petone.

## **HOW TO BECOME A CCVC MEMBER**

- Obtain “Application for Membership” from the Trip Leader or the New Members Officer.
- Gain basic experience through our training and Family Shiny trips.
  - Attend Driver Training Day.
  - Participate in 2 Family Shiny trips, making sure they are recorded on your Membership Application form (Note: Trip and Visitor fees apply to all Trips).
- Obtain ALL required vehicle equipment.
- Have the vehicle inspected by one of our vehicle inspectors listed on the form (free service).
- Forward the completed Application for Membership to the New Members Officer with payment of the balance of the \$87.00 annual Subscription (amount detail on the form).

## ***EQUIPMENT REQUIRED ON TRIPS***

Club members have a comprehensive list of equipment they are required to carry on trips however as a visitor you are not expected to carry such equipment. Basically, all you require is your vehicle, appropriate clothing, food and drink and any medication etc that is required by members of your party.

## ***TRIP CONVOY RULES***

- **Safety is paramount at all times.** Seatbelts must be worn and children must be secured in type-approved child seats or restraints at all times when the vehicle is moving. All luggage and equipment should be well secured.
- **The Trip Leader is ALWAYS in charge.** Please recognize their authority and follow their instructions as they are responsible for the safe conduct of the trip.
- **Keep the vehicle immediately behind in sight.** This ensures the convoy stays together and if the following vehicle encounters difficulty you are not so far ahead that you cannot assist if required. If needs be Stop and wait for them to catch up.
- **At intersections make sure the following vehicle knows which way to go.** You MUST remain at an intersection until you are absolutely positive that the following vehicle has seen which way you went.
- **Vehicle Recovery.** If a vehicle requires recovery the trip leader must be informed and the recovery only undertaken by CCVC Club members who have the equipment and knowledge to safely affect the recovery.
- **Gates.** The general rule at gates is that the vehicle immediately behind the trip leader will stop and remain at the gate until the convoy has passed and will then rejoin the convoy immediately in front of "tail end Charlie". The trip leader may change this process depending on individual circumstances.
- **No Pets.** Pets are not allowed on trips unless specifically stated as we are often travelling on to properties where pets are not permitted (e.g. working farms).
- **No Firearms.**
- **No drinking and driving or taking of drugs etc.**
- **Clearing obstacles on the track.** Ensure that the vehicle in front has cleared an obstacle before you attempt it.
- **Public Roads.** If travelling in convoy on a public road allow plenty of space between vehicles so members of the public can pass.
- **Leaving the convoy.** If you must leave the convoy you must ensure that the trip leader is informed so he doesn't think you have been left behind somewhere.
- **Respect the environment.** Only go where you have authority to go and do not deviate off into areas away from the convoy. Take out everything you take in and leave no rubbish etc. Abuse the privilege of access and that will be taken away by the landowners.

## ***CLUB RADIOS***

Most club members have a VHF two way radio on licensed club frequencies. We also use PRS radios (channel 30) when we have visitors or club members on trips that do not have the "club" radios.

## ***TRIP CATEGORIES***

### **Family Shiny**

As a prospective member of the club you are welcome to participate in our Family Shiny trips. These trips are straight forward and no vehicle damage is expected (although we cannot guarantee this 100% if unforeseen events occur). This category is suited to family outings and drivers new to off road driving.

**Vehicles :** There are no special requirements for non members vehicles on this category of trip except that the vehicle must:

- Have a low ratio gearbox
- Not be a 4WD car, station wagon or van.
- If a soft top vehicle it must have a roll bar or roll cage.

### **Shiny 4X4**

You must be a club member to participate on these trips which are a more difficult family trip. Bush marks and possibly some minor damage may occur and full vehicle safety equipment is required. Mud tyres are also often required.

### **Club 4X4**

Challenging trips for experienced drivers over steep terrain, through deep water and mud. Vehicle damage is very possible and a higher level of equipment is required.

### **Hard Yakka**

Difficult trips with extreme terrain, where winching, digging and vehicle damage is all a possibility.

### **Notes:**

- Novice and prospective members are only permitted to attend the Family Shiny category of trip.
- We recommend that you check that your vehicle insurance covers you "off road".
- The Trip Leader is always in charge of the trip and may impose or waive a particular requirement (e.g. mud tyres) if the circumstances of the trip permit.
- The Club Committee requires Trip Leaders to turn away vehicles or drivers that do not comply.
- The Trip Categories are described in more detail on the clubs website.

## ***TRIP FEES***

A "Trip Fee" is payable for every vehicle. The fee is set by the Trip Leader based on the cost of Land Access and other related expenses with a minimum fee of \$5.00.

A Visitor Fee of \$20.00 in addition to the trip fee is payable by all non club member vehicles, except for visitors from other recognised 4WD clubs.

The trip leader will record details of all vehicles and trip fees paid on a club Trip Sheet.