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*Central Zone Club Truck Challenge  
- Dave Hintz on a speed section*



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# Dear Members...

## 2018 NZFWDA CONFERENCE & AGM

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May 2018. Invercargill. South Island. Read more in the Executive Reports.

### 42 Traverse is **OPEN**

4WD vehicles are restricted to the summer months from 1st December to 30th April. Thank you to the volunteers who keep this track open.

### Old Whangamomona Road is **OPEN**

The Old Whangamomona Road is closed from 1st May until the 31st October. Thank you to the volunteers who keep this track open.

### Maratoto is **OPEN**

For the summer subject to weather. DOC remains concerned about the risk of Kauri dieback (<http://www.kauridieback.co.nz>) on the Coromandel so anyone using the track, please make sure your vehicle is clean beforehand so it goes in clean and then is cleaned again as soon as possible after coming out the track (but not in the ford).

The track fee/ levies collected at the track are a contribution to the work that is carried out to maintain the track and the cost of maintenance. Thank you to the volunteers who keep this track open.

Please help us keep the track and pay the levy.

## Kauri Dieback

### (Phytophthora taxon Agathis or PTA)

**In general, you should always:**

**1: Clean all soil off your footwear and other gear, every time you enter or leave a forest/area with native trees, and at every cleaning station.**

**2: Use disinfectant only after you have removed all the soil.**

**Stay on track and off kauri roots. A kauri's roots can grow outwards 3x as far as its branches. Infected trees may not show it – never assume anywhere is free of kauri dieback. If you're in native bush and you're in the upper North Island, it's likely you'll be near kauri.**

**Spread the word within your networks on how to stop kauri dieback.**



## Waitawheta 4WD track **CLOSED**

### UPDATE BY Russell De Luca - Northern Zone PRO

We have recently lost the sanctioned use of the iconic Waitawheta 4WD track located in the Northern Zone, west of Waihi town.

Because of concerns relating to sedimentation of adjacent streams allegedly caused by 4WD activity, the track has been closed by DOC and the Hauraki District Council (HDC). This is notwithstanding that NZFWDA Northern Zone members have over the past five or more years spent an inordinate amount of their own time, effort and expense collaborating in good faith with staff of the constituent authorities in the carrying out of works to upgrade the standard of the track and to thereafter implement an ongoing

management and maintenance plan so as to enable the track to be re-opened to 4WD use.

It recently became apparent that the opposition of the Waikato Regional Council (WRC) to resumed 4WD activity had caused DOC and HDC to change their previously helpful positions. The upshot of this was that in May of this year we were advised that we would need to obtain a resource consent in order to undertake further track upgrade works and to thereafter allow 4WD activity to officially resume. This is notwithstanding that previous advice from WRC staff was that no such resource consent would be required. The costs associated

with the requirement to apply for a resource consent (which may or may not be granted) is beyond the means of the Northern Zone and the on-going risks associated with being the legal holder of the consent (if granted) would have been unacceptable.

The ironic result of this is that unauthorised 4WD (and other) activity of the Waitawheta track will continue to occur in an uncontrolled manner thereby creating far greater adverse effects on the environment than those which would have resulted from managed 4WD activity as offered through the Northern Zone proposal.

# The Novawinch Battle of the Palace 2017

## The Build Up

As always with the Battle of the Palace, the organisers were on edge with weather threatening to make track setting and access maintenance difficult. The last few winter months have been some of the wettest we'd seen leading up to a competition.

## Day One – Saturday morning

With scrutineering, drivers' briefing and the pre-comp photo all completed, we were set to start issuing tracks just after 10:30am. Most teams had a steady start to the weekend, with endurance, not speed being key.

Both Team Huntly & Peer Pressure suffered a few setbacks early on in the competition. Team Huntly had issues with their winches after facing their first track of the weekend. Peer Pressure were down to 2 trucks, losing the Hilux after completing just 4 tracks as a whole team. However, at the other end of the scale, Team Tararua were flying through tracks, being the first to complete not only their first track of the day, but also the first to complete 5 tracks enabling them to head into the timed stage.



## Day One – Saturday evening

Not surprisingly Team Tararua finished their weekend early, completing their last track at 6pm Saturday. This solidified their position as the team to beat for the weekend.

Team DDT seemed to be the only other team not to require time for repairs, putting in a consistent effort throughout the day to get themselves in the best position they could be for Sunday morning (this included an early night with the team calling it a day at 9pm).

Doesn't Costa Lot continued the weekend as they started it, at a steady pace, but Track 6 caused havoc for the team with them breaking a traction arm and shearing a shear pin. They weren't out for the count yet though, repairing the trucks

returning to the hub to enter their final track of the night with just 20 minutes to spare.



Team Manukau also faced their own fair share of challenges in the form of Tracks 15 & 16 which left one truck's alternator struggling to keep the winch going. The team made it into the next track, but this was where the alternator finally gave up the ghost with only 2 trucks completing the track before the team called it a night just after 8:30pm. It was déjà vu for Team Huntly heading into Track 13 in the dark for the second year in a row. Just like 2016, they spent longer there than they would have liked with one of their trucks overheating, but they refused to be beaten by Spring track again and soldiered on entering their final track of the night just before 10pm.

Peer Pressure continued as a 2 truck team, completing Track 14 before the TJ was sent back to camp to iron out the issues it was having. Team Punishers continued at a slow & steady pace, taking time out to repair their trucks in the middle of the afternoon. After returning to the Hub, they completed Track 5 & got into the swing of things again before putting in a solid effort in the timed stage. Their last track of the night was Track 17 which took up most of the remaining daylight hours, earning itself a reputation as one of the competition's more difficult tracks, this saw the team calling it a night just before 8pm.

Team Lexus were fortunate enough to have no real issues throughout the day until they faced Track 15. With one truck completing the compulsory winch backwards, this track was always set to be interesting. The steep terrain caused a few more issues with one of the trucks losing both drive & their PTO winch, this saw Team Lexus finishing their last stage of the night well after 10pm.



### Day Two – Sunday morning

Sunday morning was an earlier start with first tracks issued at 8am. Team DDT were chomping at the bit with only 2 tracks left to complete. The notorious Track 17 took up most of the morning with DDT finishing just after 11am.

Team Manukau managed to sort out their alternator issues overnight and had a pretty decent go at powering through their remaining tracks. Unfortunately that early finish on the Saturday meant that they were unable to complete all 17 tracks.

Doesn't Costa Lot didn't have the same luck, encountering issues with two of their winches after getting through their first track of the day. Their great teamwork got all three trucks through the Tracks 9 & 10. These tracks proved a bit too much of a strain on the PTO winch of the team with their last 2 tracks of the weekend being completed by just 2 trucks.

Team Punishers and Swamp Donkeys continued the weekend slow and steady. The Punishers finishing all their tracks at midday, while Swamp Donkeys just missed out on the cut off for their last track being issued. This was probably in their favour as their remaining track was Track 11. Team Huntly's 3<sup>rd</sup> truck continued to have issues on Sunday morning and didn't manage to continue with the team. Track 11 caused issues for the remaining team members and so they spent the end of the competition dragging a truck out of the track.

Peer Pressure chose to start their Sunday as a single truck until the TJ came back to life. The team put in a solid effort completing all tracks with an hour to spare.

Team Lexus earned themselves a decent time on Saturday's timed stage and went into Sunday

knowing they needed to complete their remaining four tracks with all 3 trucks.

### Day Two – Prizegiving

As is tradition for Battle of the Palace, there was a wide range of prizes up for grabs from our sponsors; Novawinch, Force4, D.M. Standen, 4WDbits, NZ4WD Magazine, Motortech, NZ Offroader, GME and TWL Albany with these being awarded at random and a Southern Spars trophy for each team member in the top 3 teams.



### Results

**1st place:** 51 pts & a time of 6:08:03

Team Lexus – Leigh Cossey, Raymond Leemeyer & Owen Fillery

**2nd place:** 51 pts & a time of 6:09:40

Team Tararua – Stan Goodman, Robin Scaife & Lance Goodman

**3rd place:** 51 pts & a time of 8:40:12

Team Punishers – Tim Fensom, Neville Matther & Tom Douglas

**4th place:** 51 pts & a time of 15:29:94

Team DDT – Roger Urwin, Ed Belt & Greg Oliver

**5th place:** 48 pts & a time of 10:30:50

Swamp Donkeys – Daniel Honore, Reuben Sanderson & Aaron Smythe

**6th place:** 47 pts & a time of 20:46:84

Team Manukau – Nathan Philips, Dean Curry & Rohan Hooker

**7th place:** 40 pts & a time of 23:00:01

Doesn't Costa Lot – Bryce Watson, Matt Hyland & Ben Parsons

**8th place:** 33 pts & a time of 21:35:44

Team Huntly – Tim Randall, Luke Vitasovich & Matt Clay

**9th place:** 31 pts & a time of 102:18:00

Peer Pressure – Matthew Grieve, Anthony Barr & Joe Wheeler



# 2017 - 18 CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY ANDREW GEE

## The season so far

Three Rounds of the Club Truck Challenge (CTC) have been held since September in Turakina, Taranaki and Orongorongo, thanks to the Manawatu, Mt Egmont and Wellington Jeep Clubs who put them on. So at this point in the season we have a points table for the overall position that looks like this;

Overall	Position	Score	Club
Mark Smith	1	288	Wairarapa
Andrew Gee	2	280	Wgtn Jeep
Steve Stewart	3	277	Feilding
Alan Stone	4=	275	Mt Egmont
Mark Watchorn	4=	275	Manawatu
Marty Green	4=	275	Capital Cruisers
Brendan Watchorn	7	268	Manawatu
Shona Stone	8	258	Mt Egmont

With great sadness we farewelled Craig Mott of Desert Defenders in October. He had organised two Rounds of the competition in Waioru and been a competitor in a few other Rounds.

**Round 1, Turakina put on by Manawatu 4WD Club, 24 September**  
Phil and Ella from Manawatu 4wd Club had to make a last minute site change for Round 1 to Nathan's farm in Turakina because Philip's place in Ratana was just too wet, thanks to both of the two different land owners. Thanks to Brendan, Mark, Lee, Nathan, Bruce, Bryce, Phil and Ella for marking out the hazards on Saturday afternoon. They made good use of the natural basin and creek to peg out some tough hazards including a few deceptively wide hill climbs that were only conquered by a few.

We had almost thirty competitors, our usual mix of boys and girls, fathers and sons, brothers, Trials competitors, husbands and wives and keen Club members. Three generations of Hintzs turned up in a very cool rig, a truck carrying

Alan Stone Orongorongo



Andrew Gee Orongorongo



Mark Smith Okoki

their two Club Truck entries. Dave continues to navigate for his mum but now that he has entered himself, his daughter Grace chooses the line and the amount of jandal to be applied. The results show four of the top five drivers driving Jeeps which doesn't show the number of people entered in Nissan Patrols. Six Wranglers versus six GQ Patrols versus four Pajeros and Toyotas and Land Rovers, debate still rages over what is the best vehicle.

**Round 2 Okoki put on by Mt Egmont 4wd Club, 21 October**

Alan and Shona Stone organised Round 2 of the CTC over Labour Weekend at a property in North Taranaki. Alan, Shona and Gobbie set out hazards the week before and this property had a lot of interesting creeks, banks, steps and a tight grove of trees all together in close proximity. Thanks to Hayden and Stacey McDonald for hosting us and also providing the shearing shed for camping in.

On Saturday afternoon we ran eight graded hazards and a speed section. One particular bog run required

you to exit and try to finish with a hill climb which defeated everyone and needed all the vehicles to be recovered out of the mud. Mark Smith dropped the clutch on the speed section and blew up the transfer case which spelled the end of his Round 2. A real shame as he had won the previous Round in Turakina. Overnight rain fell and we had a wet morning but completed another seven graded hazards and a speed section. For people staying another night in the Taranaki, Shona offered a local tiki tour to finish off another brilliant weekend.

**Round 3 Orongorongo Station put on by Wellington Jeep Club, 11 November**

For Round 3 we headed to Orongorongo Station, South of Wainuiomata which Wellington Jeep Club has used before. The week before Jeep Club members; Bruce, Don, Tony, Tom, Jess, Glen, Dave and Andrew and Cruiser Club members Marty and Hayden all helped to peg out the hazards. Thanks to Craig and

Mo who did the scoring during the day and Robyn who sorted out the meal on Saturday. Individual event reports are in the NZ4WD Magazine, November 2017, December 2017 and February 2018 issues.

Entry info on [www.czctc.org.nz](http://www.czctc.org.nz) or NZFWDA forum "Events" page.



*Brendan Watchorn Okoki*



*Mark Watchorn Okoki*



*Shona Stone Orongorongo*



*Marty Green Okoki*



*Steve Stewart Okoki*



# First Timer's Guide to Club Trucking....

ARTICLE & PHOTOS BY ANDREW GEE

We had a number of new competitors trying their hand at the event so here's a guide to the basics for a day at the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC).

The vehicles are put into one of four different Classes according to the level of modification to even up the field, the rules can be found at [www.czctc.org.nz](http://www.czctc.org.nz). On arriving at the site the most important thing you can do is to lower your tyre pressures to let your tyres flex and work better in mud. A modification available on a number of models is to disconnect the front sway bar, it is common in Jeeps and gives the suspension more articulation. I take out as much weight as I can by removing the rear seat, spare tyre and tools and leave that stuff in the pit area. Some people drive to the event on mild tyres and change to aggressive tyres at the site. Do your paperwork and have your vehicle and helmet inspected by an official, now you are ready to get into action. The competition is a number of "hazards", that is short courses that are designed to be impossible to clear. They are marked out by using coloured pegs, a pair of blue pegs mark the start and finish of the hazard. The route through is marked by pairs of pegs, yellow on your left and red on your right, in a graded hazard these pegs carry the score that you earn as you pass them. The majority of hazards are graded but there are other types of test, most notably the Speed section or the ungraded hazard. Finally you start to drive the hazards, first you walk the



course to define the route and look for terrain features that will cause you problems. You need to know your vehicle, what clearance you have underneath, how the suspension reacts to terrain and how the engine and transmission deliver your power and torque. It's all a piece of cake. The key is keeping traction while you navigate the hazard. There are separate Classes to equalize the level of modifications between vehicles but changes to the engine or power output aren't considered, only traction aids be they LSD, lockers or nothing. I think that tells you what is considered more important, keeping traction over outright power and that also means you can compete in a fairly standard machine. Speed sections are great fun, akin to a bit of rally driving, you go as fast as you can over lumps and bumps and flying into the air is a bonus. Typically a speed section starts and finishes in a "garage", that is a standing start and you must finish precisely in a

marked area, overshoot and you have to reverse while the clock is still running. There is another type of hazard that is "ungraded", the pegs aren't marked with a score, you still have to make it through to the blue finishing pegs but you have the option of knocking down pegs if that helps you get through the course. You get a penalty for each peg taken so the skill is making a route that takes the least number of pegs, if you can't navigate the hazard as it is pegged out. It's easier to do it in real life than it is to write about and like they say, a lifetime to get it right. We get every type of driver from new learners through to experienced trials competitors and a good number of girls. What are you waiting for, come out and have a good time.

[Check for the latest info on www.czctc.org.nz](http://www.czctc.org.nz)



Ungraded hazard and finish blues



Scored 60 points

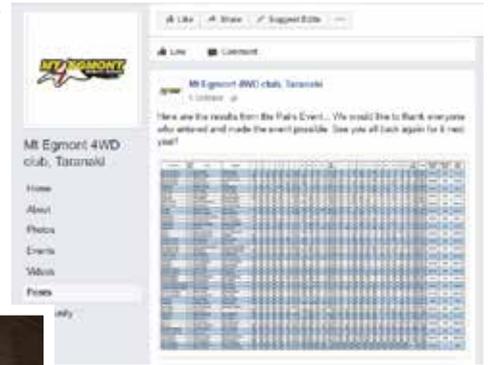


Graded hill climb

# Mt Egmont 4WD Club Pairs Event



Due to weather conditions the Event was cancelled....  
 However, the Club found another farm and the families who had travelled around the North Island to the Pairs Event were still able to get out and play...



# 2017/18 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES



**Photos by Bobbie. Round One, 22nd OCTOBER 2017  
Labour Weekend. Hosted by Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club.**

A National 4x4 Trial is based upon the ability of Competitors to drive their vehicles over difficult terrain, including hill climbs, water courses, mud bogs, up steep hills, over rocks, ruts, along banks and a speed section. Over 60+ teams in a variety of vehicle Classes, from production standard to highly modified vehicles, all drive over the same obstacle.



[www.nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://www.nz4x4trials.co.nz)

**Round 2**  
**10/12/2017**  
Hosted by Counties  
4 Wheelers

**Round 3**  
**20/01/2018**  
Hosted by Hawkes  
Bay 4WD Club

**Round 4**  
**24/02/2018**  
Hosted by Mike  
Gee Taylor  
(Manawatu 4WD  
Club)

**Round 5**  
**24/03/2018**  
Mt Egmont 4  
Wheel Drive Club

**Round 6**  
**14/04/2018 -  
FINAL.**  
Hosted by  
Wanganui 4WD  
Club.

# Inaugural Annual Central Zone 4WD Jamboree

The NZFWDA Central Zone Committee with the support of the Central Districts 4WD Club is proud to announce the inaugural Annual Central Zone 4wd Jamboree. We have decided to bring back the concept of a weekend of 4wd activities for Central Zone members. It is a chance to visit some iconic places around the Manawatu in your shiney or Club truck with like minded people.

The final programme will not firm up until a couple of weeks before the Event, but we guarantee you will have a fun filled weekend.

What is it going to cost you? We are working to keep the costs down and we will only be charging you \$20 p/p for the weekend. This will include camping fees at a local camp ground (for those that wish to use a nearby motel/hotel you will need to meet these costs yourself), and BBQ on Saturday night.

We will be working on a short list of nearby accommodation which will have favourable pricing.

When, Wellington Anniversary weekend, 19-22 January. To book your place and we may have to limit numbers, email me your details, and I will send you the bank account details. Max Wheatley [czpresident@nzfwda.org.nz](mailto:czpresident@nzfwda.org.nz)  
Costs: • \$20 per adult and kids are free. • Food & fuel.

## Proposed Itinerary

### WHEN:

20-22 January 2018. Wellington Anniversary Weekend 2018.

### WHERE:

Based around the camping ground at the Ashhurst Domain

### WHO: NZFWDA Members & Families.

Costs – minimal as partially sponsored by Central Zone.

**Friday** – Arrival 1900 - Informal dinner at the local (your cost), 4WD movies on the big screen. 2300 - Late night cruise up the river.

**Saturday** 0900 - Tough trip boys to the dams and Porita Park. Easy trip, North Range Road, Takaparui Rd and river. 1800 - BBQ at Ashhurst Domain.

**Sunday** 0900 - Tech visit. Hotrod Heaven. 1030 - Oruara river. 1200 - Picnic lunch somewhere. 1300 - Gymkhana. 1500 - McKenize trail. 1900 - Group dinner at local. 2300 - Night ride to Wharite peak.

**Monday** 0900 - Fast laps at off road racing track. 1200 - Lunch. 1400 - Pack up and go home.

## 4WD Off-Road Insurance



Whilst enjoying the 4WD off-road experience your insurance needs are very specific and in most cases your standard motor vehicle policy does not cover you for off-road activities and club events.

In conjunction with the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association this 4WD Off-Road insurance product has been specifically designed for **your** needs and is available only to club members. The programme has been in place since 1999 and its longevity speaks for itself.

Vehicles are covered comprehensively for off-road and on-road use and the policy accommodates heavily modified vehicles which are often difficult to insure.

Going into forests on a non-club excursion? Ask about the Fire Service Liability extension.



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NZ 4x4 Trials shared a post.  
19 November at 00:28 · 🌐



Kaye Hobart  
19 November at 00:24 · 🌐

The South Waikato 4x4 Club would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who contributed and competed at our fundraiser event yesterday. At this stage it looks like we have raised about \$6000 for Canteen!! A big thanks you to the landowner and all of the generous sponsors who donated the awesome prizes that we were able to raffle off.

We would also like to thank the overall winner on the day, Scott Biggs. He generously put his truck forward for Brett Felton to drive, who took out 2nd place! Congratulations to you both!

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<https://www.facebook.com/pg/NZ-4x4-Trials>

# 4x4 Events/Trips/Runs/ Important Dates

All due care has been taken entering these details, NZFWDA cannot take responsibility for any changes or inadvertent inaccuracies. Potential participants should contact the event organiser. Email events to [editor@nzfwda.org.nz](mailto:editor@nzfwda.org.nz)

## 10 DECEMBER 2017

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND TWO.  
Hosted by Counties 4 Wheelers. Visit [nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://nz4x4trials.co.nz)

## 20 JANUARY 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND THREE.  
Hosted by Hawkes Bay. Visit [nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://nz4x4trials.co.nz)

## 20 - 22 JANUARY 2018

CENTRAL ZONE 4WD JAMBOREE. Hosted by Central Zone Committee and Central Districts 4WD Club.  
Contact: Max Wheatley [czpresident@nzfwda.org.nz](mailto:czpresident@nzfwda.org.nz)

## 31 JANUARY 2018

REMITTS from Clubs must be received by the National Secretary.

## FEBRUARY 2018

Second lot of membership cards go out to all the Clubs.

## 24 FEBRUARY 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND FOUR.  
Hosted by Mike Gee-Taylor. Visit [nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://nz4x4trials.co.nz)

## 25 FEBRUARY - 1 MARCH 2018

MACKENZIE MUSTER 4WD EXPERIENCE 2018. Contact Otago Recreational 4WD Group (OR4G) Secretary - Greg Carroll at [info@or4g.org.nz](mailto:info@or4g.org.nz)

## 24 MARCH 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND FIVE.  
Hosted by Taranaki. Visit [nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://nz4x4trials.co.nz)

## 31 MARCH 2018

Clubs to be notified of AGM, Conference and any REMITS.

## 14 APRIL 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. FINAL ROUND.  
Hosted by Wanganui. Visit [nz4x4trials.co.nz](http://nz4x4trials.co.nz)

## 1 MAY - 31 OCTOBER

WHANGAMOMONA ROAD CLOSED

## 1 MAY - 1 DECEMBER 2017

42 TRAVERSE CLOSED.

## 19 - 20 MAY 2018

2018 NZFWDA CONFERENCE & AGM. Invercargill, South Island, read more in Executive Reports.

# ARAC - News

News-Release of the Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Inc

Issue 11.5, November 2017

## Sutherland's Track

We have been successful in securing \$15,070 in funding to help with major repairs to this magnificent track in the Southern Wairarapa.

Serious water damage has been done to the Te Kopi end as the track climbs a steep clay slope up from the Hurupi Stream. This will require some quite major works to be done.

At the northern Waikuku end, track grooming will be undertaken that will hopefully ensure the whole length of the track remains stable and secure for many years to come.

A major feature of all the works will be the addition of water management in all places that have previously been subject to severe water damage.

## ARAC Akatarawa Trip Leaders

Akatarawa Trip Leader re-assessments have been completed, so we now have a complete list of all our trip leaders going forward for the next 3 years or so. Anyone thinking of becoming an Akatarawa Trip Leader should begin training with their Club now so as to capture a good knowledge of the forest. These tests are a significant factor in Regional Council entrusting ARAC with its volunteer capacity within forest management.

## New Health & Safety Requirements

As of 1st December 2017, new Health & Safety requirements are being introduced by GW that will impact every Akatarawa Trip – and the Trip Leaders. New Application Forms are being introduced, and will include not only changes to the way trips are described (ie name your actual route not just the “whole forest”) – but will include signing a new Health & Safety clause. It is hoped that these will be available online soon.

As of the same date, all trips are expected to have VHF communications to be able to talk to commercial forestry operations within plantation forests. Many Clubs already have such radio comms available. For those without, ARAC has provided two handheld units available for loan from the Upper Hutt Depot.

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# NZFWDA President

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As I write this I am reminded we are just six weeks from Christmas.

Our family has just hosted a visiting American relative and we hosted an early Thanksgiving with neighbours and friends. As is tradition, everyone at the table was given an opportunity to speak about the things they are most grateful for. Some basic truths always get declared in these moments and this occasion reaffirmed for me what is really important to us all; the love of a beloved, good health, and enduring companionship and support from family, good friends, and neighbours. I found myself thinking about the many different folk who are members of the NZFWDA. Just like our small Thanksgiving party, 4 Wheelers are very much a group of friends, a family of folk who have similar needs for support and friendship, and with a love for 4WD sport and recreation. I see gestures of support and friendship in every NZFWDA activity, in our Clubs, and especially in our competitions, and I always get genuinely moved by the many acts of kindness and support displayed by so many of our members. The perfect presents are not those that are wrapped in nice paper and given once or twice a year; they are the presence of good folk...

Our 2018 AGM and Conference will be hosted in Invercargill over the 19th and 20th May; details can be found in this edition of TT.

Owing to some rather major health issues over the past 3 years, I haven't managed to get as much 4WD seat time as I might have preferred, so,

having now been declared to be recovering well, I have just finished building my latest tough touring 4WD truck (yes, another Nissan Patrol!). I am thinking of taking a couple of weeks to drive to Invercargill (and back) and taking in a few tracks along the way. If any members might be of similar mind we could maybe form a 4WD "hikoi", joining up with members and trucks as we travel down the country to eventually arrive in Invercargill as a reasonably sized 4WD convoy.

Turning now to some NZDWDA business our Health and Safety project has been progressing at pace and we are now at the point of obtaining formal legal review of our policy document and statements. This project has consumed a huge amount of time and intellectual energy of many of the Executive and also quite a number of Clubs and members around the country. What is being produced is a Health & Safety policy framework that will inform members of our individual and collective responsibility for any consequences of our actions, either to ourselves or others. Whilst the full application of the legislation will no doubt be tested over time through court processes, we are clear on one thing, there are no exemptions from stupidity. Awareness and identification of risk, and responding appropriately, is now, more than ever, a paramount requirement.

Most members will know about LVVTA. This is a formal enterprise with vested authority to provide certifications for a wide range of

modifications to various types of vehicles to allow their legal use on NZ roads. NZFWDA is a founding member of LVVTA and we share that status with a number of other motorized organizations representing various classes of vehicles such as NZ Hot Rod Association, Motorsport NZ, Sports Car Club of NZ, Constructors Car Club, Vehicle Assn of NZ for People with Disabilities, NZ Motor Caravan Assn, Component Car Manufacturers Assn of NZ, Vintage Car Club of NZ, and Kiwi Trikers Social Club.

Currently LVVTA are going through a process of updating their organisational structure and Constitution. The proposed LVVTA changes are seen as being positive for member organizations of LVVTA and also for the members of those member organisations. NZFWDA is very ably represented at LVVTA by our delegate, Ken McAdam.

I encourage all NZFWDA members to make themselves aware of just what LVVTA provides for us; their continued involvement in testing and certifying vehicle modifications is absolutely vital to those of us who like to modify (and improve) our vehicles.

My best wishes to all for a joyful and 4WD friendly Christmas; whatever you do and wherever you do it, I trust you will be safe and have fun!

Neville Dunton  
President, NZFWDA Inc.

# National PRO

Grant Purdie

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Greetings to all friends and colleagues throughout the New Zealand 4wd community. For my first contribution to Trail Torque in my new role of National PRO, allow me to provide a little background and a brief update.

My name is Grant Purdie and I have lived at Paremata just north of Wellington for many years and elsewhere in Wellington most of my life. In 1994 we got our first 4wd, a LWB Pajero, for towing our boat. Quickly realising there were much more exciting things to do with a 4wd our family joined CCVC and we've enjoyed probably hundreds of 4wd trips ever since. Being co-opted onto the Club committee in 1997 as their inaugural Trip Coordinator, I then held several other positions over the following 14 years including Club President. Finally pulling out to let others have a turn, I then ended up continuing on ARAC for a number of years.

In the meantime I had the good fortune early on to learn the ropes of local government engagement from Andy Cockroft along with an introduction to the art of writing and presenting submissions. This was to come in useful working with others on access issues such the Akatarawa Forest, Battle Hill Farm Forest Park, Wellington South Coast, Johnson's Road, Foxton Beach and the McKenzie Trail, along with a few other similar projects and also helping the team within CCVC to up our game particularly with the emerging concept of safe equipment, safe practices and Managed Access all of which we have now been successfully promoting for many years.

I was nominated to the Exec this year partly due to the contribution I seem to have made towards helping

sort out the Association's Health and Safety position and partly due to my background in the 4wd community and in particular with land access over the last 20 years. Not having much time available currently, the deal was that my initial involvement on the Exec would be the Health and Safety project, before moving on to the wider responsibilities which seem to be mainly land access.

**The Health and Safety Project**  
This project is taking a very long time! We've had the desire to do a thorough job while meantime being beset by the normal problem when it all relies on volunteers who are already all busy people.

At last we've finished our internal to-and-fro with the Policy and Guidelines document including consulting with a few of our stakeholders, and we've commissioned the external legal review. Once that's done and we make the inevitable amendments resulting, we will then be in a position to finalise and release it. We have made a small start on documents for the proposed H&S document library and we will make more progress with that in the new year.

**Land Access**  
The Exec's approach to involvement with land access this year has been to support Clubs who are working on local land access matters, and more broadly where this has come up for example Old Whangamomona Road. We have been doing this through the Zones and the three Zone PROs, to who we are all very grateful for their work on this.

There are no doubt some land access issues where we could have been more proactive, we just haven't had any more horsepower available

beyond what the 3 Zone PROs have already done. In 2018 I am expecting to have more time available to contribute more to what the team is already achieving.

Meanwhile the Exec has picked up on the idea from Central Zone on the concept of "Tracks and Roads of National 4wd Importance" and decided to try setting up a register of such roads. The idea is still evolving, with the aim of ensuring we identify priority land access matters of importance to the whole 4wd community, supporting local initiatives if this is welcomed and coordinating between organisations and in particular government bodies and territorial authorities. We haven't thought too much yet about the criteria and would be interested in anyone's ideas.

The word "importance" is used, not "significance", so as not to create confusion with the NZTA Roads of National Significance, or RONS. And the Exec felt that although our members are likely to be more interested in tracks than roads, it is the legal meaning implied by the word "road" that will have more significance to councils etc when the time comes to make submissions about land access.

Hence for the time being we're saying "Roads of National Importance" or RONIs.

We invite Clubs to propose any tracks or roads for consideration as RONIs through their Zones or by email to [access@nzfwda.org.nz](mailto:access@nzfwda.org.nz)

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# Southern Zone President

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Hi Folks

I am very pleased to confirm that we have another Club on board in the South. The Southland Landrover Owners Club is a long established Club has as strong membership and is really involved in the 4wd Community and the Community as a whole.

We can now say we have Clubs in New Zealand from Kaitaia to Invercargill a great coverage for the Association.

To calibrate this, we have decided to have the Annual Conference & AGM (19-20 May) in Invercargill this coming year at the Ascot Park Hotel which is a fantastic venue.

If you haven't been to Invercargill it is worth the trip down. Don't be put off by the distance you North Islanders, you can fly into the South or better still drive down with the National President through some of the most picturesque country and great 4wding around. A trip put together by John McDonald the Southern PRO who many of you will know has a reputation for organising brilliant trips.

When you get there you will be able to visit a couple of the best motor Museum's in the country and of course familiarise your selves with the legendary Bert Munroe's Indian. We will have this all organised for you.

So if you want a break before winter sets in come south for the weekend in May. You could stay the whole week and enjoy the Bluff Oyster festival as well.

Four Wheel Driving in the South is popular over the Christmas period, it is not uncommon to come across Clubs touring the south over this period. If you are down here drive safe and I hope you all have a great Christmas.

Russell Quin  
Southern Zone President

## Subject: Wasp Wipeout

Hi Everyone

I have been tasked with coordinating the wasp wipeout program this year for the Region.

The wasp wipeout, is a wasp control programme set up in partnership with DOC, Fairfax Media and local community groups; with the purpose of reducing *Vespula* Wasps for recreation and biodiversity reasons. A pilot programme was carried out last year in the Nelson / Tasman area and proved to be quite successful. This has now been extended to include Canterbury, Marlborough and Coromandel areas. The intention is to target key wasp hot spot e.g. camping, picnic and tracks and huts etc.

Fairfax Media raise the money required to pay for the work, as well raising the awareness of the programme through articles in regional newspapers and via stuff. Hopefully this encourages volunteers to help with the delivery of the programme.

DOC will help plan the work programme and do some of the delivery in some cases. The money is held by an organization, environmental group to act as fund management (still looking for a group to do this. Any ideas). They will pay the invoices as they come through from volunteers groups.

What I need is a list of key sites (hot spot for wasps on PCL), that you would like the work carried out at. Name of site, reason for undertaken wasp control (recreation, biodiversity), has there been wasp work done before, the distance (bait stations positioned every 50m), number of bait stations, first year cost, ongoing maint cost, group contact (email) and the group name. of any volunteer group, willing to undertake the operation (some members will need to obtain a license to purchase and handle the bait), and a contact person from each office to help coordinate the work. Note the information required is in the spread sheet [found here](#). Send it through to me in table form and I will enter it into the a spread sheet

I need this information by mid-December so that bait can be purchased.

Cost per km is around \$100 for set up (bait stations [every 50m] / bait etc); then around \$50 per km in the following years and so on. there maybe money available for logistics cost as well??.

When looking at sites keep it simple e.g. just around the perimeter of camping areas, along tracks. Rank your sites, as I may need to delete some depending on the number of sites I receive. Its not an endless amount of money.

Any questions please give me a call.

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<https://blog.doc.govt.nz/2016/12/22/community-push-to-wipe-out-wasps-in-nelson-tasman/>





# Northern Zone President

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The Northern Zone has been fairly quiet. We had a Zone Meeting on 30 September and since that date, a National Executive Meeting on 28 October 2017.

## Zone Matters

Maratoto is now open for the summer subject to weather. DOC remains concerned about the risk of Kauri dieback on the Coromandel so anyone using the track, please make sure your vehicle is clean beforehand so it goes in clean and then is cleaned again as soon as possible after coming out the track (but not in the ford). It seems that not everybody using the track is paying the track levy/fee. Those levies are a contribution to the work that is carried out to maintain the track and the cost of maintenance is always more than the levies paid so please make sure that anybody you are with or anybody that you see pays the levies.

On a similar note, I understand that there have been a number of clubs who have not paid their subs – that raises issues about whether you are members of the Association and

covered by the Association insurance scheme. So if you know a club that hasn't paid its subs perhaps you could remind them.

Tony Burgess former National President PRO is organising work to be done on Hull Road subject to weather and local concerns. (There are ongoing concerns by locals so as with all tracks, please don't abuse it or we could lose it).

There was an enquiry at Zone level about a product known as tow locks. They are not a product endorsed by the Association.

At the last Exec Meeting, it was considered that it would be helpful if we had a list of road and tracks that clubs believe to be of significant importance. So we are asking all clubs to nominate any tracks.

We also discussed a register of voluntary and public service work carried out e.g. beach clean-ups, tree planting, maintenance of public tracks and things like the Otago Land Rover Owners Club transport of nurses and

other essential workers during winter snow in Dunedin – (snow is not such a problem for us in the North!). So if you can let us know it would be helpful and that can be raised in support of applications for track access and to counter criticisms that occur in the media from time to time.

You may be a member of various vehicle email groups. Recently I had an email from an Italian Land Rover owner with a 107 (my old grey 1956 S1 for those who don't know). He wanted a picture so I sent him a link to my website ....

I hope you all have a great Christmas. My brother-in-law and sister-in-law and three of their children are coming out before Christmas so if you see an Englishman driving my blue 110, north of Taupo say hello and if you see my 110 and the Camel 109 together, it will be the whole whanau on the road! Whatever you get up to over Christmas, I hope it all goes well.

Regards  
John Hickey  
Northern Zone President



# Central Zone President

Max Wheatley

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## PRS repeaters.

One of the other Clubs I am involved with maintains a PRS repeater which we have been able to put back into service due to the reduction of the licence fees payable.

A repeater normally lives on the top of a hill or high building. It works by receiving on one channel and retransmitting your signal on another channel allowing a great increase in the coverage area.

Regulations say that all PRS repeaters must be available to everyone to use. The rub here is that the repeater equipment costs money, an annual licence fee is payable, power bills, hut and antenna maintenance all add to the cost of keeping a repeater service running.

So if you have a PRS repeater in your area, especially if you use it, take the time to find the Club that provides it and offer them some money to keep the service running. Access to some sites can also be an issue so you may be able to offer some practical help as well.

## Off road

A couple of trips in recent times one of the "3 roads in one day". In one day we took in 3 of our classic roads, not completely shined but fairly simple proving that not every trip has to be a truck destroyer.

## Zone meetings

At a recent Zone meeting we talked about the idea of running a 4wd jamboree for Zone member Clubs and

hopefully at the next meeting we will progress this idea a bit further.

## In the workshop

A little bit of work on the P38 trying to sort out the air suspension. One water damaged connector under the dash. Then rebuilt the compressor and the valve block. Seems a lot of my problems were in the valve block, so far after 10 days the suspension has not visibly gone down at all, where before, 24 hours was all it could manage. Hopefully we have made some wins and hopefully next week I will get some time to do some more testing.

Max Wheatley  
President Central Zone

# Northern Zone Clubs



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## Featherston Family 4x4 Club

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Meet Third Wednesday of month at 7.30pm Awapuni Community Centre, Newbury St, Palmerston North

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## Taranaki Family 4x4 Club

511 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

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Secretary Kim Voss : 06 758 8224

Meet Last Thursday of every month at members home, contact Secretary.

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## Taranua 4WD Club

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Meet Second Tuesday of every month 7.30pm at Paraparaumu RSA

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## Twin City Four Wheel Drive Club

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Meet Second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm, Taradale RSA

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# Southern Zone Clubs



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**Meet** Fourth Thursday of month 7.30pm  
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[www.4x4events.co.nz](http://www.4x4events.co.nz)

**Central Otago 4WD Club**  
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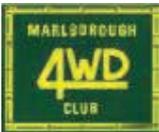
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 Club Rooms, Tinwald Domain,  
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[www.ash4x4.co.nz](http://www.ash4x4.co.nz)



**Nelson 4 Wheel Drive Club Inc.**  
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**Meet** First Wednesday of the month at  
 Suburban Club, Tahunanui 8 pm.  
 (except January)



**Otago Recreational 4WD Group**  
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 Holiday Inn, 594 Frankton Road (in the  
 functions room). All welcome. Access is uphill  
 onto Goldfield Heights Road, then right onto  
 Goldridge way.

[www.shotover4wdclub.co.nz](http://www.shotover4wdclub.co.nz)

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 room (at the back), Ruru St, Invercargill.

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## LIFE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION.

Awarded 2017 - Bob Holmes  
 Awarded 2017 - Eileen Revell (nee Austin)  
 Awarded 2017 - Steve McMinn  
 Awarded 2016 - John & Nonnie Cowper  
 Awarded 2015 - Ces Horan  
 Awarded 2015 - Kath Jaggard  
 Awarded 2011 - Peter Vahry



## YOUNG DRIVER OF THE YEAR CUP

2008-09 Mitch Seymour  
 2009-10 Martin Rivers  
 2010-11 Ash Senior  
 2011-12 Shaun Robertson  
 2012-13 William Sturme  
 2013-14 Renee Harrison  
 2015-16 Daniel Howat  
 2017-18 Aaron Tosland

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## SPOT THE 6 DIFFERENCES



## ON THIS DAY...



4/12/1966 - Pirate station Radio Hauraki broadcast its first scheduled transmission from the vessel Tiri in the Colville Channel between Great Barrier Island and Coromandel Peninsula.

10/12/1962 Maurice Wilkins and his colleagues James Watson and Francis Crick win Nobel Prize for their studies on the structure of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA), the genetic molecule found in all organisms.

16/12/1642 First recorded European sighting of New Zealand. Dutch explorer Abel Tasman sighted 'a large land, uplifted high', possibly the peaks of the Paparoa Range behind Punakaiki.

15/12/1951 Belmont viaduct blown up, the 38-m-high railway viaduct, near Johnsonville, Wellington, was built in 1885 and had not been used since 1937. It was demolished by army engineers as a training exercise.

14/01/1948 A 14-year-old Nelson schoolboy discovered the oldest fossils ever found in New Zealand

20/01/1957 Scott Base opens in Antarctica - New Zealand's permanent Antarctic research station.

03/02/1931 A deadly earthquake, measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale, struck at 10.47 a.m in Hawke's Bay

04/02/1975 American Lynne Cox swam from the North Island to the South in 12 hours 7 minutes.

09/02/1911 Pioneering aviator Vivian Walsh took to the skies over South Auckland to complete the first controlled powered flight recorded in New Zealand.

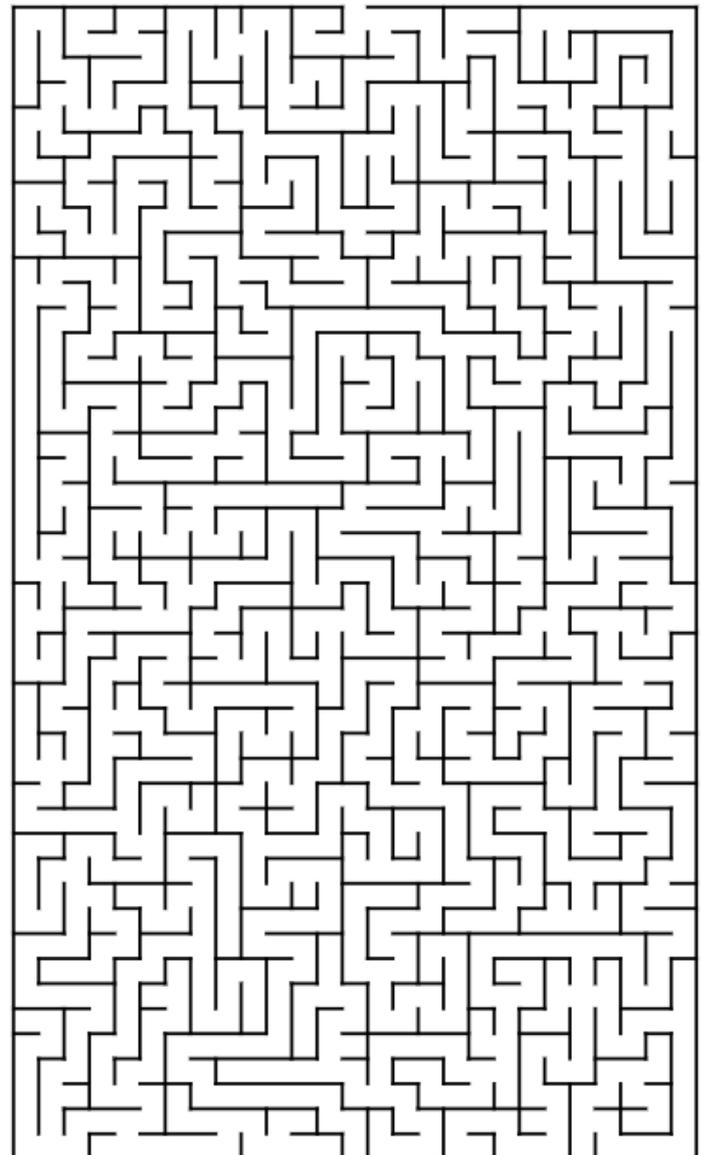
14/02/1998 The Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, officially opened on Wellington's waterfront.

20/02/1954 Yvette Williams sets world long jump record of 20 feet 7 1/2 inches (6.29 m) at an athletics meeting in Gisborne.

22/02/2011 A magnitude 6.3 earthquake in Christchurch kills 185 and injuring several thousand.

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz>

## Can you get through the Maze



Spot the Difference. 1. Suzuki on other side of valley. 2. Digger recovering vehicle in mud. 3. Man picking his nose appears twice. 4. Sponsor logo on back of blue vehicle disappears. 5. Man sitting on hill disappears.