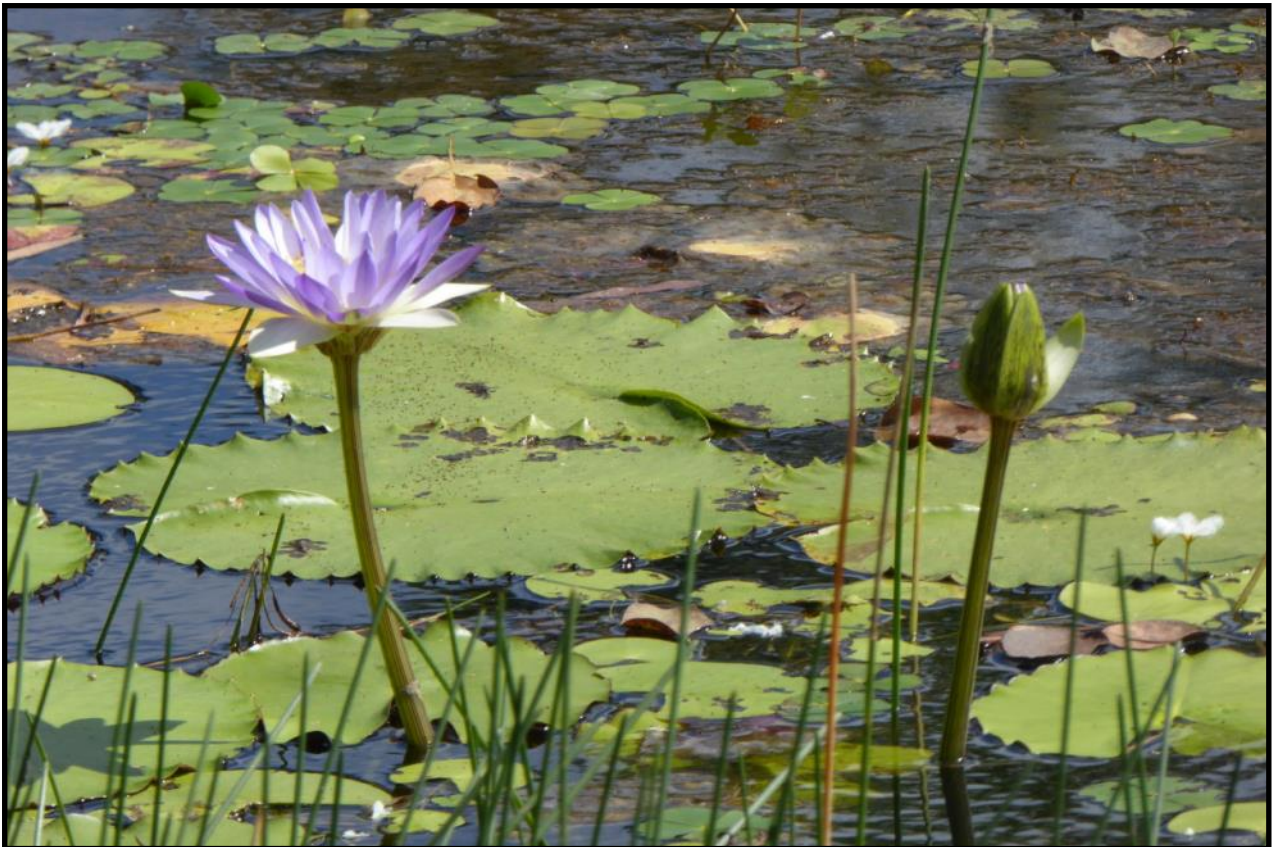




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# Upcoming National Events

## **Oct 16-17: Mainland Winch Challenge Series Round 4**

Makikihi, Timaru. Three night stages Friday and eleven day stages Saturday. For further details refer to [www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz](http://www.mainlandwinchchallenges.co.nz)

## **Oct 24-25: (Labour weekend): Battle of the Palace - Teams Event**

Hosted by Norwest Club. Teams event aimed at well set up Club Trucks working in teams of 3 to complete all the stages over 2 days. Camping and Facilities onsite. Cost \$360 per Team. Requirements: Winch, Extreme Mud Tyres, NZFWDA Affiliation, Rated recovery Points. Contact: Ben at [possumpalace4x4@gmail.com](mailto:possumpalace4x4@gmail.com) for entry forms and info.

## **Nov 01: Sheffield 4x4 Mud Plug**

Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade Charity Mud Plug to be held Bulls Road, Sheffield. Postponed from August. Competitors 8.30am, Spectators 10.00am. \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 Family Pass. Enquiries to Nev Croy 03 318-3818 or Keith Ross 03 318 3005.

## **Nov 13-14: Manukau Winch Challenge**

Manukau Winch Challenge held Onewhero area. New areas for stages this year. Usual Classes including Manukau Class. Further details to come and will be available at [www.manukau4wd.org.nz](http://www.manukau4wd.org.nz)

## **Nov 14-15: Annual Ahura Volunteer Fire Brigade Fundraiser**

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## **Nov 28: Moawhanga School Scenic 4wd 2015**

The tour will be leaving Moawhanga School travel across both Motukawa and Mounganui Stations. On Mounganui we will travel behind the Hihitahi Department of Conservation Bush Reserve then along the southern boundary of the tussock covered Army Defence land where we'll hopefully see a glimpse of the wild Kaimanawa horses in their natural environment. We will then pass around the stations own 2000 acre beech forest. This year's tour will also cover the neighbouring Motukawa Station, with heights up to 3700ft above sea level, this property boasts spectacular views of snow capped Mount Ruapehu, Mt Aorangi, the Ruahine Ranges and beyond. The tour will end back at Mounganui Station where a fantastic BBQ dinner awaits. Entry cost \$120 per vehicle (including 2 people) extra adults \$20 per head. Payment on the day will be \$140 per vehicle (2x people) Children between 5 and 12 are \$5 per head. This price includes morning tea, lunch and a BBQ dinner. Any enquiries to Linda ph 06 3880852 e-mail [moawhangoschool4wd@gmail.com](mailto:moawhangoschool4wd@gmail.com) Or Deb ph. 06 3880575 e-mail [hiwinui@farmside.co.nz](mailto:hiwinui@farmside.co.nz)

## **Dec 26-Jan 15 2016: South Island Self Drive Tagalong**

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**16 Jan 2016 - 17 Jan 2016**

### **Ongarue School Family Safari**

Hosted by King Country 4WD Club raising funds for the Ongarue School education outside classroom trip. This two-day event has limited entry numbers as we are touring over farmers land surrounding this early King Country Milling Town. The Safari will start and finish each day at the Ongarue School where there will be Camping facilities and use of the School Pool. All food will be included in the entry fee for the two days. The weekend cost will be \$250.00 for the driver & passenger and \$50.00 per head for any other passenger to cover food. Go to [www.kc4wd.co.nz](http://www.kc4wd.co.nz) for more details.

## **Jan 16-22 2016: Northland Kauro Coast Safari**

Hosted by the Kauri Coast 4WD Club. The 9th safari will be a 6 day event through some of the most spectacular beaches, scenery and landscape NZ, if not the world, has to offer. The proposed route takes you from Dargaville through some awesome beach and forest tracks following some of the early settler's tracks surrounded by some of the most tranquil and peaceful countryside you only find in Northland. We will be camping each night where our hosts will be some of the local schools and a golf course along the way. There's time to stop along the way to catch your breath, relax and take in all that is offered. The safari is aimed at providing an enjoyable experience for the whole family. So come along and join us on a truly unique experience exploring the hidden treasures of Northland. Numbers limited to 40 vehicles.

**Update; Sorry, safari is now fully booked.**

*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.*

# G. Guy Motors

**4WD SPECIALISTS NZ**



**KIWIS ON THE CAPE**  
**CAIRNS-CAPE YORK-CAIRNS 7-24 AUGUST 2015**

**Day 2 Sunday 9/8/15 Lions Den to Musgrave Roadhouse (275 km, Fuel 43 litre \$55)**

Woke to kookaburras singing their dawn song. Breakfast, and on our way by 0820. To Cooktown where Captain Cook & the Endeavour were stuck for a while – caught on what is now named the Endeavour Reef. It's Sunday so the Museum is closed, which has the Endeavour's anchor, and the only supermarket proves almost invisible – it took us 3 sets of directions to find the IGA store and it turns out we'd driven past it 3 times!. Drove on to the Old Laura homestead in Rinyirru (Lakeland) National Park. Gone is the subtropical rainforest of the Daintree and instead thin trunks, thin narrow leaves, blue sky visible through tree tops.

The Old Laura Homestead is historically significant through its association with the establishment of the cattle industry on Cape York Peninsula and the Palmer River Gold Field. Miners once used the track leading to the homestead as the main access to the goldfields. Fergus O'Beirne purchased the land for the original Laura homestead in 1879. By 1894, the Laura Homestead was running approximately



8000 head of cattle. The isolation is evident now, and would have been much worse then. They had a 2-3 day ride to the nearest supply centre and that's only when roads were passable (wouldn't include the wet season). So the stations were pretty much self sufficient – growing their own crops, blacksmithing their own animals

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**An early pastoral history**

Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park (CYPAL) has a long pastoral history dating back to the late 1800s when pastoral leases were first granted on Cape York Peninsula. A number of these leases were granted over the land that is now national park (CYPAL). Two of the larger holdings were Laura Station, which covered most of the southern half of the park, and Lakefield Station, which covered most of the northern part of the park.

**Skilled stockmen**

Aboriginal people played a vital role in the success of the pastoral industry on Cape York Peninsula – without their skilled labour many cattle stations in the region would not have survived. Many Traditional Owners still have strong family connections with the old station homesteads on the park.

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and equipment, processing their own meat (there's even a building specifically for this). There's another building specifically for the aboriginal workers.

It's now owned by the Queensland Government as part of establishing the Rinyirru (Lakeland) National Park.

Driving on, we occasionally saw evidence of water where we could see palm trees and dense, thicker leaved,



foliage – swamps, lagoons and water holes. Termite mounds abound, and brush turkey were sighted as were kangaroo, probably some cassowary (of the emu family, and related to the kiwi too) and what we think were stilted herons. No-one saw crocodiles despite the "Achtung" signage that is beside every water way advising of the possibility of crocodiles (or 'the Australian lizard' as a local later referred to them, with a bit of a crocodile smile in his eyes).

Lunched at a White Lily Lagoon (up the road was Red Lily Lagoon) and then drove through to New Laura. Toilet stop in a croc area at Hann Crossing so the stand alone toilet is set up high in Queenslander style. We paused at Saltwater Creek – looking for crocs again?

And happily arrived, at 16h00, at Musgrave Roadhouse.

Less local 'character' compared with Lions Den – no mementos, no registration plates. But friendly fellow

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campers – the guy who told me which washing machine to use (he had a huge laundry bag, turning out to be a worker not far away who came to the camp once a week to get his washing done), the woman who showed me to avoid the sewage line under one of the clothes lines (so that’s what the smell is!), the chap who showed us his very efficient camping setup in his Ute.

There’s just one cabin unit left, and we all agree to offer it to Jenny and Peter – it’s Jenny’s birthday today. Errol found a bit of cake, and a few birthday candles (of all things in this outback station) and we sang ‘happy birthday’ after dinner.

We went for a walk, with head torches on, round the area behind the cabins, and startled a quite a large family of kangaroos fossicking around, where we – and they – froze in the unexpectedness of the moment, and fixedly stared at each other.

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Lisa what we doing Saturday?  
Don't know but we have an invite to Mums.  
Who your Mum?  
Yep! Who else yours is in Australia.  
Do we have to go...? I have another idea...  
Well you know my Mother!!!!  
Sweet lets go out on a CCVC trip on Saturday instead...  
SO goes the discussion to get us out and about on Saturday with a few of the club members on a family shiny....  
So a few phone calls later and we have lined up that there will be a good mix of the slightly harder going trucks and a few newer ones.



The leader being Graham and Linda in Suzie Blue and calling Linda to ask if there is enough room Linda tells me a rough outline of the plan. I ask if we are going to find some mud and the fence line track comes to mind. So leaving the mother in law behind we zip of to the start of a Family Shiny in the Akatarawa's Totara Park Bridge makes a start but before that a pit stop is held at McDonald's in Upper Hutt and we get to the start at 9 am. After an air down and a natter we see there are 19 trucks with 6 new four wheel drives on board—a good mix of old and new.

So next up we go through the trip briefing and head through the gate with old and new mixed into the herd. (Is a group of 4 wheel drives a drive, herd, school or swarm...?)  
So we head into the Park from the valley View entrance up Valley View Road with the views to the South and the trees scape now being small young trees ready to start their climb to the sky.  
We stop at McGhies Bridge to open the gate and head up to a morning tea stop on Hukinga Road and on the banks of the Akatarawa River West. I have been told there are some red Woods around here somewhere but

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that's for another day.

Morning tea finds a few showers passing over and then it starts to fine up. So much for the snow in the forecast. Loading up it's a drive over the Pram track past Dopers Creek and onto Titi road and out to the top of the Devils staircase. The road out this way is firm and well maintained. The days of 2 hours to pass 200 meters on pram track just a distant memory. (That was fun) They are taking to the Devils staircase to create a new track so this may mean at least this summer family shinnies can make the drop to the creek. Watch this space.



So next is a retrace back to the Fence line area. T1gga had a go at the direct route and had three attempts before making a retreat.

Suzie Blue shot up like a fine machine it is, Enterprise Following and Big Red also making a very simple job of it.

Daisy who was out for the first time since her roll over and its complete makeover also made it look easy. She now looks one fine orange beast of a truck.

That T1gga needs a few more feeds to get its power up...

Lunch was at Fenceline and a few of the boys made a beeline for the mud. Enterprise making a fine attempt at getting through and a good bit of why you have side bars and a winch. The car load of hangers on having a great time once they decided they were not going to fall out the back window.

The mighty Suk pulling on one side and the Enterprise pulling the other and like a mud shark Enterprise was back on its feet.

The Pajero that followed also wallowed in the mud and then its computer put it into limp mood.

One of the new players also had a very tidy Nissan and this made a great go of getting through the muck. It did need a winch out so a few new bits of kit were tried out and big smiles were seen. Good to see another shorty Nissan in the fold.

Meanwhile T1gga was makings its way slowly through the trees to get to the other side and the view up the Paraparaumu Coast and missed all the fun.

So a gentle drive out and then some bush repairs had it running a little better.

So next up we headed to the Orange Hutt for a loo stop, The Pajero fix turned out not to not to be a permanent fix and this one, a surf and Enterprise were left behind on Cleary's Road while the rest of the group headed to the top of battle Hill farm Forestry Park.

We ended up going up Hydro to the top of Sunset Lookout. The day was now bright and clear and that really is one hell of a view.

Suzie Blue where is the snow you promised Lisa.....

It was now time to head out to the gate and the perfect 4.30 finish as promised.

We opened the gate and the bulk of the trucks left for greener pastures. A great day had only one broken truck and a perfect end to a perfect day....

A quick trip back saw four trucks head back via the pram track to Totara park and then home.

Thanks team for yet another CCVC adventure....

And the mother in law will just have to wait...



## **CLUB RADIO CALL SIGNS**

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## Kiwis on the Cape – Day 3 Scribe Glennys Feist

The resident rooster woke us from our slumbers at Musgrave Station at 4.30am. We started this next day of travel in bright sunlight (about 30 degrees) with a cloudless sky on the Peninsula Development Road (PDR), a good gravel road, sealed in parts. Cattle were grazing beside the road among the short, well spaced eucalypt trees and a myriad of variously shaped termite mounds.

About mid morning we arrived at the town of Coen, an important supply point on this long unpaved, dusty road leading to Weipa and other northern communities. It is a popular stopping point for tourists driving to Cape York. We tourists tumbled out of our trucks to stock up our supplies for the next few days meals – first shop we came to purporting to provide seven day a week trading had a notice “closed for a week as owners are on holiday”. Next we went round the corner to the cafe for a coffee fix to find it was “closed today and tomorrow”. Third time lucky we found a general store at the Service Station and made our purchases. The town included public library a hospital, post office, police station, camping grounds, primary school, kindergarten and ranger base.

After leaving Coen towards Archer River, our destination for the night, we passed through the Quarantine Station we would need to negotiate when returning near the end of our trip. By this time we were into the dreaded corrugations. 22km up the road from Coen we took a left turn into Oyala Thumotang National Park and proceeded 60 kms along the road towards the Langi camping area. This was a pleasant drive on a smooth wide gravel road with the trees getting larger and thicker. At times there were big groups of small white termite mounds giving the appearance of a graveyard full of tombstones’. When we turned right to the Langi Camping area and the Lagoons, the road reduced to a track. We continued on past the Night Paddock Lagoon and the Langi Lagoon (these would be looked at in detail on the way back) to get to Old Archer Crossing for lunch. On the way up several of the party were intrigued with a plant with yellow flowers but no leaves and some very interestingly shaped fruit. Much discussion followed.

There was not much water in the wide Archer riverbed. A very pleasant spot but the ACHTANG sign (croc warning) meant it was inspected cautiously. If we could have crossed here we would’ve been at our night stop



early. However there was no way out on the other side. As some were sitting at their picnic tables enjoying the surroundings others were having an in depth inspection of the winch on Howard’s truck, should it be needed. Unfortunately the absence of a remote control rendered it null and void.

After lunch we began to retrace our steps back to the PDR. Oops a small delay while a truck was dismantled from a log which had left up under it while no one was looking. No harm done and

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away we all went. On the way we stopped to have a good look at the two lagoons - Langi Lagoon and the Night Paddock Lagoon. These were beautiful large pools of water covered with white water lilies. Wide-spread flooding occurs in the rivers in the wetter months but in the dryer months stream flow ceases, leaving large, permanent waterholes and lagoons. We were all out with our cameras. As one ardent photographer edged closer and closer to the ACHTANG sign, a call came out "get your movie cameras ready!"

Where the dry weather had



caused the water to further retreat, there was soggy mud which seemed to have been wallowed in by predators - crocodiles, pigs or maybe even birds. More fuel for discussion.

On the way again, we eventually got back to the PDR and headed for Archer River Roadhouse Camping Ground. A very pleasant camping ground with less people than the first two nights. Two of our hot and dusty travelers went for a swim - no ACHTANG signs here and we were pleased to see they came back with all limbs in tact.



You will all recognise the above logo, don't you? Well there has been a few changes to this business but it is still about and active in Downer Street, Lower Hutt. I am working on getting a new advert to include in the magazine but in the meantime we should still be patronising this and all the other club sponsors.

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# THIS COULD BE YOUR PAGE!

Go on – step outside your comfort zone and write something for the magazine. Even just a few sentences. You don't have to have been stuck or done anything embarrassing, the rest of the members just like to read your perspective on anything related to the club.

## SO WHAT CAN YOU WRITE ABOUT?

How about a trip report? So you enjoyed the trip and would love to share your experiences but are not quite sure who was on the trip or where you actually went.

Call the trip leader and they will give you the details you need to tell your story. It can be as long or short as you want - even a couple of sentences will be well received.

Not sure you want to write a whole report, but want to share that silly / funny incident or dob a friend in? Send a mole report to [mole@ccvc.org.nz](mailto:mole@ccvc.org.nz) and it might end up in "The Mole Report", a new section of the club mag.



Writing not your thing?

How about sending some photos for club night. We are keen to have a selection for photos for each trip so here are some guidelines to make it easy for everyone:



Try to pick your best dozen or so photos – we can't show too many on the night so lets make it the best ones.

Photos need to be with me before 8:30pm Monday night. That way I can set them up on Monday night and get them to John on Tuesday night so he can get them ready for Wednesday night.



If you can do so, resize the images to 1152 x 864 pixels (or use a lower resolution setting on your camera). This makes the images small enough to email to [david.coxon@xtra.co.nz](mailto:david.coxon@xtra.co.nz). Alternatively put your pictures on a CD and call me to arrange to get the CD to me. My contact details are:

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## Kiwis on the Cape: Day 4. Archer River Roadhouse to Chili Beach:

14/8/15

Linda Millard

Our plan was to make our way east into the Iron Range National Park, containing some of the largest area of tropical lowland rainforest in Australia; and camp among the coconut palms at the remote Chili Beach (one of the nicest camping spots on the Cape).

We fuelled up before we left Archer River Roadhouse. Diesel was \$2.00 a litre! A doz cans of beer cost \$50! Wow! As the guys were fuelling up some of us were watching the little birds grooming the underbellies of the Brahman cattle. They would fly up, catch an insect and fly back to the ground. It took quite a while to get a photo as it all happened very quickly.



We had a quick stop along the river bed to see the spectacular boulders that make up that area. The brochures said that the river flowed most of the year and although some guys got to cool off in knee-deep water the night before we never actually saw any water. We tried to turn in an area and almost got stuck in the soft sand. After we got ourselves out there was a strong burning smell! Had we burnt out the clutch? Luckily no, although the smell pervaded for a while!



We were driving along the red corrugated road and noted that the trees on one side of the road only were coated with red dust. The wind obviously came from one direction.



We turned into the Portland Connection Road and after the Wenlock River bed we stopped to explore the old machinery and railway ruins of the Batavia Goldfield.

At the entry there is the lonely grave of Thomas Power 1930 (Apparently a sailor murdered by a miner!!) Gold was first discovered there in 1892 but it wasn't until the 1930s that the field achieved its early promise, fifty years later, improved gold-extraction technology brought a renewed but short-lived interest in the area.

As we continued towards the Iron Range and Lockhart River a large sign said "No Alcohol". Bona fide travellers were exempt which meant if we were passing through the area we could carry a restricted amount of alcohol provided it was hidden within our vehicles. We checked at the Ranger station just to make sure we weren't in violation of the rules and then continued to Lockhart River, an Aboriginal community, for supplies. It just goes to show that "Boy Racers" are found in all places. There were two young boys who were racing each other in front of the grocery store with their younger brothers or sisters in their buggies!

Driving in the Kutini-Payamu (Iron Range) National Park we passed acacia, callistemon and banksia trees and saw a signpost for Mt Tozer.

We stopped at the Iron Range airport, an historic site from World War 11, which was a close link to Port Moresby, New Guinea land area. After the WW11 Battle of the Coral Sea took place, American and Australian military arrived to urgently construct the Iron Range Air Force Base.

Fortifications were installed on the hill overlooking the harbour. It was a significant also because the rainforest resembled that of New Guinea. A memorial has been erected at the Iron Range Airport in recognition of lives lost during the war.



We continued on until we came to Chili Beach camping area.

This was our first of our completely self sufficient camp sites, a lovely area set in the rain

forest and with coconut palms fringing a dazzling crescent of white sand. We had all pre-booked our camp sites. A sign advertising shrimps meant that several people took advantage of these for the evening meal. Beach walks were popular but we did wonder about an unrelated person who walked across to the nearest island at low tide considering the crocodile warning signs.

# Cross Country Vehicle Club

## Roll of Honour

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THE ROLL OF HONOUR CELEBRATES LIFE MEMBERS OF THE CLUB  
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY

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Bob Jeffery  
George Bean  
Peter Boniface  
Ron Oliver  
Vern Lill  
Steve O'Callaghan  
Ron Wadham

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### Member Information:

Bob Jeffery	Steward 1982
George Bean	Treasurer 1972, 73, 74, 84, 81, 82, 84, Steward 1976
Peter Boniface	Not listed as a committee member
Ron Oliver	Initial President in 1971 the President 1972, 73, 74
Vern Lill	Committee 1974, 76, Steward 1975, Delegate 1977, 78, Vice President 1979, 80
Steve O'Callaghan	New Members Officer 1999 till 2015
Ron Wadham	Safety Officer 1997, 98, led many CCVC trips



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## 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](http://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

Date	Name	Organiser	Category	Place
<b>October 2015</b>				
Saturday 3rd	Odlins With DD - CANCELLED	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Odlin's Road
Sunday 11th	Club 4X4 in the Akers - Bookings essential	Darren Young	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 11th	Family 4x4 fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 11th	Takapari Road and other places - Book with David Cellphone 0274510361 david.coxon@xtra.co.nz	David Coxon	Family Shiny	Takapauri Road, Manawatu North Range Rd
Wednesday 14th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Sunday 18th	CCVC Training Day for Prospective Members - Bookings Closed	Morris Jury	Training (Unknown)	
Sunday 25th	Its Open - Lets go down and back - Bookings Required	Graeme Millard	Shiny 4X4 / Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest - Devil's Staircase
Sunday 25th	McKenzie Trail Labour Weekend 2015 - Bookings Please	Ian Dixon	Shiny 4X4	Foxton Beach - McKenzie Trail
Monday 26th	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	-tba-	Event	-tba-
Wednesday 28th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Friday 30th	Central North Island Weekend away - Bookings Closed	Ralph Dobson	Shiny 4X4	Central Plateau Blue Duck Station - Wanganui River
Saturday 31st	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area

## November 2015

Sunday 8th	Keep NZ Beautiful Eastbourne Beaches Clean Up - CCVC Members only Please	Darren Young	Family Shiny	Eastbourne Beaches to Harbour Entrance
Wednesday 11th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Saturday 14th	Family 4x4 fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 15th	Club 4X4 in the Akers - Bookings Required	Darren Young	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest
Saturday 21st	South Coast Clean Up - Bookings Please	Barry Insull	Shiny 4X4	Wellington South Coast/Red Rocks
Sunday 22nd	Akatarawa Attitude with DD - Bookings Required	Dave De Martin	Club 4X4	Akatarawa Forest
Wednesday 25th	CCVC Committee Meeting	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Sunday 29th	Orongorongo Monthly Trip - Book with Morris - (04) 566 - 6197	Morris Jury	Family Shiny	Orongorongo area

## December 2015

Sunday 6th	Family 4x4 fun in the Akatarawa Forest - Book with Graeme (04) 526 7636	Graeme Millard	Family Shiny	Akatarawa Forest
Sunday 6th	Sutherlands Track - Subject to date confirmation - Bookings Required	David Sole	Shiny 4X4	Sutherland's Track
Wednesday 9th	CCVC Club Night - Visitors Welcome. 7:30pm, Petone Working Mens Club, Udy St, Petone	Charles Odlin	Meeting - 19:30	-tba-
Sunday 13th	Shannon Playground - Bookings Required - Capable Club Trucks Only Please	Darren Young	Club 4X4	Shannon foot hills
Saturday 19th	Kids Christmas Run - Bookings Required (To be confirmed)	Morris Jury	Shiny 4X4	Orongorongo area