



Established in 1974, the objective of the Association is to further and improve Four Wheel Drive activities in New Zealand.

As a member of the NZFWDA, you become an integral part of this effort to ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy our country in four wheel drive vehicles.

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National Trial Series - Round Three Hastings, William Jeffery & 'Skid' Mark Pincock

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Dear Members...

42 Traverse is CLOSING SOON

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 CLOSING SOON

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 (<u>http://www.kauridieback.co.nz</u>) 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 reopened 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.

Molesworth Station NEEDS YOUR HELP

Molesworth is an iconic high-country station. It is owned by the public of New Zealand and managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC) on your behalf.

Molesworth has many values, including heritage, conservation, cultural and recreation.

Molesworth Station became a recreation reserve in 2005. It is currently managed as a working high-country station through a farming lease and grazing licence to Landcorp.

The Department wants your thoughts on the following:

· How Molesworth is currently managed.

• How you think the range of values on Molesworth should be managed into the future.

• Future opportunities or improvements to the way Molesworth is managed.

A management plan for Molesworth was approved in 2013. Its intention was to transition Molesworth from its traditional focus on farming to include more recreation and conservation activities. The current management plan has restrictions on public access so that farming requirements may be met. Recreational activity may also require managing, to protect conservation goals for natural, cultural and historic reasons, and the recreational experience of other users.

Looking to the future, DOC sees potential in working collaboratively with

This survey is part of DoC's consultation with the public about the future of Molesworth, prior to the expiry of the current farming lease in 2020. others on landscape-scale restoration in Molesworth. Molesworth is a biodiversity hotspot for a wide range of dryland animal and plant species. It also faces challenges from pests and significant weed problems such as wilding conifers.

This survey is part of our consultation with the public about the future of Molesworth, prior to the expiry of the current farming lease in 2020. This consultation is required by the current management plan for Molesworth Station, which recognises that people are interested in better access and more recreational opportunities on Molesworth than are currently provided for in the plan.

Please let us know how you would like Molesworth managed for future generations to enjoy and experience.

Your responses to this survey and comments will be considered by DOC and a summary of feedback will be put on DOC's website.

ABOUT MOLESWORTH:

http://www.doc.govt.nz/

parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/ marlborough/places/molesworth-station/

MOLESWORTH BROCHURE

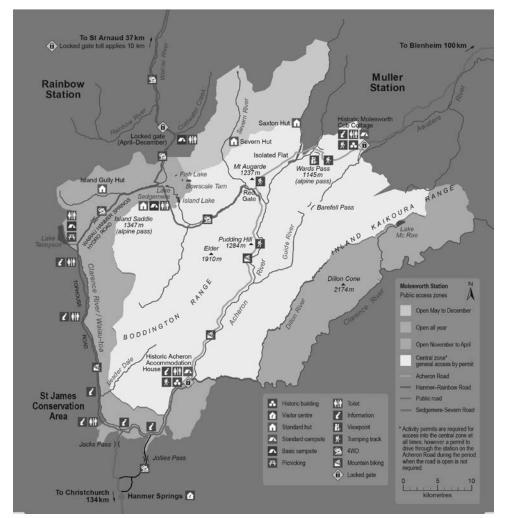
http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/ parks-and-recreation/places-to-visit/ nelson-marlborough/molesworth-brochure.pdf

ABOUT MOLESWORTH HERITAGE

http://www.doc.govt.nz/ parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/ marlborough/places/molesworth-station/historic-molesworth-station/

MOLESWORTH MANAGEMENT PLAN:

http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/ our-policies-and-plans/statutory-plans/statutory-plan-publications/ conservation-management-plans/ molesworth-management-plan/



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Molesworthconsultation 3

2017/18 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES

Photos by Kaye Hobart. Round 3 - 20 January 2018 Hosted by Hawkes Bay 4WD 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.





Dave Vanderschantz & Kurt Johnson



Dan Cowper & Mike Gibbons (Dan was driving Nathan Fogden for Round 3 as Nathan was unavailable to drive)



Mike Gee-Taylor & Alister Bradley

HR

The Hawkes Bay 4x4 Club has been established for over 30 years , and Bi-annually hosts a Round of the National four wheel drive trials, this has enabled the Club to donate over \$ 20,000 to community groups and organisations over the years. The Club has also provided support for various charity events.

The Club membership consists of quite a diverse group of people from all walks of life and occupations, and from all age groups. The Club has enjoyed a strong relationship with many local land and forestry owners for the past 30 years and wishes to extend their gratitude to those various people and for their continued support in the years to come. Check them out: http://www.hb4wd.co.nz/

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

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



Hamish Auret & Paul Barnes

www.nz4x4trials.co.nz

2017/18 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES

Photos by Kaye Hobart. Round 4 - 24 February 2018 Hosted by the Competitions Committee



Russell Biggs



Philip Walton



Rowan Huckstep & Hendrik Hofstee



Sam Thomson & Mitchell Caldow



Caleb Adlam & Jarrod Moss



Phil & Brittany Hobart



Glenn & Phillipa D'Ath



Steve & Cohin Thomason



SATURDAY 24 MARCH 2018 DIGN4U LTD NZ 4X4 ASSOCIATION NATIONALS EVENT ROUND 5

Come along and see the thrills and action of four wheel driving! It's going to be one action packed day with thrills, spills and rolls of some of the best 4X4 drivers in

New Zealand!



3 Lincoln Road Inglewood

9.00am Start

\$20 Per Car Load (Cash Only)

MT EGMONT 4WD CLUB Find us on Facebook!





Series entry forms will be emailed out mid March and deadline to have back to mainlandwinching@gmail.com will be mid April with the series entry fee. The entry will only be confirmed when payment is received. So if you are interested in receiving an entry form email mainlandwinching@ gmail.com and you will be put on the waiting list for 2018 Series Entries. We have to get Series numbers printed, these take a couple of weeks and there will only be one print run, if you decide to enter into the Series after this date you will not get a number.

Entries for the Rounds will be

taken by the hosting Club.

Superwinch 2005



Superwinch 2007

2018 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGES

June 1/2/3.

Round 1 Mainland Superwinch Challenge. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Marlborough 4WD Club, venue Maruia.

July 6/7.

Round 2 Mainland Superwinch Challenge. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Shotover 4WD Club, venue Alexandra.

August 10/11.

Round 3 Mainland Superwinch Challenge. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by 4x4 Events Club, venue Christchurch.

September 14/15.

Round 4 Mainland Superwinch Challenge. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Nelson 4WD Club, venue Nelson.

October 12/13.

Round 5 Mainland Superwinch Challenge. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by LROCO Club, venue Dunedin.

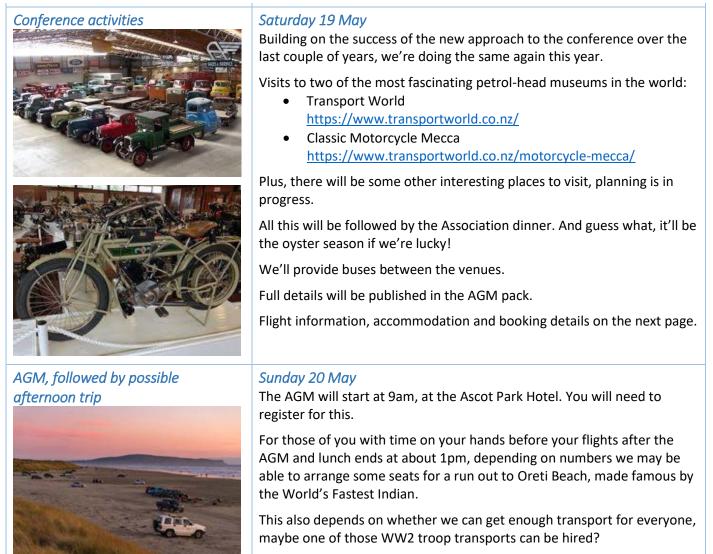
2018 NZFWDA CONFERENCE & AGM

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th May 2018. Invercargill. South Island.

Presidents Run - Saturday 12 May –Friday 18 May

A whole week of 4wd from the north of the south to the south of the south on your way to the conference and AGM. Trip Leader: Neville Dunton, Association President Trip Organiser: John McDonald, Southern Zone PRO You can join the trip anywhere along its route. There is limited accommodation available at some of the stops, which will limit the number of trucks.

Register <u>here</u> - first-in first-served.



Again, details to be finalised.

The NZFWDA Conference and AGM will be based in the Ascot Park Hotel. The dinner may be at the Transport Museum, we'll provide transport from and to the Ascot if necessary.

Accommodation rates for delegates are:Motel unit\$110.00Classic hotel unit\$160.00Superior hotel unit\$165.00Deluxe/Apartment\$180.00(rates based on 1-2 people, incl GST, room only)

Read more at http://ascotparkhotel.co.nz/accommodation

The 2018 Conference and AGM Information Packs will be emailed out by 30th March 2018 to all Association members as well as Club Presidents, Secretaries and Delegates named on the NZFWDA Database.

It will include official notice of the AGM, registration forms, delegate votes, AGM agenda items, minutes from the last AGM and NZFWDA Life Membership nominations.

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 <u>editor@nzfwda.org.nz</u>

24 MARCH 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND FIVE. Hosted by Taranaki. Visit <u>nz4x4trials.co.nz</u>

31 MARCH 2018

Clubs to be notified of AGM, Conference and any REMITS. 7 APRIL 2018

CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE. Round 6. Wairarapa – hosted by the Wairarapa 4x4 Club. Info for this Round will be uploaded as soon as it becomes available. See <u>www.czctc.org.nz/2018-series</u> for more information.

14 APRIL 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES. FINAL ROUND. Hosted by Wanganui. Visit <u>nz4x4trials.co.nz</u>

14 - 15 APRIL 2018

NOVAWINCH WESTPORT CHALLENGE. After the huge success of the "Reefton Challenge" we are moving to Westport for 2 days of hard 4wding. See <u>4x4events.co.nz/index.php/</u><u>westport-challenge-2018/</u> for more information and entry form.

1 MAY - 31 OCTOBER

WHANGAMOMONA ROAD CLOSED

1 MAY - 1 DECEMBER

42 TRAVERSE CLOSED.

15 MAY 2018

KING OF THE CHASM. Limited to 15 vehicles. Entrys close Tuesday 1st May. See page 10 for details.

19 - 20 MAY 2018

2018 NZFWDA CONFERENCE & AGM. Invercargill, South Island. See details on page 8 of this issue.

1 - 3 JUNE 2018

ROUND 1 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Marlborough 4WD Club, venue Maruia.

6 - 7 JULY 2018

ROUND 2 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Shotover 4WD Club, venue Alexandra.

10 - 11 AUGUST 2018

ROUND 3 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by 4x4 Events Club, venue Christchurch.

14 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

ROUND 4 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by Nelson 4WD Club, venue Nelson.

12 - 13 OCTOBER 2018

ROUND 5 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE. Email <u>mainlandwinching@gmail.com</u> for entry form. Hosted by LROCO Club, venue Dunedin.

ARAC - News

SUTHERLAND'S TRACK

Following the announcement in the last issue of obtaining funds from the Back Country Fund, we can now report completion of the works at both the Northern end at Waikuku and the Southern end just north of Te Kopi at the Hurupi Stream.

So the whole track is now in the best state it has been in many a year, and Clubs can apply to ARAC Wairarapa for permits.

A proviso is that the track must be dry for at least 2 days before the proposed trip, and weather forecast dry for the actual day. This is simply to protect the track until it has a chance to settle.

Be in quick as the "Roar" will close it off for a period quite soon.

ARAC CONSTITUTION

As agreed at the last AGM, a sub-committee was set up to review the existing Constitution. That sub-committee has reported back and the resultant proposed rewrite of the Constitution has been circulated to Club Delegates.

If you have any interest in reviewing the proposals, please contact your Club delegate, or the ARAC Secretary – <u>secretary@arac.org.nz</u>

NEW HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

The new H&S requirements for the Akatarawa Forest have been in place for 6 weeks or more now over Xmas and the New Year, and appear to be working well.

If you have any questions on these, either address GW at the Upper Hutt Depot or ARAC via the website.

Anything you want to know about? E-mail <u>info@arac.org.nz</u>

SOURCE: ARAC NEWS-LET. News-Release of the Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Inc. Issue 11.6, January 2018 Westport Challenge 2018

14th and 15th of April - More into at 4x4events.co.nz



NEW ZEALAND'S HARDEST 4WD RACE KING OF THE CHASM - 5th May 2018

This is NOT for the faint hearted, this will test your truck and stamina to the limit!! Based 20km south of Reefton, we will have the pits and scrutineering at the Clark river end of the track on private land. Everyone will drive to the Gray river where there will be a prologue race to determine the main race order.

The race will be from the Gray to the Clark, fastest off the front 5 min apart and expected to take about 2 hours (this track has been known to take two days). We are using the "Mainland Winch Challenge" rule book. Two Classes.... TRUCK - Manufacturers chassis and recognizable body back to B pillar. No steering brakes. No hydraulic steering (must have mechanical linkage). No 4wheel steering. BUGGY - As long as the safety gear is there, anything goes Entrys close midnight Tuesday 1st May. Limited to 15 vehicles.Open to 4×4 Events Club Members or NZFWDA Association Members only. After the huge success of the "Reefton Challenge" we are moving to Westport for 2 days of hard 4wding....

NOVAWINCH WESTPORT CHALLENGE 2018 14th and 15th April

This is an orienteering type event, we give you a truck load of locations, with 2 compulsory per day, from grade 2 to 5. You as a team chose the locations and when you do them as you see fit. Points are awarded by taking photos of your team at the location as per the instructions. Points are per truck so if one breaks you can keep going with two.

For those of you that know about the "Camel Trophy" or the "Malaysian Rain Forrest Challenge", then think of that as a team's event. This Challenge will test your ability to work together to get through a series of challenges, designed to test the ingenuity, driving skills and team work of all involved.

You as a team will have to decide which tracks from grade 2 to 5+ you do and when you do them. The higher the grade, the harder the track, the more points you get per truck. There will be no marshals, you will need to be self sufficient as a team.

The weekend will have challenges including ruts, glades, dirt roads, swamp, forestry, river crossings, sand gullies, all which require group participation. You will be driving over public roads, riverbeds, private farmland and through forestry blocks.

Based from Westport Working Men's Club, each day you will travel to as many different locations as you chose, getting all vehicles to each location is the biggest challenge.

No Dogs allowed.

This is a club based teams event, open to all grades of teams.

LIMITED TO 20 TEAMS

TEAMS

- Teams consist of 3 vehicles and 6 members.
- Minimum of 1 GPS (smart phone)
- Minimum of 1 camera (smart phone)
- Crews must finish in the same team composition as they started. Replacement of and leaving behind crew members is not allowed.
- Drivers must be over 18 years of age and must have a full drivers license class 1.
- All teams must be insured against accident for road or touring sections.
- Drivers must be a member of a NZ 4wd Association Club.
- All standard club safety gear and rules to be followed.

VEHICLES

- Minimum 1 vehicle must be road legal.

- Non legal vehicles must be on a road legal trailer and towed by a road legal vehicle between stages.

- Minimum of 2 vehicles must have a winch.
- All vehicles require a current WOF and registration.

COST

\$450 (sounds expensive but works out at \$37.50 each per day, \$35 is food).

For that you get: 12 Lunches @ \$25 each; 12 Meals @ \$10 each; 1 book @ \$30.

WHAT TO DO NOW

- Fill out the form <u>here</u> (put TBA if you do not know the required info). Your conformation, info pack and payment details will be sent. Entries close 4th April.

- Pay the entry fee.
- Get your trucks ready
- Turn up with your forms on Friday 13th April.

Visit <u>4x4events.co.nz/index.php/king-of-the-chasm/</u>

Visit: <u>4x4events.co.nz/index.php/westport-challenge-2018/</u>

SOUTH WAIKATO FOUR WHEEL DRIV CLUB CANTEEN FUNDRAISER



Photos from Kaye Hobart, story from Lynda Tomalin

When South Waikato Four Wheel Drive Club members decided to host a fun day to fill a gap in the Nationals calendar, we never expected it to become a hugely profitable fundraiser.

Nearly \$6000 was raised for Canteen, a teen and young adult cancer support organisation.

A member of the club, Brett Felton, is currently undergoing cancer treatment and members were immediately supportive of such a great cause, so close to home.

Thirty-eight drivers turned up for the trial on November 18 at the Tomalin run off near Putaruru. Some drivers had travelled from as far away as Wellington.

The emphasis of the day was on fun, with 20 hazards. A monster speed section was pegged to entertain while the scores were collated and it delivered!

A great day was had by all, especially Brett who had the opportunity to drive Scott Biggs' NZ2 trials vehicle, with which he placed second behind Scott. Many thanks to Scott for his generous offer.

A number of Canteen volunteers who ran the BBQ and other fundraising efforts on the day also had a thrill, going for a ride in Russell Luders' vehicle. I suspect Russell had as much fun as they did.

We had a huge amount of support from local businesses in providing prizes for a raffle, including a toolbox and Weber BBQ.

The Club would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who was involved with the day, including competitors, marshalls and sponsors. It wouldn't have been possible without the contributions of many.

To Brett, an enthusiastic and keen member of our club, we wish you the very best for your treatment and the fight ahead.





Canteen Manawatu & Manawatu 4WD Club Fundraiser "TAG ALONG TOUR & CAMP OVER" 17 & 18 March Cost: \$200 per vehicle (2 people) INCLUDES: Tour, Camping, Saturday lunch & dinner, Sunday breakfast

Bookings & Info: Greg Booth 0272 560 470

LIMITED SPACES



National PRO

Grant Purdie

E: pro@nzfwda.org.nz

RONIs - Roads and Tracks of National Importance

In the last issue of Trail Torque we talked about this new initiative, inspired by Central Zone, where the National Exec would maintain a register of "RONIs".

The idea is that we identify priority land access matters of importance to the whole 4wd community throughout NZ, supporting local initiatives if this is welcomed, and coordinating between organisations and in particular government bodies and territorial authorities.

The concept is still in its early stages and evolving gradually. So far there are 23 tracks and roads in the register. Northern Zone mentioned that it has some more to add to this.

We don't even know if we'll publish this register, although it seems obvious that we should. It makes sense that it would be available publicly, especially for local and government authorities to see, and if we do that then we'll need to take great care that we have our facts right. Not an easy job!

Meanwhile please have a think about how this initiative could potentially help your local 4wd community to preserve access to tracks used by more than just your club, by raising their profile nationally.

tracks or roads for consideration as RONIs through their Zones or by email to access@nzfwda.org.nz

Land Access

The Zone PROs are still our leading crusaders with land access issues and we all applaud their efforts.

In my role as National PRO one of my 2018 objectives is to re-connect with the national bodies, carrying on the excellent work that Roger Seymour did in this area over the last few years.

My first focus will be DOC, the Walking Access Commission and the new government's Minister of Conservation. Any other suggestions of national contacts would be welcomed, please email me at access@nzfwda.org.nz

Health and Safety Guidelines

My first responsibility in the National PRO role has been helping to get the Association's H&S guidelines developed and published.

The legal review of our guidelines has now been done and we are working our way through the feedback and suggestions so that we can produce a final version and publish it.

This has been a very drawn-out project and it would be great if we could have the final product ready in advance of this year's conference and AGM.

As for the library of H&S documents, unfortunately there is little progress to report. Once we've published the guidelines then our hardy volunteers will hopefully have some time to resume work on the library of sample documents.

Other National Exec Projects

Just like all the other members of the National Exec, the National PRO is involved in other Exec activities to a greater or lesser extent.

The revamp of the Association's Constitution is one example. There is an intention to get some material ready to inform more discussion about this at the upcoming AGM.

We've also put some time into defining the necessary updates to the Association's website and database. Getting these accomplished is in this year's workplan.

And of course there is the conference and AGM, along with the President's Run which is a week-long 4wd trip from Picton to the conference venue in Invercargill. It has been rewarding working with Bobbie Kincaid, Russell Quin and John McDonald on content for the brochure we issued on 16 February, promoting these events and giving everyone information about bookings.

Wayne Buckthought

Phil Shailer

Grant Purdie National PRO, NZFWDA Inc.

Clubs are invited to propose any

Southern Zone President

Southern Zone PRO

2017/2018 NZFWDA Executive					
President	-	Neville Dunton		4	
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Scorer



Northern Zone President



John Hickey

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Dear All

I hope this finds you well and that you have been enjoying the summer and the chance to go four wheel driving.

Kauri Dieback

In the Northern Zone, there are issues about Kauri Dieback. The Waitakere Ranges in West Auckland are subject to a Rahui by local Iwi which I understand means a ban. The Auckland Council has closed some walking tracks but has left others open provided people use cleaning stations. As far as I am aware none of these tracks are four wheel drive tracks that we would normally use however the issues and the way this has been dealt with are relevant to all areas where there may be a risk of Kauri Dieback.

DOC

I understand DOC is surveying all tracks for Kauri Dieback before Management Agreements are put in place. They may also be assessing areas where there are currently agreements in place. I believe that we must show that we are behaving responsibly and sensitively to their concerns and of course general population concerns about Kauri Dieback to maintain and promote goodwill with DOC and the wider community.

I suggest that means it is very important that we make sure that we behave responsibly about Kauri Dieback by:

(a) Checking our vehicles before use on tracks;

(b) Cleaning vehicles before they go into tracks and as soon as possible after they come out by cleaning them in places where they will not cause problems. (No cleaning in the local river and no cleaning where there is any risk that the cleaning will spread Kauri Dieback.)

Maratoto

I understand that DOC has assessed Maratoto for Kauri Dieback and may be carrying out a second assessment. I will have to talk further with DOC about this. We all need to be aware that there is a real risk of Kauri Dieback being found on the Coromandel Peninsula and that we need to act responsibly to assist DOC in doing what it can to stop Kauri Dieback. Part of that means that all groups using Maratoto (not just members of the Four Wheel Drive Association), including four wheel drivers who are not members of the Association, as motor bikers, horse riders and trampers. If we don't work together on this to minimise the risk of Kauri Dieback there is a real risk that the track will be shut to all groups.

Hull Road

You may know that work is being carried out on your behalf on Hull Road and payment has been approved – we are just waiting for the bill.

National AGM

You will be aware that the AGM is to be held in Invercargill this year on the week of 19-20 May 2018. At the Northern Zone meeting on 10 February 2018 we discussed this. I was particularly concerned about the cost of members travelling to Invercargill. The alternative may be to travel to Queenstown and to drive from Queenstown to Invercargill and back. (I am aware that some members are doing this and if people can link up to do this it will save money where this is possible, for example, people might share the hire of a car or rental van.)

There is also a President's Run to be organised by John McDonald from Nelson/Blenheim/ Picton, see the conference information and the NZFWDA website.

To assist Northern Zone attendance at Zone level we have set aside a pool of \$2,000 to be divided between Zone Clubs attending the conference. Our expectation is that each Club might receive a subsidy of about \$100-\$150 as a contribution towards their costs, claims to be submitted after attendance of the AGM. If you want some assistance to travel please contact Eileen our Zone Secretary who should collate matters or another member of the Zone Executives.

Central Zone Jamboree

The Central Zone held a Jamboree on the weekend of Wellington Anniversary (the weekend before Auckland Anniversary Weekend) so 20 to 22 January 2018. My wife Penny and I drove down in our Camel (109) on the Friday and joined others for an informal dinner on the Friday evening. After dinner we went down to the river where some drove across the other side. A vehicle got stuck and was towed out and had to spend the night on the other side of the river. I cut a tyre on the rocks on the river bank and now I need a Wrangler MT2 Mud tyre.

On Saturday night we went on a trip up to the North Range Road to the local windmills which seemed to have grown since the last time I was up there, up Takaparui Road into the clouds and DOC huts. That evening, there was a BBQ at the Ashhurst Domain where many people were camping.

On the Sunday there was a McKenzie Trail trip and also a Foxton Beach trip however Penny had to be back for work on Monday so we decided to head home.

It was very enjoyable. The terrain was different from some of our northern tracks. Clouds meant we didn't get some of the views in the late afternoon that could have been spectacular. It was an enjoyable weekend. Central say that it is likely to be an annual event and if so, you might want to try and put it in your calendar for next year. If you are not in the Central Zone then you will need to contact the Central Zone to see whether you can join.

On other matters last weekend Penny and I joined a group of Series1 Landrovers in my 1956 107. Great fun. On the way home we got a puncture on a downhill near Matamata –fast heavy trucks meant I couldn't stop until the tyre was wrecked. Only afterwards did I realise that when changing the tyre I should have used the fluoro jacket I always carry in each of my vehicles. So whatever you are doing, remember Health and Safety and maybe carry a fluoro jacket if you don't already?

Regards

John Hickey Northern Zone President

Southern Zone President



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I'm sitting at home in Dunedin listening to the thunder and watching the lightning out the window with the rain pelting down on the conservatory roof. Quite a change thank goodness from last week when I spent a perfect week both weather wise and four wheel driving wise out of Twizel in the McKenzie Country.

Thanks to the Otago Recreational Four Wheel Drive Club who organized this event for around 40 vehicles. There is a lot to be said for turning up to an event like this where all you have to do is organize some accommodation with options made available to you and supply your own breakfast. Everything else is organized. For two blokes on a trip like this is Heaven.

Apart from the amazing places we visited meeting fellow 4wdrivers from all over New Zealand it was a real treat and renewing old acquaintance that I had met on other Safaris over the years is always a great experience. This really brought home to me the value of Clubs who go out of their way to make events like this possible and help bring together people who enjoy the outdoors, four wheel driving and don't have the resources or knowledge to get into some of the places that we visited. You always learn something on these trips and for me spending a day



John McDonalds vehicle in the snow. Lake Benmore is in the background. What a view!

on a track that I had never been on before was one of the many highlights.

So to GT, Greg and the rest of the crew who lead the trips and did all the work behind the scenes. Thank You.

On that note you should all be aware that the Conference is being held in Invercargill this year and details have been sent out of the Presidents Run that John McDonald has organized from the Top of the South to Invercargill. Johns trips are always well organized and a lot of fun. Give some serious thought to coming to the Conference and what better way to get there than on a four wheel drive safari.

I hope to see a number of you at Conference.

Russell Quin Southern Zone President.



A stop along the way to admire the Cass Valley on the way to Memorial Hut.



Hidden Lake in the Oteake Conservation Park. Not quite 2000 metres around 1980 metres that's high! The party was split in two. The other party claimed they found an extra bit of the Mountain and drove up a track to around 2100 metres. Well done to them! that's probably as high as you can go in a Four Wheel Drive in NZ.



Central Zone President

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Central Zone Jamboree

Late last year the Central Zone Committee decided to hold a Jamboree after finding some spare money in the budget. A Jamboree is about bringing people together to enjoy 4 wheeling. In this case we had 3 days and 2 evenings of 4WD fun.

We had attendees from Auckland to Wellington and for most it was a great weekend. 34 people and 23 trucks registered for the weekend. We ran 7 trips over the weekend.

Friday night was an informal get together and the plan was to watch a few videos, but heavy showers drove us away from the outdoor theatre, then off for a cruise up the river, this was the least successful of the outings. Saturday and Sunday saw the group split into half for 2 quite different trips. Monday we all came together again for some fun at the local off road racing track before heading to a nearby cafe for a late farewell morning coffee before departing for home. To those people that helped make this event the success it was, thank you.

A thank you also for those people who

came along to enjoy some 4wding as some of you did some big mileages to get here.

Yes, we will be doing it again next year with pretty much the same format, so if you are interested, mark the Wellington Anniversary weekend in your calendar.

Zone AGM

Next meeting for the Central Zone Committee will be our AGM. Check with your Club delegate to see when and where the meeting is and come along and see what happens.

Your Clubs AGM will be coming soon also, so maybe you could stand up and become your Clubs Zone Delegate. Being the Zone Delegate doesn't mean you have to go to National Conference but of course you would be welcomed there as well.

National Conference

The National Conference for NZFWDA is coming up in May and you will have seen mention of it in other places. Remember National Conference is not just for delegates but anyone in the Association. The AGM takes place at the conference and is only a small part of the weekend, the rest is about meeting people with a common interest and taking part in some 4wd related events.

PRS repeaters

Last column I wrote about PRS repeaters and supporting them by donating money. Since then I found this map which will show you where the PRS repeaters are:

https://www.google.com/ maps/d/viewer?mid=1-vtNTf_QIj-K8Fa2vL8qJpnbAT4&shorturl=1&II=-40.384692243908276%2C175.7362758 4609378&z=6

In the workshop

During the Jamboree I realised that the way I had installed my winch and dual batteries had a big flaw in it as I never need to do a long winch thanks to the Discovery's great off road abilities, so I finally got around to installing a second alternator.

Looking forward to meeting you at the National Conference.

Max Wheatley President Central Zone

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