



Trail Torque

The official Newsletter of the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association

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**Taupo 4WD Club
host NZFWDA 50th
Anniversary AGM**

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Bruce Gibson from Land
Rover Owners (Auckland).



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COVER PIC: Taupo Trips on the lead up to the NZFWDA 50th Anniversary AGM. Photo by Kevin & Gen Isemonger.

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Volunteers stepping forward

At this year's National AGM and during the pre-AGM discussion sessions, a lot was made of all the work the Exec has been doing over the last few years and of all the things that have been delivered. The ongoing workplan was shown on the projector screen and details explained.

Most of this work is done by the Exec's subcommittees, where we have had the benefit of certain members volunteering their time and expertise to assist over the last few years.

In calling for more volunteers to

share their expertise and contribute to the ongoing development of the Association, we were delighted to then be approached by several members who would like to do this. These folk were welcomed and the Exec is following through with bringing them on board.

Remits, Regs and Standing Orders

Thanks to our club delegates who were so supportive during the National AGM at Taupo on 25 May.

Your participation in the morning's discussion sessions helped everyone have a good understanding of what was being proposed, with the result that the afternoon's AGM flowed smoothly and finished on time.

Remits 1-8

All 8 remits proposing changes to the constitution were approved with no amendments.

You can find the details of the remits, and the updated constitution, in the Online Document Library on TidyHQ - look for the Governance sub-menu.

Remit 9

This was not really a remit and did not propose any specific constitution changes, it was a proposal to review

the structure of the Executive.

This was fully supported by the Exec and by delegates. There was one minor wording change agreed during the AGM.

There will be more on this topic as the year progresses.

Regulations

The annual review of the regs had resulted in no changes, as reported in the last edition of Trail Torque.

When put to delegates at the pre-AGM discussion sessions and during the AGM, there were no recommendations raised.

Standing Orders

Adoption of the new Standing Orders had also been reported in the last Trail Torque.

Although there was no constitutional requirement for these to be considered at the AGM, nonetheless the Exec chose to include them in the pre-AGM discussions and the AGM.

There were some points raised during the discussion session, as had been anticipated. This provided a great opportunity to explain the rationale for various principles and details and to reiterate the consultative process that had been followed.

The Remit Subcommittee, who had been tasked with drafting the Standing Orders, fully expects that there will be further feedback once the Zones and Comps work through their own processes in relation to the Standing Orders. Feedback is welcome at remit@nzfwda.org.nz

Club buys a Trafx counter system

Auckland Four Wheel Drive Club Inc. has taken delivery of a Trafx vehicle counting system to enable monitoring of unauthorised vehicle incursions to land that the club has agreements with the relevant land managers, to use for four wheeling.

The system comprises of compact, self-contained vehicle sensors that can be positioned alongside a track, or even buried in the track. There is also a data reader unit to collect the information for uploading to a

computer. A web-based solution can then view, analyze, manage and present the collected data. The sensors can record a variety of vehicles, including motorcycles and quads.

Currently the club are learning and testing the protocols before deploying the sensors.

Having the core system components, presents the opportunity to expand this vehicle counting exercise to other

places where data about levels of vehicle access would be useful. At present when there is discussion about 4x4 vehicle use on public land, as a recreation we can't provide any statistics around actual traffic levels. Numbers are really valuable. Auckland Four Wheel Drive Club would be happy to talk with others about options to expand the number of counters etc. Contact, Peter Vahry, Auckland 4WD Club pete4wd@gmail.com

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Planting day at Te Rau Puriri

9 June 2024



ARTICLE & PHOTOS
BY PETER VAHRY



*Pat Co from
Auckland 4WD Club.*

Te Rau Puriri is one of Auckland's regional parks, albeit a rather isolated one, almost at the tip of the Kaipara South Head, 83 kilometres from central Auckland. Four wheel drive clubs have been involved in this project over almost twenty years to re-vegetate what had been a coastal deer and cattle farm. It has been an annual event in association with Auckland Council park rangers and for this year, we worked together with the local Landcare group.

Many of those locals have been impacted by the behaviors of some four wheelers accessing the nearby Muriwai Beach, so it was interesting discussing the various options for addressing the problems created by those beach goers. On the day, we had nineteen volunteers representing 4WD clubs, including Land Rover Owners (Auckland), Rodney Off Road, Shore 4Wheelers and Auckland 4WD.

How many plants went into the ground is a mystery at the time of writing this... later the same day... however it can be seen in one photo, the area planted on one side of the valley before the teams crossed over to the other side to start again. The park staff spray the grass well ahead of the planting day. Not too bad for a two hour planting session! The weather forecast had not been good for the morning, but the rain stayed away long enough to even have the 'after-planting' sausage sizzle provided by the Council staff out in the open near the planting area.

It is quite gratifying pointing out to 'newbies' the results of previous years plantings. There is still room for a few more plants into the future.



*Scott Walsh from
Rodney Off Road club*



*Rosemary Willis from Shore 4Wheelers
with her husband Carl (behind her in
the photo)*

FUNDING FOR A DEFIB



BY DAN FARLEY - WITHOUT THE HELP OF CHATGPT

This started out as a conversation with a friend, I was showing off my newly put together, upgraded first aid kit. He said to me, has the Club (Norwest OHV Club), got a defibrillator, to which I said no.

Being a fairly small 4WD Club with a bank balance hovering around the 5k mark, a Defib seemed out of reach and had never been discussed due to the high cost.

My friend was a member of a football Club and he explained to me how they had applied for a funding grant to get a Defib. This had never crossed my mind and I knew nothing of the process. This got the ball rolling....

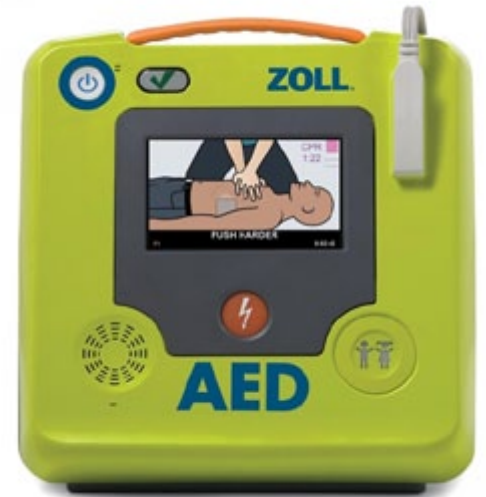
Once I had the details of one of our local grant foundations, it was just a matter of getting the relevant docs

together and filling out their application form, it was literally that easy. The docs required were fairly standard stuff for any organized Club I would think, such as a Copy of a Bank Statement, Club details, Copy of Annual Financial Report, Copy of the Constitution, Copy of Incorporated Certificated, Letter/ Minutes of Resolution (cut and paste eg. provided by the Foundation), two Quotes for the Item and evidence that the Club belongs to a National Body/ Organization, that being a letter from the NZFWDA.

A month and a bit later, we now have the funding for a top of the line Zoll AED3, Fully Automatic Defibrillator which will be purchased through the Red Cross valued at \$4590.

We are very happy with the outcome and it is a great addition to our first aid

response capabilities. I would highly recommend other Clubs try this out, a Defib is the kind of item they like to fund, so your chances are pretty good in my opinion.....good luck!!



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NZFWDA 50TH ANNIVERSARY



PHOTOS & WORDS BY
KEVIN & GEN ISEMONGER

For the 50th Anniversary of the NZFWDA, it was decided to take it all back to where it started and host the event at Wairakei Resort, just north of Taupo – with the help of the Taupo 4WD Club.

Last year my wife and I attended the NZFWDA AGM in Methven, which was preceded by 5 days of trips, rightly entitled the 'Bolder Bash'. Unfortunately for the Taupo Club – this set the bar quite high. The Taupo Club is a small 4WD Club, so the task at hand required quite a commitment from the entire Club to succeed – and I am very pleased to say that I pity the next Club, as they smashed it!

Methven saw a total of 53 vehicles attend the 5 trips – so were broken up into two groups, hitting the same tracks on different days. With fewer members, the Taupo Club could only run single trips with fewer vehicles, so unfortunately, many association members missed out, with a maximum of 18 vehicles on the largest run.

Day One - "Go Bush"

We all met our guide Cam Raupi, at the car park at Wairakei Resort and headed southwest, around the lake to 'Go-Bush', near the top of the Waituhi Saddle, between Kuratau and Taumaranui. This is a privately owned 3,000 acre 4WD paradise.

We aired down and started our climb up the old Timber tracks, through dense native bush to pop out on a ridge track with stunning views south over Tongariro National Park. With a suitable application of rain, the track down was a semi-controlled slide down a 'Luge' of a track to the camp for lunch.

The afternoon was another loop, south of the camp back up another densely covered ridge which required generous proportions of winching to get off the property right on dusk.



...our climb up the old Timber tracks through dense native bush to pop out on a ridge track with stunning views south over Tongariro National Park.



Day two - Pureora

We wake to heavy rain and met John Wilton for our trip into Pureora Forest. We again headed out west from Taupo to air down at the Kakaho Camp site. No mucking around – we travelled a few meters up the road – did a U-turn and stopped.

Ahead was a clay track that would have been drivable if it weren't for the generous proportions of moisture falling but required some winching for the first vehicle to ascend – and then subsequent vehicles to pull the next vehicle up – but it was what awaited us on the other side that caused some consternation. A positive cambered cliff face was our way down the other side. It was not possible to see what laid ahead due to the steepness of the decent but suffice to say, the rock sliders lost a bit of paint.

We then ascended a low ridge in a cut-over area with several vehicles struggling to gain traction, as the rain continued to fall. Lunch was a steamy affair in our vehicles followed by a visit to the geographical centre of the North island.

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geographical centre of
the North island.



Day Three - Whirinaki

We met up with Cam again and headed north east to Whirinaki and my favourite day. We aired down and travelled up a track following the true left of the Whirinaki River for morning tea at Okui Hut.

We then travelled on to Minginui and followed another old logging track deep into the forest. The Taupo Club went to an enormous amount of effort to cut back an old logging route for what was an enjoyable afternoon in very close bush, in cold but clear conditions.

Due to geotechnical issues, the day got away on us, so it was dusk by the time we emerged out of the bush near Waipunga Falls on the Napier Taupo Road!

The Taupo Club went to an enormous amount of effort to cut back an old logging route...



Day Four- Erua - Tukino

Cam took us on a bit of a road trip heading south out of Taupo to Turangi – National Park and on to Horopito, for a run in the Erua Forest – with lunch at Ohukune – finishing off with a drive up Tukino Ski field.



Day Five - Mystery Trip

We met with Anton Romirer for our self-guided tour around Lake Taupo using 'what3words' to take 'Selfies' at different tourist spots. The App what3words breaks the surface of the world into 3m x 3m squares, each of which have a unique three-word combination to locate. Our task was to find specific locations using the what3words listed in an elaborate multi layered envelop that must have taken an age to manufacture. 15 envelops per vehicle - times the 15 (?) attendees is 225 x 4 layered envelops!

My wife and I took our time and enjoyed the places we stopped at arriving at the final 'meet n' greet' BBQ destination bang on 5pm – while others competitive nature kicked in and were back in Taupo before 3pm! Overall – there was a desirable outcome – we had some laughs and saw many places we had only ever driven past enroute.

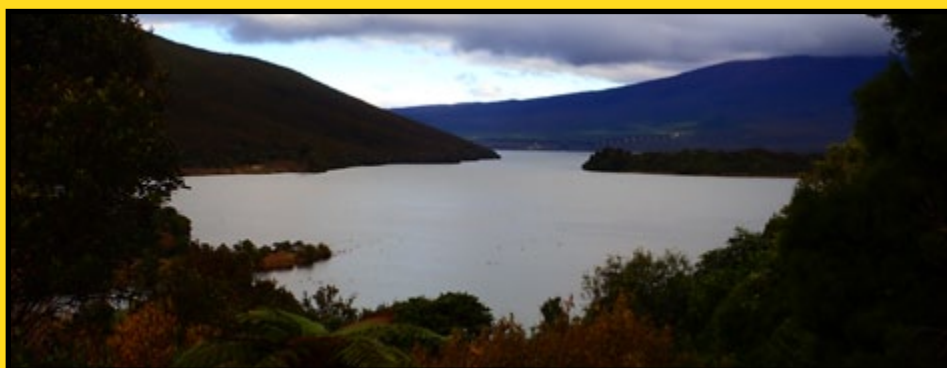
Saturday was 'Business-Day' with the AGM, followed by an excellent dinner at the Wairakei Resort.

I wish to sincerely recognise the monumental effort the Taupo Club put in to hosting 5 days of 4WD entertainment – and my sincere sympathy goes out to the next Club to equal or raise the bar even further.

Check out youtube:Kevz110 for last years AGM in Methven – and for this years, coming soon.

Thank you from Kev & Gen.

...we had some laughs and saw many places we had only ever driven past.





PHOTOS BY PETER VAHRY

The NZFWDA AGM took place on the 25th May 2024 at the Wairakei Resort, Taupo. Saturday morning Members attended a conference looking forward to the future of NZFWDA. In the afternoon the AGM followed by a dinner celebrating 50 years of the Association.

At the AGM, a motion was put forward to reduce the annual fee back to \$45, after significant discussion, a motion to keep the fee at \$50 from the floor with Delegates voting to maintain the annual fee for the 2025 year at \$50.00 incl GST.

A cake cutting to recognise our 50 years of advocating for four wheeling was held during the evening dinner that followed the AGM. Three of the 'originals' who were involved with the first meetings of the fledgling Association attended the dinner and jointly cut the cake. The cake was provided by the NZFWDA Northern Zone as the host of the occasion.



More on the AGM will be in the next eNews.

Vicky Alexander (Furniss) on the left, Phil Pacey and Jan Trass.



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To follow on from my report in the last Trail Torque about 4x4 Vandalism – well, I am going to bang on about this again as it doesn't seem to have gained any response, whether it be positive or negative.

Fellow four wheelers, I'm not known for dramatising things, however I feel the need to here... there is an ever increasing tide against what we have taken for granted for the lifetime of our chosen recreation and if we don't sit up and take notice and do something about it, we WILL lose access to many places that we have assumed would never change. This is serious!

Now, I use the term 4x4 Vandalism loosely as there is

- the innocent stuff that happens where we (and I say "we" because I

bet we have all done something in our 4x4 that has left its mark) have gone somewhere on the fringe of a track and left some ruts / marks that take a long time to heal, right through to

- the individuals who intentionally ignore gates / barriers / fences and signs and create mayhem and damage wherever they go.

The trouble is, it's all the same in the eyes of those who are making the call to exclude all 4x4s from access.

So, what are WE going to do about it ? WE – being a collective of individuals can and should call out anyone we see or know of causing damage. You'll see them out there from time to time creating havoc, or posts on social media offering beers for a pull to get

them out of bog that they should not have been in, in the first place.

The trick is determining the innocent from the intentional,

- The innocent is your next potential club member if you approach it right.
- The intentional should be reported to the Police, DOC, Council etc

If you can't be bothered, that's ok, just don't complain when your favourite track gets closed to 4x4s

IF YOU WANT TO DISCUSS THIS TOPIC, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AT

president@NZFWDA.org.nz

Steve Adam

FOR THOSE WHO HAVEN'T READ THIS ITEM WRITTEN BY THE THEN PRESIDENT OF THE NZFWDA AND NOW OUR PATRON, NEVILLE DUNTON, IT IS WORTHWHILE CLICKING ON THE LINK AND HAVING A READ.

IF WE DON'T LEARN FROM THE PAST, WE ARE DOOMED TO MAKE THE SAME MISTAKES AGAIN! AND COMPLACENCY IS OUR GREATEST RISK NOW.

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Cromwell

Continued from last edition...

The next morning we headed south out of the Cromwell area, past Shingle Creek and into the Kopuwai conservation area. We climbed up Waikaia Bush Road onto Old Man Range and then down into Potters Huts. This was quite a marshy area and a challenging muddy track to get down to the Huts.

This was John Potter's second gold find and thus named Potter's no.2. By 1863 the site had attracted 150 miners. These people were ill-prepared for the conditions and their misery over that first winter was such that at least 17 perished trying to leave the place. By the 1870's most had moved on and now only the huts remain.

Then back out that slippery track and continuing along Old Man Range, we caught increasing glimpses of snow



South Island Trip 2023 **PART III**

and had a good ol' play in a bit of the white stuff. I believe Les' feet are still attached although I really don't know how; those jandals must have frozen solid along with his toenails. Cam's big Patrol was throwing white candy like a snow blower!! Couple feet of fluffy stuff in some spots. Along to the Obelisk and some lunch with the obligatory photos.

Back tracking from the Obelisk and continuing onto Old Woman Range gets us to the Old Woman Hut and more obligatory photos.

Then crossing Duffers saddle and the Nevis road we get to Carricktown. This

is another fascinating abandoned gold town above Cromwell that still has all the water sluicing races on show and the waterwheel that took over from the coal stamping batteries. Another cold and inhospitable place that must have been hell to live in, but oddly beautiful to us now many decades later.

Back down onto Bannockburn Road and we all proceeded to the local pub for what would be the last dinner of the trip for some of the group. It was good too. Back to Cairnmuir camp that night.

Only three vehicles were left to head to Macetown in the morning. This



Obelisk



The Macetown track, crossing the river has been a long-accepted practice there, as it's the only route

involves a series of river crossings and the track winds up through the Arrow River canyon. Macetown in the summer at least, is a great historic spot and extremely picturesque. Macetown was first settled in the early 1860s as a result of the discovery of gold in the Arrow River and its catchment. At first the rush was for alluvial gold from the river and its flats. Later the miners turned their attention to the hills and several quartz mining operations were established, some high above the aptly named Rich Burn, which joins the Arrow at Macetown.

The village owed its existence solely to the mining industry; when that failed the town slowly died and by the 1930s Macetown was a ghost town.

Macetown's major historic structures have all been restored including Andersons Battery, Needhams Cottage, Smiths Bakehouse and building remnants such as the old schoolroom and stone fences. Some of the housing sections can still be seen and several of the original fruit and shelter trees survive in and around these. Of industrial significance, Andersons Battery is the

only known all-metal stamping battery in Otago.

New Zealand's grandest stamper battery, Homeward Bound stamper battery, can be accessed from Macetown by walking from the end of the 4wd track.

Here we say goodbye to another vehicle and only two vehicles are left. One night in Arrowtown, and then we head East back through Dansey's Pass to one last camp at the Dansey's Pass Camp ground, then the long slog north to get home.

COMING EVENTS

Events Disclaimer. Care has been taken in entering details of these events. However NZFWDA does not take responsibility for any inadvertent inaccuracies or subsequent changes made by the event organisers. Trips and events will normally be hosted and organised by a Club or Clubs and not the Association itself. All events, trips and runs are the responsibility of the hosting Club. Potential participants should contact the relevant event organiser or Club. Email events to editor@nzfwda.org.nz

7 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

4x4 OUTDOOR EXPO. Wolfbrook Arena, Christchurch. 4x4 Vendors, show and shine, camping and swap meet. 9am - 4pm. www.4x4outdoorexpo.co.nz

20-22 SEPTEMBER 2024

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1-2 NOVEMBER 2024

FORCE4 KING OF CANTERBURY 2024. NZ first Xtrem 4wd Endurance Race. See www.4x4events.co.nz for more info.

2 NOVEMBER 2024

NZ 4X4 TRIALS Round 1: Waipawa. Hosted by Hawkes Bay 4x4 Club. Waipawa. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more

30 NOVEMBER 2024

NZ 4X4 TRIALS Round 2: Huntly. Hosted by Thames Valley 4x4 Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more

18 JANUARY 2025

NZ 4X4 TRIALS Round 3: Mangaweka. Hosted by Levin 4x4 Club. Rangiwhia. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more

22 FEBRUARY 2025*

NZ 4X4 TRIALS Round 4: Feilding. Hosted by Manawatu 4WD Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more

23 MARCH 2025

NZ 4X4 TRIALS Round 5: Te Puke. Hosted by BOP Four Wheel Drive Club. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more

12 APRIL 2025*

NZ 4X4 TRIALS 2024/2025 National Final. Whangarei. Hosted by Counties 4 Wheelers. See nz4x4trials.co.nz for more.

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Bold & Austin Take Shock Win at Abridged National Final!

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If the last Round wasn't close enough, The National 4x4 Final of the 2023/2024 Lucas Oil NZ 4x4 Trials Series produced one of the most interesting finales yet!

Mt Egmont 4WD Club hosted the National 4x4 Final near Eltham, returning to the site which hosted the 2018/2019 Final. Leading up to the

event, the rally site felt the brunt of the wet weather bomb moving up the country. Come Saturday the weather was in two minds, as miserable winds and rain would come in waves with mere glimpses of the sun in-between!

With the already soggy ground now chopped and turned with 40+ Trials Trucks competing in the rain, the

access tracks between courses became more akin to a mud slide by the end of the morning! Come early afternoon, the difficult decision was made to pull all the afternoon stages to end the day, as the access tracks posed a safety risk in case of an emergency situation.

As such for the first time in the sports 49-year history, the day was taken from the morning scores. Producing some interesting results!

Read the full article here: <https://nz4x4trials.co.nz/bold-austin-take-shock-win-at-abridged-national-final/>



Left: Reuben Mason, Ryan Bold & Chris Gifford.

FULL RESULTS

Mt Egmont Round 6 Final: Eltham: 13-4-2024

No	DRIVER	Cls	O/A
C CLASS			
236	FOGDEN Nathan	1	18
402	TOWERS Shayne	2	24
280	O'BRIEN Rhys	3	25
950	HAWKEN John	4	28
357	TEMPLETON Rebekah	5	29
113	ADLAM Caleb	6	33
653	MCGILL Hayden	7	34
711	BOLTON Jonathan	8	35
480	D'ATH Glenn	9	38
62	THOMASON Steven	10	40
D CLASS			
206	BOLD Ryan	1	1
231	GIFFORD Chris	2	2
245	MASON Reuben	3	3
57	CALDOW Mitchell	4	4
5	BIGGS Scott	5	5
375	WARD Brent	6	6
888	TONKIN Ashley	7	7
316	POTTER Craig	8	8
391	HALL Russell	9	9
663	NICHOLSON Shaun	10	10
1NZ	THOMSEN Sam	11	11
3NZ	TURNER Neal	12	12
6	LUDERS Russell	13	13

No	DRIVER	Cls	O/A
D CLASS CONTINUED			
184	CANNING Andy	14	14
413	COWPER Dan	15	15
44	CAMERON Phil	16	16
12	CARLSEN Sam	17	17
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Every person (including every 4wd Club and every member of a 4wd Club) is responsible for:

- Taking reasonable care for their own health and safety
- Taking reasonable care that what they do (or do not do) does not adversely affect the health and safety of anyone else
- Complying with any reasonable instruction given by the Club so that it can comply with its health and safety obligations including all safe work procedures, rules and health and safety training
- Attending any trip briefings, ensuring they can hear it, and paying attention to the details.

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Awarded 2021 - Neville Dunton

Awarded 2021 - Mel Street

Awarded 2018 - Russell Quin

Awarded 2017 - Bob Holmes

Awarded 2017 - Eileen Revell (nee Austin)

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President Report

Steve Adam - Email: president@nzfwda.org.nz - Mobile: 027 228 8221



With our AGM completed and the hard work done, I wish to thank Des Page and his terrific team from the Taupo 4x4 Club for taking on the ominous task of organizing and running the 4x4 trips for the week leading up to the AGM. I know there was some concerns and trepidation in running such an event, especially being our 50th Anniversary, but the Taupo team worked through it, putting in some serious hours planning and executing it. From the feedback I have had, the team has set the bar pretty high for the next year's event, so very well done Des!

To the Northern Zone team lead by Tariq Wasim and assisted by Peter Vahry, a good job well done in putting together a memorable AGM. The presentation of information and ideas in the morning leading up to the AGM itself is a good format for the future. The National team, who contributed to the morning session and the

Meeting, congratulations! Your job was to present reports, information, financials, and ideas on the future. I know that there was a considerable amount of work done, in the preparation for the AGM. Our club delegates went away full of information and challenge, couldn't have been better. I am proud of what you did.

Delegates, it was great to see you all there. In my address to the AGM, I posed a challenge to you, "take the information provided here, back to your respective clubs and inform your members, AND relay back any questions / concerns to your Zones or the National teams so that we can provide answers quickly and accurately." We look forward to hearing from you.

For those who couldn't make it, please feel free to make contact if there is anything you need to know,

most of all though, you have 11 months to plan on attending the next AGM !!!

This coming year is set to pose some challenges with a new Constitution, a structural review and potential change, a tight budget and the ongoing battle around access. Thankfully I have an awesome Team ready to step up, on your behalf.

Tread lightly
Steve
President
NZFWDA



National Public Relations Officer Report

Peter Vahry - Email: pro@nzfwda.org.nz



This year's annual meeting and 50th dinner seemed to be a success. We did miss our planned guest speaker, who was unable to attend due to feeling unwell. Perhaps a good decision as it turned out to be COVID related!

It was wonderful to have with us at the dinner the original association secretary Vicky Alexander (nee Furniss), along with Phil Pacey and Jan Trass.

I must admit that we'd hoped that we might have got representation at Wairakei from more than just half of the NZFWDA clubs. Maybe our promotion techniques need revision?

Promotion... something that the NZFWDA is now working at doing more of, in times when some sectors of the wider 4x4 community are not exactly enhancing the image of our recreation. Future budgeting within the NZFWDA accounts has recognised that we should be more obvious to the wider public with the

efforts we make to be good citizens. For much of that, we will depend on local and regional club 4x4 activities being 'seen' by our communities. This will require some engagement with your local news outlets, be it a newspaper, radio or online. Most local media welcome 'news' items that they don't have to hunt down themselves. A great example of a media 'savvy' club is the Queensland based Bundaberg 4WD Club with one of their typical media releases... <https://www.bundabergnow.com/2024/06/01/bundaberg-4wd-club-attend-kgari-clean-up/>

Another avenue for promotion is the growth of the 4wd 'shows' and the attendance by three member clubs and the NZFWDA at this year's Kumeu 4x4 Outdoor Expo, possibly enlightened a few of the hundreds of non-members who wandered through. We are following up last year's participation at the NZ Fishing Hunting and 4x4 Expo Rotorua with a booth there again in August. This year only with an inside presence.

The South Island is scheduled to get its own Christchurch 4x4 Outdoor Expo this September <https://4x4outdoorexpo.co.nz/> and hopefully some southern NZFWDA clubs will find a way to have a presence there.

Trail Torque itself is another promotional tool that we plan to make the world more aware of, by not limiting its circulation to just NZFWDA members. As it is in a digital format, it lends itself to being available to a wider audience. That will mean a higher level of scrutiny on what's published, to avoid any perception that our members are unruly and environmentally disrespectful.

Let the awareness of the NZFWDA begin.

Peter Vahry
NZFWDA National Public Relations

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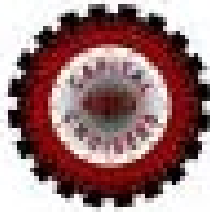
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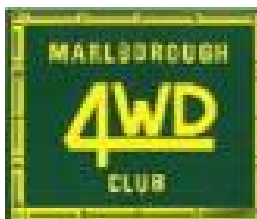
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