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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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Dear Members....

42 Traverse is **CLOSED**

4WD vehicles are restricted to the summer months from 1st December to 30th April. Thank you to the volunteers who keep this track open - next working bee is on the 17-18 November - see page 12 for details.

Acheron Road is **CLOSED**

Located in Molesworth Station in the Marlborough region Between Labour weekend and early April, you can drive through Molesworth Station on the Acheron Road.

Maratoto is **CLOSED**

All off road tracks in the Maratoto area are now CLOSED to ALL vehicles. This includes the Whangamata (Wires) Track, Loop Road, Waipaheke and all tracks off these tracks. This closure is by order of the Department of Conservation and is due to Kauri Die Back.

Old Whangamomona Road is **CLOSED**

The Old Whangamomona Road is closed from 1st May until the 31st October (The Road has been subjected to many slips and may still be closed after this date - check with the locals). Thank you to the volunteers who keep this track open.

Rainbow Station Road is **CLOSED**

Rainbow Station Road is now CLOSED to the public for the offseason due to winter weather conditions and farm operations. The road is often unpassable and the gates are locked. The road normally re-opens for public access on Boxing Day 26th December 2018.

The NEW ZEALAND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION

Values the highest safety standards before, during and after all 4WD activities.

Endorses respect and care while participating in 4WD activities in the Environment.

Acknowledges the contribution of its members and their values.

Values and respects land owners and land users.

Encourages non-discrimination of all participants.

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.

50th Year of Haast

Sent in by Russell Quin - Land Rover Owners Club Otago



With a good number of members turning up for this annual trip and the long range weather forecast promising sunshine and more sunshine it was guaranteed to be a great weekend of four wheel driving, and for others a relaxing non off road weekend and a catch up with Club members.

Day 1 Friday – Barn Bay (Not Quite)
The kitchen was a hive of industry as breakfast was organised, food and drink packed up for the days trip and people generally coming and going as gear was moved outside and into vehicles.

The outside air temperature was pretty cool, it was still dark and a clear sky as we finished packing the truck. Departure time for Barn Bay was on the board as 07:30 and most people were standing around ready to go. As the convoy got organised to depart, Bob was making numerous phone calls to get the gate key as it wasn't available the previous evening. After playing phone tag underneath the new cell tower in Haast Central we reverted

to Plan B and played catch up with the convoy.

We headed down the tarseal onto the gravel road, stopping to unload the truck at the gravel pit. From here we drove alongside the Jackson and came across the Range Rover Sport parked up on the side of the road with a tyre issue. Team Finigan opted to unload TRUCTOR off the trailer and carry on and sort the tyre issue out on the return journey at the end of the day's trip.

We weaved our way up to the summit, the view from the top across the Cascade Valley was awesome. We made our way down the twisting gravel road and joined the rest of the convoy who were eagerly waiting in the usual spot near the house.

Once the remaining vehicles had been unloaded off their trailers, the group congregated for the driver's briefing. Briefing over, we headed down to the Cascade river crossing. The water level was well down but as we made

the crossing you could still feel the force of the current as you drove thru a deep hole. While waiting for all the trucks to cross it was a good opportunity to get a few photos of those still traversing the Cascade.

As we regrouped, Thomas indicated he was keen to leave dad and have a ride in TRUCTOR. Neal and Mike got him settled in the passenger's seat where Thomas took up the position of navigator and would spend the day travelling with Neal until we returned back to the river crossing. We came to the first tributary crossing with water flowing thru it, climbed our way up the bank, thru the gate and onto the farm track. With Jack out in front we weaved our way down the track and into the clearing. The creeks were low and the ground conditions were extremely dry.

We already had advance notice that the track down into the Hope River was gone and we would need the shovel and pick brigade to create a new track. This meant the foot was



down on the pedal wasting no time getting to the hut to formulate a plan. As we progressed thru the creeks, bush and dense foliage it was becoming clear that there had been few if any 4WD groups on the track for quite some time. We made a couple of stops to clear the track with the use of chain saws and manual labour and also to enjoy morning tea in the sun. Due to the dry conditions and the quality of the track the convoy made quick time on getting to the Hut.

The aim was to have lunch at Barn Bay and commemorate the 50 year achievement of the Club making it to the Coast. We parked up on the track and went to check out the entrance into the Hope. Yep the track was gone, a drop off was all that was left. Jack then tried a detour to the right thru the trees, actually into a long bog, a very sucky boggy long bog. While negotiating the bog, Jack got very stuck while trying to winch thru the hazard. He ended blowing a hydraulic hose coupling on his winch resulting in a lot of hydraulic fluid leaking out. After repairing the hydraulic line the boys discovered that Jack had put a branch thru his oil cooler. The boys bypassed the oil cooler and double purchased the truck from the bog.

After a meeting of the minds and some more evaluation of the situation, it was decided that a rebuild of the track was not going to be a happening thing today. We would not be crossing the Hope and driving out onto the beach to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Club getting to Barn Bay. NEARLY THERE but not quite. Perhaps a camp-in on site at Xmas and a new track building effort further up the track or perhaps we do a recce before next year's Haast trip and find another day trip with new challenges. Just ideas thrown into the conversation as we headed back to the hut.



Before we left, Cory took some great drone footage that showed the state of the drop off into the Hope and an overall view of the surrounding area. At 13:45 the convoy was turned around and headed back out to the Cascade, nothing too challenging on the way out, same as the mornings trip in, the track was in good order, just the odd challenge on a couple of corners and steep inclines that threw up the odd boulder.

We reached the Cascade in glorious sunshine, once across the other side, we stopped at the vehicle park and had a chat to the local possum hunter while Jack loaded TQYETA onto the trailer. From here the convoy departed thru the gate and headed back to Haast. At 16:30 we pulled up beside the Rangy and the boys assisted Neal with his tyre changing exercise. The decision was made to unhook his

trailer and put it on the back of Rob Chapmans Nissan to save any further stress with the space saver on the sport.

We arrived back at the gravel pit at 17:10 after clocking up 104 km's round trip with minimal, if any damage done to vehicles on today's trip. Friday night saw us get together in the Lodge for some socialising, a catch up on the day and a viewing of Mike and Cory's digital footage on the trip. Geoff & Jan and Neil & Rona had now arrived in camp.

Day 2 Saturday – The Jackson. Today Rob Chapman would head off to join the family for the remainder of the weekend having only come over to do the Barn Bay trip, Geoff would claim the passenger's seat in Neal's truck.

We left camp at 08:00 in very cold and brisk conditions, the sky was clear and indicated we were going to enjoy another sunny day. The convoy made it's way down the tarseal coming across pockets of frost on the road. Some of the guys pulled into the gravel pit, unloaded their trucks and then caught up with the rest of the convoy.

We pulled off the gravel road and made our way to the river's edge, well we did, unlike Ray who got stuck and tried to discreetly put his hubs in without being spotted. While some put on chains the rest contemplated a crossing point and then the drivers briefing was held. With the formalities out of the way it was time to head across the Jackson.

The Jackson was running extremely low, we wanted to cut across to the track we had found 2 years earlier and had done some bush clearing. While looking at options, a call came over the radio from Ray suggesting he was in a spot of difficulty further up from where we were parked. At speed vehicles arrived at the scene to find Ray had fallen into a majorly deep hole with water having reached half way up the windscreen. The newly refurbished Cruiser was pulled onto dry land and water gushed from the inside out as the doors were flung open. Ray and Stan said they were fine and soggy and set out getting the Cruiser running after it's dunking and sorting out wet gear.

The convoy converged at the lower crossing point, tyres were deflated and gear moved off the floor so it didn't get wet if water came thru. The climb out was a bit tricky as a tree at the top of the bank seemed to jump out at you once you put the foot to the floor to make the climb up and out. Tree hugger took on a whole new meaning, panel damage avoided we took our place in line on the bush track. Ray and Stan re-joined the convoy once they got the truck sorted and running smoothly. We regrouped and drove thru the foliage onto the main track.

The Jackson, like the Barn Bay track also appeared to have had no recent 4WD activity over it, the overhanging foliage and growth up the middle of the track was a good indicator of this. We headed up the muddy track



alongside the Jackson, weaving in and out of the trees and over obstacles. We made it to the long bog in record time, not a lot had changed, it was still a long and swampy bog. Some opted to take the track round the bog while the rest of us lined up and drivers picked their line.

Whether you made it to the end of the bog and out the other side or not, it didn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm and enjoyment of giving it a go. It wasn't only the vehicles that got covered in mud, the odd person also surfaced a little worse for wear covered in the brown stuff.

Mark Koop's was balanced over Jack's bonnet assisting with his winch when he lost his grip and slipped into the bog, he didn't exactly come up smelling of roses.

Once out of the bog the convoy congregated out in the paddock ready to take on their next challenge, pick a line, any line and put your foot down. Black smoke and the squealing of belts filled the air as drivers negotiated the boggy paddock and tried to avoid the trees and stumps.

No sooner had one made it thru the paddock, they would turn around and winch out someone who had tried to take the same path but had got stuck in the ruts – boys and their toys having fun.

From the paddock the vehicles traversed down the gut (which offered a bit of a challenge), across the small creek and took on the hill. In past



years this route has been like carnage alley. Today the track appeared in pretty good order. Over the top we went taking the sharp right to ensure we didn't end up in the off camber hole directly in front of the exit.

We re-grouped and stopped for lunch in the sun, Cory took the opportunity to get some more drone footage while the group sat and chatted, or in Gazza's case, found a soft plant, laid back and had a sleep in the sun. At 13:11 we headed off thru the trees and down the narrow track finally coming to the first river crossing. The crossing was littered with logs and uprooted trees, the entry down into the crossing wasn't as steep as in previous years. We slowly rattled and bounced our way across trying to avoid getting hung up on boulders and logs. The convoy carried on up thru the rocky track and back into the bush coming out into a clearing.

We were soon at the second and last crossing and broke out of the bush across the river and into the clearing a few kilometres up from where we had started earlier in the day.

We arrived back at the gravel pit at 15:00 after clocking up 79 km's round trip with a few dings and Brent having replaced a Tie Rod in transit. Saturday night, party night with a BBQ / pot luck tea along with a few celebration drinkies. A fantastic tea was followed by the cutting of cakes by the youngest member (Thomas Adam) and the longest serving member on the trip (Bob).



Following dinner we sat round the fire, Mike said a few words followed by Bob giving an overview on the club's road trip to Barn Bay over the years and answering questions from the group which revealed it was definitely a Non PC time back then.

Unfortunately John Finigan (Neal's dad) who was also one of the original group to embark on this adventure was meant to be travelling with Neal for the weekend but had to cancel at the last minute due to work commitments.

Thanks has to go to everyone for bringing along great food for the pot luck and getting into the spirit of the event, Geoff and Phill who ran the BBQ, Jan who baked 2 fabulous cakes for the event and the boy's who insisted on doing all the dishes and clean up.

Day 3 Sunday – Copper Mine Creek
Can you believe it, another cold, chilly start but the promise of another stunner day. Today would see Colin and Debbie have a mud free day and opt out and Chris and Thomas McKay would get time challenged and require a chase up to make the trip.

We departed camp a bit later and made our way to the Waita river, drivers and passengers sorted their gear, threw on their chains etc in preparation for the boggy tracks ahead. When doing a vehicle count it was found that Chris and Thomas were missing. Eventually the boys fronted up, the drivers briefing was held and we headed upstream and drove up on the grassy track. Not surprisingly, the climb up out and onto the track was hassle free, like the Jackson the Waita was running extremely low.

We headed along the track towards the trees with drivers either opting to take the inside track in the bush or drop down onto the river flat coming back onto the clearing in front of the bush track. Full noise could be heard from vehicles making their way down the track.

Ray took on a steep incline at full power and lots of air under his front wheels before coming back down to ground zero. Cory happened to be standing directly in front of the Cruiser



and caught the moment on his phone. As Ray drove off to the next hazard a disturbing noise could be heard coming from underneath his truck. We regrouped out in the clearing and Ray confirmed he had done some damage (taken teeth off the rear crown wheel). Result – Go Hard & Go Home, Ray crossed my palm with cash for the fine session and team Cruiser said their goodbyes and headed for home.

We drove up river to the entrance of the Copper Mine Creek track, stopped for morning tea in the sun and had a bit of chat. Time was called and we made our way in single file into the dense foliage and drove up the track. Some drivers would opt out and take the less volatile option and save their panels and winches from further damage / wear and tear while the rest would carry on up the track.

Those who opted out of taking on the Copper Mine track acted as rope runners, tree clearers, guides and generally provided assistance to get the remaining trucks to the end of the track.

The long bogs, slippery gradients and trees are an excellent mix for testing your driving skills. We made our way along the track working to make progress thru each obstacle with the help of the support crew scattered along the track. The quiet of the bush was replaced with the sound of vehicles going hard out as progress was made thru the obstacles.

Mike was experiencing overheating problems in the Prado and was trying to keep the water up to the engine area to keep the temperature down. He identified the issue being a failed viscous coupling.

The last couple of hazards saw the convoy caught up and thanks to Dave Kerr the end of the track had been cleared of overhanging branches and trees blocking the exit point. Finally the front of the convoy moved forward and made their way out of the bush onto open ground to traverse the boggy paddock and regroup.

Carrying on up to Red Hut via the creek allowed everyone to wash their windscreens and tyres etc after the race over the paddock. From here it was lunch at Red Hut in the sun and a review of the morning's trip.



With lunch out of the way we packed up and headed out at 14:30. The downhill river race provided a "drive thru" car wash service allowing drivers to clean their vehicles before heading out onto the tarseal. Vehicles were loaded on their trailers. Today we had covered 117 km's.

The camp car park was turned into a hive of activity as vehicles were repacked, tyres changed, maintenance work carried out and vehicles and trailers made ready for the trip home the next morning.

Neal's truck and trailer would be put on the back of Geoff and Jan's Ranger to be towed back to Oamaru rather than Neal risking further issues on the Range Rover on the trip home.

After tea we congregated in the lounge and had a few bebies. We celebrated Brent's birthday with left over cake and lollies. Bob ran a Sheriff's Session where he successfully encouraged others to "snitch" on their mates to generate \$70 in fines.

Day 4 Monday – Head for Home

We departed from Haast by 08:00 and headed over the pass, when we pulled into Cromwell it was freezing. The trip thru from the outskirts of Alex to Roxburgh was stunning, a hore frost would be an understatement and it was hard to see in front of you with the fog and the entire landscape being in whiteout conditions.

Eventually we left the white out conditions behind us and Mike lead us over the bridge at Millers Flat for lunch at the old Four Square Shop (now a café). Lunch over and it was in the truck and heading for home.

The trip home was uneventful, Neal didn't have any further tyre issues and made it home in the Rangy without having to take up the Hall boy's offer to put his truck on their trailer and drive their Nissan home if he had further tyre issues.

That was our trip, another great weekend on the Coast of Four Wheel Driving and Socialising.

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

1 MAY - 31 OCTOBER

WHANGAMOMONA ROAD CLOSED

1 MAY - 1 DECEMBER

42 TRAVERSE CLOSED.

14 - 15 SEPTEMBER 2018

ROUND 4 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE.

Email mainlandwinching@gmail.com for entry form.

Hosted by Nelson 4WD Club, venue Nelson.

29 SEPTEMBER 2018

GOUGH GROUP PAIRS EVENT. Hosted by Mt Egmonth 4 Wheel Drive Club. See poster page 9 for details.

12 - 13 OCTOBER 2018

ROUND 5 MAINLAND SUPERWINCH CHALLENGE.

Email mainlandwinching@gmail.com for entry form.

Hosted by LROCO Club, venue Dunedin.

19 - 22 OCTOBER 2018 (Labour weekend).

NOVAWINCH 'Battle of the Palace - Teams Event 2018'

Hosted by Norwest OHV Club at Possum Palace in Northland. THIS IS A NON SPECTATOR EVENT. The event is open to drivers who are members of the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association (NZFWDA). Trucks will have to meet Norwest OHV Club requirements and extreme mud tyres are compulsory. More in depth details are included with the entry forms. The event is limited to 12 teams. The cost per Team is \$450. Gates open on Friday 19th, competition runs over Sat 20th and Sunday 21st October (Monday 22nd is a holiday). All competitors are in with a chance of a sponsor prize as drivers names are drawn randomly, so whether you're first or last you could still walk away with the top prize. For more information email possumpalace4x4@gmail.com

10 NOVEMBER 2018

ROUND ONE NATIONAL TRIAL SERIES. Hosted by Valley 4WD Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more details.

17 - 18 NOVEMBER 2018

42 TRAVERSE WORKING BEE. This year we will be focusing on the use of scrubcutters (with guards and PPE) and polesaws as our mechanical tools. Read more on page 12 or visit the website www.friendsof42traverse.nz

24-25 NOVEMBER 2018

NOVAWINCH 2018 MANUKAU WINCH CHALLENGE.

Hosted by Manukau 4WD Club Saturday stages, Saturday night stages and half day Sunday at last year's venue in Maramarua. Three classes: Challenge, Outlaw, and Club Class. Is open to all MC class vehicles. Running under 4x4 Challenges Inc rules. Email inquiries to events@manukau4wd.org.nz or refer to website; www.manukau4wd.org.nz

1 DECEMBER 2018

ROUND TWO - NATIONAL 4X4 TRIALS SERIES.

"Extreme 4X4 Trials hosted by Manawatu 4WD Club, an awesome trial to come and see some 4X4 action up close.

18 - 21 JANUARY 2019

CENTRAL ZONE JAMBOREE 2019.

More details on page 9.

19 OR 20 JANUARY 2019 (date to be confirmed)

ROUND THREE NATIONAL TRIAL SERIES. Hosted by South Waikato 4WD Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more details.

9 FEBRUARY 2019

ROUND FOUR NATIONAL TRIAL SERIES. Hosted by Waikato Four Wheel Drive Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more details.

9 - 10 MARCH 2019

Manawatu 4WD Club Canteen Fundraiser. 2 days of farm tours, river trips and new areas this year. Camping again at the Apiti School Friday and Saturday nights. Details to come. Contact Greg Booth on 027 256 0470 to register your interest and the put the dates in your calendars now.

16 OR 17 MARCH 2019 (date to be confirmed)

ROUND FIVE NATIONAL TRIAL SERIES. Hosted by Bay of Plenty Four Wheel Drive Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more details.

6 - 7 APRIL 2019

AUCKLAND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE CLUB INC are celebrating 50 years of four wheeling and invite past members to join us for the occasion. Planning is still underway for venues etc. To make that initial contact with Auckland 4WD please email to anniversary@auckland4wd.org.nz

13 APRIL 2019

ROUND SIX NATIONAL TRIAL SERIES. Hosted by Mt Egmont 4Wheel Drive Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more details.

11 - 12 MAY 2019

NZFWDA NATIONAL CONFERENCE AND AGM hosted by Manawatu 4WD Club. Great location and great trips planned.

JUNE 2019

4X4 & OUT DOOR SHOW(PLUS SWAP MEET) Hosted by the Central Districts 4x4 Club over two days. Exact date to be confirmed soon. Palmerston North at the Pascal St Stadium This will be a great opportunity to see what's out there and meet up with like minded people. There will be static Club displays, trade stands, outdoor & recreation stands etc. Any one who would like to participate or has any constructive ideas please contact any member of the Central Districts 4x4 Club or Trevor Hendra 027 444 3945

6 - 9 FEBRUARY 2020

WHANGAREI 4WD CLUB JAMBOREE. Mid-North (Kaikohe area) see poster on page 9 for details.

Central Zone Jamboree 2019

FRIDAY 18TH TO MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2019

Registrations are open and a few have taken the opportunity to register. We do need to restrict numbers so first in first served. Time table will look something like this but it is bound to change:

Friday evening: Greeting and informal get together, BYO BBQ (confirmed). Night run

Saturday / Sunday: We will be offering a "hard" and a "shinney" trip at the same time.

Trip into private forestry block, part of this trip will be a number of demonstrations stages that would be run in the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge, this is your chance to see what this event is about and gauge your readiness (confirmed). We will provide you a catered BBQ on Saturday and Sunday night (confirmed).

Saturday night we will do another night run.

Monday: Fast laps and a little river trip (confirmed).

We are doing things a little different though:

- **Numbers will be limited to 30 trucks.**

- Entry is to NZFWDA members only, so if your mate wants to come along get them into a Club now.

We will be a little harder on truck capabilities, Club kit and suitable tyres, we don't want to turn people away from a trip but...

So how much?

\$100 truck and 2 people for the complete weekend as above, \$40 for each additional person.

Kids under 12 free.

The cost includes any land access fees and Saturday and Sunday night BBQ and camp fees. There maybe a couple of events that will be "user pays" and therefore optional.

You can commit now by paying a \$20 non refundable deposit in to the Central Zone Bank account 01-0755-0167087-00, use your name and "Jamboree" as a reference and email the Central Zone Treasurer Shona Stone alan_shona@xtra.co.nz to let her know.

Auckland Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. are celebrating

50 years

of four wheeling over the weekend of 6/7 April 2019 and invite past members to join us for the occasion. Planning is still underway for venues etc. but knowing the level of interest in attending is important to that planning!

Going back through past editions of the club's magazine 'Twin Diffs' is a reminder of the many adventures over those 50 years; come and help us relive them.

To make that initial contact with Auckland 4WD please email to anniversary@auckland4wd.org.nz



SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER GOUGH GROUP PAIRS EVENT

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!



300 Lower
Durham Road,
Inglewood

9am Start

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children

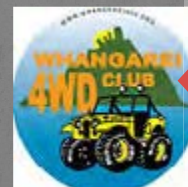
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Whangarei
4WD Club's
50th Anniversary
Year

Save the dates
6 to 9 February
2020

Mid-North
(Kaikohe) area

Camping only – Limited numbers
Association members only
Register your interest on our Facebook page
Whangarei 4WD Club

CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE

Article and photos by Andrew Gee



2017-18 Season Wrap-up
Season seven,
seventh heaven.

The next Season of the Central Zone Club Truck Challenge (CTC) is due to start in October in Taranaki. We finished the 2017-18 season with really close results and sixteen people had scores from three or more Rounds to put them in the running for overall Series positions. Only seven points separated Marty Green, Mark Smith, Dave McGinnity and Andrew Gee at the end of the five Rounds.

Judith Hintz was awarded the McMinn Trophy by the NZFWDA at this year's Conference to celebrate her continued participation in 4wd Club events, including the CTC, and the ongoing support of the whole Hintz family. The Wairarapa 4WD Club organized a surprise award presentation for Judith and a winter drive and campout at Hintzy's farm in June.

Our furthest foray North was put on by the Desert Defenders Club near Ohakune and Stouty organized a good weekend away with next to no notice.

It is interesting to note the level of modification of the top 6 overall place getters, 4 of them are in the lightly modified Class 2 trucks. It shows that how well you drive has a lot to do with getting good results rather than what you drive.

Mark and Brendan Watchorn are the engine room behind the Series and have been working hard to put together a calendar for this coming Season, it has four events so far, starting on October 27 in Taranaki, followed by Feilding on November 18. After Christmas we will go to Ohakune in February and Capital Cruisers Club intend to bring the competition to Wellington.

Information including the vehicle requirements can be found at www.czctc.org.nz. Any questions can be posted to the Events forum on the NZFWDA website.



Steve Stewart



Andrew Gee



Alan Stone



Dave McGinnity



Mark Smith

2017-18 Season Overall Results

Position	Driver	Club	Class	Points
1	Marty Green	Capital Cruisers	4	300
2	Mark Smith	Wairarapa	2	297
3	Dave McGinnity	Windy City	2	296
4	Andrew Gee	Wgtn Jeep	3	293
5	Alan Stone	Mt Egmont	2	285
6	Brendan Watchorn	Manawatu	2	284
7	Steve Stewart	Feilding	3	283
8	Dave Hintz	Manawatu	3	281
9	Neil Blackie	CCVC	3	280
10	Bruce Tustin	Wgtn Jeep	3	279
11	Mark Watchorn	Manawatu	2	277
12	Ross Gregory	Wairarapa	1	277
13	Shona Stone	Mt Egmont	2	268
14	Judith Hintz	Manawatu	1	267
15	Joe Stevens	Wairarapa	3	265
16	Matt Liang	Wairarapa	1	259

Central Zone Club Truck Challenge is a challenge series for registered & warranted 4wd vehicles driven by members of the NZFWDA.

Information about the Series can be found at www.czctc.org.nz and the Rules for the event can be found here: <http://www.czctc.org.nz/asset/downloadasset?id=d046bf49-26c1-42b2-b828-b82c8ec3db5f>



Judith Hintz



Marty Green



Brendan Watchorn



NOVAWINCH

2018 Manukau Winch Challenge

24-25TH NOV 2018
Maramarua

ALL NEW STAGES
Saturday
Saturday night
Sunday half day

PRIZE GIVING
midday Sunday

Hosted by :



www.manukau4wd.org.nz

Enquiries or entry forms Email: events@manukau4wd.org.nz

PRIZES

1st place Club Class
Novawinch NVT12000

1st place Challenge Class (Open)
Novawinch Pro11800

1st place Modified Class (Outlaw)
Novawinch Pro12500

It's tough being a volunteer

I've been involved with four wheeling for some thirty years and over that time there's been a fair bit of effort put into projects to build the image and investment of four wheeling as a 'responsible' recreation that would like to continue having some access to public lands.

I've been reminded recently that not every project has the desired effect as shown at Maratoto on the Coromandel where an effort supported by Clubs over nearly ten years saw the planting of more than 700 young Kauri trees and other native species, only to have the area closed now because of the risk of infection by the Kauri dieback disease!

It's not a four wheel drive exclusive project, but the creation of the group 'Friends of 42 Traverse Inc.' back in 2016, was to create an organization to work with the Department of Conservation (DOC) to help maintain the iconic route across the Tongariro Forest in the central North Island. Annual 'cut back' projects had been organized for many years in an attempt to keep the route clear of overgrowing vegetation that threatens to make travel along the 48 kilometres only possible with the sacrifice of paintwork on vehicles and personal lacerations if unprotected by bodywork.

Again, this year another cut back is planned for 17/18 of November with the aim of starting at the Owango end. Some past years have had strong support from DOC with personnel and

tools to complement the chainsaws and brush/scrubcutters provided by our volunteers. Health and Safety processes have been a part of the planning each year and while DOC have had some internal policies around chainsaws in particular, they've previously accepted our use of such tools as long as the appropriate personal protection equipment (PPE) was worn by operators. Anticipating a probable requirement for some level of training, some members of at least two large 4WD Clubs in Auckland spent a weekend a few years ago doing formal 'Unit Standard' chainsaw training. Discussion with DOC during August has them now taking a strong stand on chainsaw use in line with their corporate H&S policies and it puts the use of chainsaws by volunteers almost into the 'too hard basket'.

The rules being applied by DOC for the 42 Traverse clearing of vegetation are that anyone operating a chainsaw must hold the Unit Standards 6916 and 6917. To achieve those involves a minimum of ten hours classroom and practical work at a cost of up to \$300 per person. Subsequent to that training, DOC require a 'competency assessment' over several hours of observed use of a chainsaw. That assessment can be done by a DOC approved external supplier in some locations at a cost of around \$150 per person. Oh, and each chainsaw user needs to have a current first aid certificate!

So, to volunteer to cut back trees etc. with a chainsaw on DOC lands there's

a significant cost in time and money. I understand that the competency assessment is tough, with the risk of a few errors making the earlier investment a waste.

Powered alternatives are brush/scrubcutters which have a less arduous training process to conform to DOC requirements. They've created a Competency Guideline that requires a self-assessment page of questions and a follow-up observation session. You can find the guidelines on www.friendsof42traverse.nz. It should be noted that once 'competency' has been achieved, that qualifies an operator to conduct the 'observation' component for others.

At the time of writing, the use of 'polesaws' is not specifically regulated by DOC, but I understand that some basic rules are in the pipeline. Hopefully I've not discouraged those who want to volunteer to keep the 42 Traverse open, as you are certainly needed... just be aware that it's probably impractical to bring a chainsaw. For that reason this year we will be focusing on the use of scrubcutters (with guards and PPE) and polesaws as our mechanical tools. There are plans to have DOC staff assisting who will conduct the 'observation' sessions for scrubcutters and be equipped with chainsaws to handle the 'bigger stuff'.

Peter Vahry
Chairman, Friends of 42 Traverse Inc.
Life Member NZFWDA

2018/2019 NZFWDA Executive

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It is important to check from time to time just what it is that our 4wd community expects from us, and from the National PRO perspective this year's AGM in Invercargill was too good an opportunity to miss. There was an open-floor discussion and some excellent ideas and feedback were provided from many of those present.

As our constitution is somewhat lightweight on the role of the National PRO and almost totally silent on land access, these were obvious topics for discussion.

Words from the floor about land access included "Negotiation with land owners, clubs, lobbying and government bodies. National body should provide support - legal advice, insurance, share our success and failures, what has worked in the past, what didn't - lots of information held in members heads. There was a suggestion that there might be useful discussion with Maori and Iwi about formal opportunities to access Maori held land. General consensus the Association should not be involved in individual tracks, nor owning land. Possibly best option is for management / leasing (maintain / retain access) whereby current members pay for current access – create a common master template plan for use by the Clubs (Management Agreements)".

Similarly, words from the floor about the role of the National PRO included "Wellington based, developing relationships with formal organisations (Government, DOC, etc) and individuals that influence change. We need to Improve our profile image differentiating our clubs / members from the actions of other four wheelers out there. Communications/press person, is another role between the Association and the clubs, currently done from the National Executive

level - job for the Presidents and Zone Presidents".

This important input will help guide our actions and will also be useful with our work on looking at updates to the constitution.

Since the AGM there have been several hot land access issues, all of which are being really well handled by the folks in the Zones who are close to the action and generally have relationships with the relevant land owners and managers. Those of us on the National Exec help out with these issues when called on, sometimes just as a sounding-board to talk about the issue, sometimes where Zones are seeking advice or support, and on occasion to assist with policy or matters that span across multiple zones or have relevance with national bodies.

There are some concerns we have at the national level, as Neville has described in his President's Piece in this issue of Trail Torque. The ever-increasing importance of respecting the wishes of land owners and managers is crucial to our ongoing access to their land. We should all remind ourselves of the motto "land access is a privilege, not a right" which even applies to land we might consider as public.

Meanwhile the local land access issues that are managed and reported on by the Zones are not repeated in this article.

A reminder about the RONI Register that we're trialling this year, "Roads and Tracks of National Importance" that we described in the previous issue of Trail Torque. Clubs are welcome to propose any tracks or roads for consideration as RONIs through their Zones or by email to access@nzfwda.org.nz

Readers may recall that my primary focus taking on the National PRO role was to progress the Health and Safety project, as agreed when I took on the role. Not as a H&S expert, just a facilitator. By the time of the AGM the policy and guidelines document had been through the external legal reviews, which had then been analysed by our small working group. The agreed amendments have now been made and the document is currently undergoing quality review. This has all taken longer than anyone expected and I must apologise that my unplanned additional work demands over the last 12 months took my focus away, as did a couple of months overseas. It will be great to finish this key step in the project and publish the document at long last. Then we'll need to get on with building up our library of sample documents.

Somehow I ended up giving the presentation to the AGM on behalf of the Exec, titled "Keeping the Association Relevant". This covered the constitution, database, website, email system, social media, relationships with gatekeepers and stakeholders, and generally updating the Association. Again, we encouraged an open-floor discussion on these topics and a number of good suggestions were put forward to the Exec including a possible member survey. A copy of the presentation was emailed to all clubs following the AGM. The Exec is setting up a working party on the constitution and aims to include some consultation with members as part of the process. The ultimate aim would be remits for the next AGM with constitution amendments.

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Three months ago we were in Invercargill for our Conference and AGM during which a number of topics were discussed with major focus on our organisation's relevance, the need for database / systems upgrades, rollout of NZFWDA H&S Guidelines, and future amendments to our Constitution which are considered necessary to bind all of the former items into something cohesive and enduring.

HSWA2016 was mooted by our politicians as a necessary step-wise enhancement of rules around workplace safety and responsibilities. A number of concerns were raised about unintended consequences especially around workplace risks on rural properties which, for NZFWDA members, is where many of our recreational pursuits take place; the most significant concern being that rural property managers / owners might take the view that in order to manage any and all risks that should keep outsiders, out. Fortunately most of the many longstanding land access agreements between Clubs / members and land managers/owners appear to be largely unaffected. There are reports of some land access agreements being declined but, for the most part, the embedded collective arrangements of NZFWDA Clubs and members appear to

be holding up well. As I have said many times previously we have no room for complacency; now more than ever, we need to maintain our relationships with land managers / owners and work harder than ever to ensure that when we do enter someone else's land we do so with their permission and with appropriate, and documented, Safety Plans and Trip Rules in place.

Some landowners are putting up barriers to access; fences, gates, or policy changes and it is important that NZFWDA does not over react to these things. Rather, we stand for the aspirational prospect of enhancing, maintaining, and retaining, the many and varied relationships that already exist between NZFWDA Clubs and members and landowners throughout New Zealand.

Landowners / guardians have the right to restrict or deny access to their lands as they see fit. Many of our longstanding access agreements remain unaffected; in fact in a number of instances, landowners have been limiting access to all but NZFWDA Clubs and Members because of the longstanding, respectful relationships we have nurtured over many years, and, most recently, some previously

inaccessible forestry estates have been opened to NZFWDA members.

My view is that we are collectively doing things right but we need to enhance our internal processes, communications, policies, and systems to ensure we continue to be well equipped to maintain, retain, and sustain as many access agreements and rights as possible.

NZFWDA will remain vigilant and ready to challenge (legally) any removal of access rights that we consider unjust but we do not condone nor endorse any activity that may be construed as being in conflict with landowners legal rights.

NZFWDA believes that establishing a mutually respectful relationship and dialogue which endorses the above points is crucial to maintaining and enhancing our reputation with landowners, government departments and the public. It is what we have done for many years but now, more than ever, we need to up our game to ensure we retain and sustain our access rights.

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Central Zone Jamboree, is on again next year. See the flyer in another part of this issue. A Jamboree is about bringing people together to enjoy 4 wheeling. Three days and 3 evenings of 4WD fun. Register your interest now as numbers are limited.

Zone AGM.

Last Zone meeting was our AGM, no changes to the top table but a couple of new delegates.

Our next meeting will be away from our normal venue. We are meeting early to visit and walk a piece of track that we hope to open up for use. After this visit we are returning to Tui HQ for an informal lunch and get together with our partners.

In the workshop.

During the Jamboree back in January 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. This took a bit more messing about than I would have liked to sort out the belt alignment and finding the correct sized belt. My engineer friend (Ken Parlane) is far more patient than me, he sorted the alignment issues and the selection of a suitable belt was made much easier with the help of Wayne from Belt Drive in Palmerston North.

WOF time rolled around again and a little more work required to replace rear wheel bearing, which pitted through lack of use!! But an easy fix.

Off road.

I have even managed a couple of trips out, a couple of hours knocking the lumps out of the off road racing track. Then back again to marshal on race day, it might not have been the coldest and wettest

day of winter but it sure felt like it after spending most of the day out in it!!!! The track suffered from the seemingly never ending rain we have had and even after a days racing it was still just a mud puddle in several places that must have made racing far less satisfying for the competitors.

Central Districts 4 Wheel Drive (my home Club) held a gymkhana day which I took part in, seems I did better than I thought I did.

National Conference.

A reminder that next years NZFWDA National Conference is being held here in Palmerston North with the organisation being lead by the Manawatu 4 Wheel Drive Club. More information in the Coming Events section.

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Hi All,

Huntly RSA

Our last zone meeting was on 14 July 2018. Eileen Austin (Revell), our secretary managed to find a replacement venue at the RSA because the Workingman's Club is closed.

National Conference

As you should know the National Conference this year was in Invercargill hosted by the Southern Land Rover Club although (not all their vehicles are Land Rovers). On Saturday afternoon the Southland Land Rover Club took us to Oreti Beach where Burt Munro raced his motorcycles and then to "their" land which they lease from the Invercargill City Council. It is a few acres of tracks (including some challenging parts), a great idea. Can we in the North lease land from Auckland Council or other Councils?

At the AGM on the Sunday, we remembered Steve McMinn from Northern Zone, a life member of the Four Wheel Drive Association. He and his wife Barbara drove down to Invercargill for the National NZFWDA conference and AGM and he died a day before the Conference was due to start.

Kath Jaggard was elected as National Secretary. (Bobbie Kincaid has stepped down because she has moved). On behalf of Northern Zone, thanks Kath and Bobbie, well done.

Kauri Dieback

In July 2018, I attended a Public Hui on Kauri Dieback in Kelston, Auckland. There were almost as many staff and supporters for the speakers as there were attendees. My understanding is that at present Kauri Dieback is

largely incurable and invisible and little is known about it. It is believed it can be transported by water, down water courses or across land.

Auckland Council is concerned about maintaining compliance with closures. They say the longer tracks are closed, the more the risk there is of a "dip". Long term management plans cannot guarantee any outcome and things could get worse. During the public discussion, I referred to DOC closing a track in the Coromandel and how the track was now in a worse condition after closure than before and I supported them working to open tracks.

DOC are taking a conservative approach and treating everything as infected. DOC say there is no cure to Kauri Dieback. DOC consider people are the main factor. I understand this to mean that they consider people the main factor in the spread of Kauri Dieback. DOC is concerned about the cost of opening and maintaining tracks. There is a need to eliminate muddy sections and re-route streams. They are viewing tracks for a possible upgrade. DOC say they have to balance tracks which are high risk to Kauri Dieback with low visitor numbers and high upgrade or high maintenance costs. They claim to consult with local stakeholders before closing tracks. DOC talk about cleaning stations and compliance at one stage being about 90 percent but the cleaning stations are largely for walking boots etc – no reference to four wheel drives. There is ongoing consultation. Russell de Luca, Zone PRO, drafted a submission and I was able to contribute to that.

Zone Meeting – Kauri Dieback

As you may know Maratoto was closed by DOC with concerns about

Kauri Dieback shortly before it was due to be closed for the winter anyway. At the Zone Meeting we discussed a number of matters (see the draft Minutes). There was a very strong feeling that because of the present and currently uncertainties about Kauri Dieback, we resolved that we should not go into the Maratoto Wires track and instead should work with DOC to support a solution for Kauri Dieback by providing future access in the area including alternative tracks. The Zone Resolution has subsequently been accepted and approved (ratified) by the National Executive.

Four Wheeling

On a personal front I haven't done much Four Wheel Driving recently. All vehicles are warranted, registered and being driven occasionally. I have been working to carry out some finishing work on our house after our builders, plasters and painters. (My most recent off-roading was to a Sawmill to pick up some macrocarpa for wall panelling.)

When my own Club went out tree planting at Bethels Beach, to replace some trees lost in a recent storm, I wasn't able to help. One of the land owners Eli Friedlander said they did a great job. Yet another example of four wheelers contributions to the community...

Happy Four Wheeling.

Regards

JOHN HICKEY

Northern Zone President

Read the latest issue of the LVVTA Newsletter here:

https://lvvta.org.nz/documents/newsletters_pub/LVVTA_Newsletter_2018_January-May.pdf

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Awapuni Community Centre, Newbury St, Palmerston North

www.m4wdc.org.nz



Mt Egmont 4 Wheel Drive Club Inc.

PO Box 8014, New Plymouth

President Neil Morrati : 06 7523570 or 027 449 7400 :

therats@clear.net.nz

Secretary Rachel Buckthought : 06 756 6420 :
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Meet Second Wednesday of month, 7.30pm at the Inglewood Club.



Offroad Wairarapa 4x4 Club

PO Box 405, Masterton 5840

President Gavin Oakly : 06 377 3862

Secretary Mike Rolls : 06 370 9328

mikeandlizrolls@xtra.co.nz

Meet Second Tuesday of month (except Jan)

at 26 Bentley St, Masterton 7.30pm



Taranaki Family 4x4 Club

511 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

President Peter Cooper : 06 762 2905 :

4wdfun@naki4wd.org

Secretary Kim Voss : 06 758 8224

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

www.naki4wd.org



Tararua 4WD Club

C/- 20 Pukerua Beach Road, Pukerua Bay.

President Chris Simpson : 04 293 2705 : 021 494 587 :

chris0409@outlook.com

Secretary Stuart Barton : 04 239 9647 :

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Meet Second Tuesday of every month

7.30pm at Paraparaumu RSA



Twin City Four Wheel Drive Club

PO Box 5137, Greenmeadows, Napier

President Graham Neale : 021 949 842 :

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Secretary Graham Brooker : 027 327 8683

Meet Second Wednesday of each month at

7.30pm, Taradale RSA



Valley 4WD Club

13 Lemonwood Grove, Maungaraki

President Mark Stockler : 04 4796849 :

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Secretary Mark SKID Pincock : 027 241 7757 :

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Wairarapa Four Wheel Drive Club

PO Box 792, Masterton

President Hamish Wilson : 021 048 4870 :

wilson.hamish@gmail.com

Secretary Gail Smith : 021 809 690 :

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Meet Last Tuesday of every month 7.30pm at the Masterton Cosmopolitan Club.



Wanganui 4WD Club

PO Box 973, Wanganui

President Paul Chapman : 0274 549 0054 :

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Secretary Stacey Pedley : 022 092 0960 :

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Meet First Tuesday of month, 7.00pm at St Johns Club, 158 Glasgow Street, Wanganui



Wellington Family 4x4 Club

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Secretary Tom Lo : 021 236 1630 :

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<http://wf4x4c.org.nz>

Wellington Jeep Club

PO Box 38203, Wellington Mail Centre

President Andrew Gee : agee@xtra.co.nz :

Secretary Tom Lo : 021 236 1630 : tswo@rocketmail.com



Windy City Off-Roaders Inc.

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President Mark Pincock (Skid)

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Secretary Brian Hutchinson : 04 564 2699

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Southern Zone Clubs



4X4 Events Inc

C/- Papanui RSA PO Box 5444 Papanui Christchurch
President Craig Fraser : 027 354 6466
Secretary Andy Reeves : 027 699 1916 :
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 Fourth Thursday of month 7.30pm
 at Papanui RSA, 55 Bellvue Ave

www.4x4events.co.nz

Meet

Central Otago 4WD Club

P.O Box 314 Alexandra 9340
President Brent Wilson : 03 448 8613, 0274 503 008 : co4wdc@gmail.com
Secretary Neil McGill : 0275 148 523 : macgee@xtra.co.nz

Clutha 4WD Club

P O Box 22 Balclutha 9240
Secretary Dave O'Hara : 03 418 2711 or 027 220 7335 :
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Land Rover Enthusiasts Club (Dunedin)

President Noel Harper : 03 454 4816 or
 021 454 481 : landibits@gmail.com
Secretary Suzanne Bell : 027 489 0584
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 Second Wednesday each month

www.lrec.co.nz

Meet



Landrover Owners Club (Otago) Inc

PO Box 47 Dunedin
President Michael Adam : 03 454 5467 : 027 226 5257 :
lisa.michael@clear.net.nz
Secretary Garry Beckingsale : 03 489 0292 : 027 589 0292
g.beckingsale@xtra.co.nz
Meet First Wednesday of the month
 7.30pm at Hurricane Rodders Inc
 51 Victoria Rd, Dunedin

www.lroco.com

Marlborough 4WD Club

PO Box 519 Blenheim
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asa3422@gmail.com
Secretary Helen Horton : 03 577 8480 :
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Mid-Canterbury Four Wheel Drive Club Inc.

62 Maronan Rd, RD8, Ashburton
President Marcus Ewart : 03 303 0855 or 027 675 8982
bulltahr@gmail.com
Secretary Michelle Ewart : 03 303 0855 :
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Meet Last Thursday of the month, 8pm at
 Club Rooms, Tinwald Domain,
 Maronan Rd, Ashburton.



Nelson 4 Wheel Drive Club Inc.

PO Box 3136 Richmond, 7020
President Miles Anderson : 03 521 1269 : 027 344 4027:
helenmilesanderson@xtra.co.nz
Secretary Justin McRae: 027 825 9158 :
justin.p.mcrae@gmail.com
Meet First Wednesday of the month at Brightwater Motor
 Inn, 1 Lightband Road, at 8pm (except January)

nel4x4@gmail.com



Otago Recreational 4WD Group

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Shotover 4WD Club

PO Box 1503, Queenstown
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jimnyjake@gmail.com
Secretary Callum Hunter : 027 492 0060 :
hunterway41@hotmail.com
Meet Last Wednesday of each month, at the
 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

South Island Deaf 4x4 Club

c/- 6 Bellina Place Broomfield, Christchurch
President John Witchall : 021 048 5349
s.i.deaf4x4club@hotmail.com
Secretary JoAnne Williams
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Southland Land Rover Club

PO Box 655 Invercargill

President Kenn Hawkes : 0274 075491 : president@southlandlandroverclub.co.nz
Secretary Andrea Noble : 027 420 5821 : andreanoble@xtra.co.nz
Meet The 2nd Tuesday in the month, starting at 8.00pm, Ruru school staff
 room (at the back), Ruru St, Invercargill.

<http://www.southlandlandroverclub.co.nz>



South Island Niva Drivers Association (SINDA)

c/- Papanui RSA 55 Bellvue Ave, Papanui, Christchurch 8053
Secretary Donald Fraser : donald@frasereng.co.nz :
Meet Third Wednesday of the month at
 Papanui RSA, Harewood Road,
 Christchurch at 7.30pm



Gill puts on the drop for his son-Nicholas on the head trip. Photo by Harold Andrew



Photo: Chris & the team



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Jokes

What did the left eye say to the right eye?

Between us, something smells!

What kind of water cannot freeze?

Hot water.

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?

It waves!

How are false teeth like stars?

They come out at night!

What did the banana say to the dog?

Nothing. Bananas can't talk.

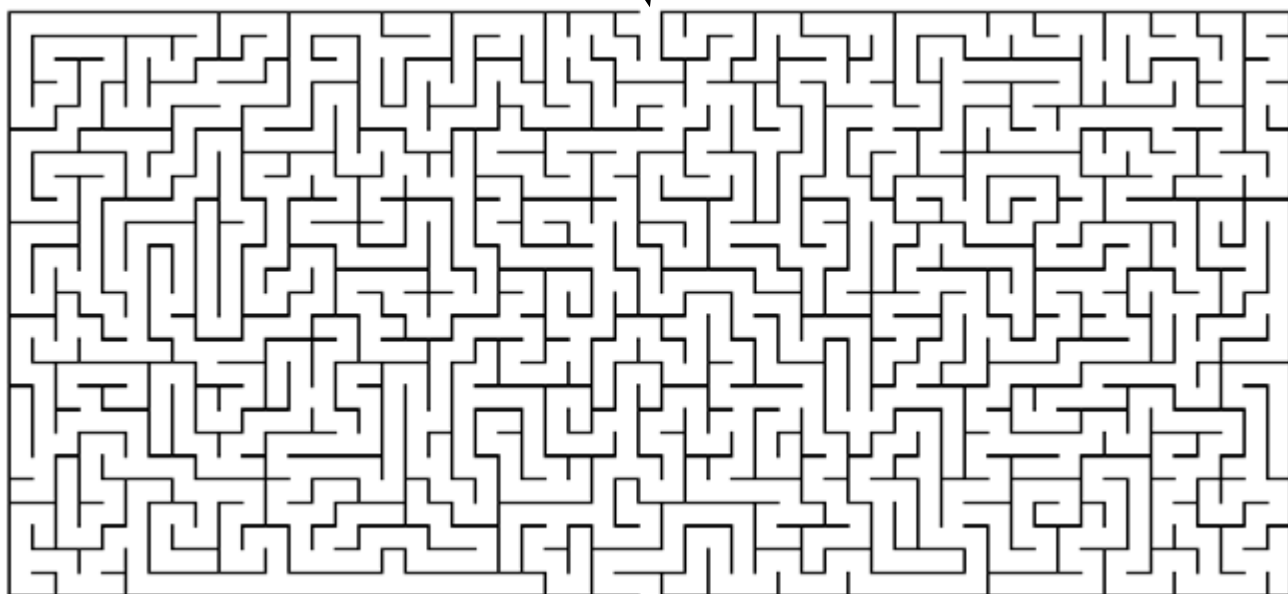
What do you call an old snowman?

Water.

Can you spot the six differences?



Can you find your way through.....start here ↘



Spot the Difference.
Answers:
1. Yellow sign
turns green.
2. Man in white on left of picture disappears.
3. Tree stump appears in grass.
4. NZFWD logo on tent.
5. New four wheel drive on the hill.
6. Shed gets bigger.