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Arse Pucker Hill on Tailings Track

In 2013 SINDA hosted 2 days of the Southern Safari event on the Westcoast. Organised by John McDonald it was a Picton to Bluff adventure using local Clubs to host a couple of days each along the route. It was a big success and the feedback we received was that many people really enjoyed our 2 days and would like more of the same. More recently John mentioned resurrecting the Coast to Coast event and it got us thinking....

A lot of the route of the old Coast to Coast event however has changed hands and access would be a big issue. We seriously looked at a route but soon realised that whilst the Westcoast section could be good grade 3 tracks, once at Reefton there would be a long tarseal leg followed by a couple of days of shingle road that could be driven in any SUV and a lot of it in a car. Not happy with the lack of continuity we decided to do the whole 4 days on the coast. To add a little variety we would offer a "Shiny" (max grade 3) and a "Tuff" Class and make it a circular route so trailered vehicles could be more easily accommodated.

Over a period of a year the route was planned and test driven to make sure each leg could be achieved in a day. SINDA members spent most of the long weekends in 2016 checking, clearing and mapping a 4 day circular route around the Paparoa Range with as little tarseal as possible. Starting and finishing in Reefton, the route passed through Westport, Greymouth and Moana with one night in each location.

The event philosophy would be similar to the Coast to Coast with teams of 3 vehicles and 6 people. The Tuff Class would share some of the same route but also have some much more challenging tracks to negotiate. Teams would be given an info pack/maps each morning detailing the tracks for the day. Teams would be required to photograph their team at pre-selected points on the tracks where markers or maybe letters pinned to trees will identify the location and possibly spell a phrase for added points. A closed facebook page for the event would be the primary medium for event information



Team Wheel Nutz testing the depth at Bullock Creek



Lining up for the Ahaura crossing



Cockeye Creek



South Island Niva Drivers Association (SINDA)

Meets the third Wednesday of the month at Papanui RSA, Harewood Road, Christchurch at 7.30pm
Contact Club Secretary Greg Barclay by emailing tzoperations@coincascade.co.nz



Arse Pucker Hill on Tailings track



Donald crossing the Mackley, one of only 3 to get across.



Pat & Karen crossing Mackley 3 days later

throughout the weekend and allow teams to post their pictures each night. All vehicles would be required to be road legal and have current rego/wof/RUCs/3rd party insurance. All vehicles would also be required to have standard Club equipment.

When the first flyer went out on the back page of Trail Torque mid 2016 the response was huge and we were worried we would have to limit numbers. Strangely, 3 weeks out we only had 3 guest teams confirmed, all shiny, and we looked at changing the event slightly to allow the Shiny Class the option of tackling the grade 4 and 5 stuff if they wanted.

3 days out and I was glad to see we had a couple more teams confirmed. Somehow Cyclone Debbie had missed

the Coast and all the rivers were nice and low. We had all our landowner's permissions confirmed and a permit from the local forestry company all sorted...phew.

On the Thursday before Easter trucks started rolling into Reefton for scrutineering. We ended up with 5 guest teams and 3 local teams (2 of them Tuff), a total of 26 vehicles including John and I. But now Cyclone Cook "the worst storm in NZ for 49 years" was rolling south! Nick and Gus checked trucks while I checked weather forecasts....

Good Friday – Reefton to Westport via Mackley River and Denniston with options for Mt Frederick and Mt Rochfort.

Well Friday may have been good but the weather certainly wasn't! We sent one of the SINDA Tuff teams off at 7am to see if the Mackley was fordable. They managed to cross, partly floating, but by the time the rest of the convoy reached the river it was definitely no go! We all backtracked and headed to Denniston via the road through the Buller Gorge and a lunch stop in patchy sunshine in Westport.

At Denniston however the weather was still miserable. It was so foggy that going for the views at Mt Rochfort was pointless and a photo from the SINDA scouts of the raging river at the bottom of Mt Frederick confirmed that that was a no go as well. This was a shame as lots of



Cockeye Creek



Al from Mid-Canterbury Club in Bullock Creek



Pat & Karen crest Mt Frederick waterfall

people were keen to have a go at the Mt Frederick option with its super grippy sandstone climbs. The museum had also shut as they thought nobody would be mad enough to go in that weather. After a quick phone call he agreed to open up and gave an awesome history lesson of the area and let us all shelter from the rain for an hour or so.

Meanwhile the second Tuff Team had decided to come up the "Pig Route" track onto the plateau and found it much easier than it used to be. Just to give an opportunity to lock the hubs, we decided that we would take those that wanted to back down the Pig Route whilst the "Manawatu Explorers" lived up to their name and went and found the burning mine which looked amazing in the rain. The Pig Route was a great end to the day and everybody enjoyed the rocky descent but there is a maze of tracks up there and the fog meant keeping sight of the other trucks was both tricky and important.

Back at Westport for the night we re-grouped at the Denniston Dog for a feed and a wash-up about the washout of a day. Despite the weather everybody seemed to have enjoyed the day.

Easter Saturday – Westport to Greymouth via Cape Foulwind seal colony, Bullock Creek and Pororari Lagoon with option for Tailings Track / Lockington Pakihi.

The weather had started to clear but still under grey skies we set off. Only the 2 SINDA Tuff Teams headed for the Grade 5 Tailings Track and Lockington Pakihi while everyone else followed the easier route. Nobody stayed long at the seal colony due to the weather and headed for Bullock Creek.

Now the river often goes over the road here, so it was no surprise to find water. It hadn't rained all morning and the sun was beginning to put in an appearance so we drove in through numerous long bumper and headlight deep sections of flooded road. After a couple of KMs I decided that I would proceed no further when there were no longer any white peg tops showing



Denniston Pig Route track in the mist.



Denniston Museum



Glen Banks in Bullock Creek

Sometime in the afternoon they broke the front axle of D-lux Dave's Hilux right through the housing by the swivel...

to see where the road was under the brown water. Most teams followed suit. "Goodmans" and "Taratua1" teams however pushed much further up the valley before calling it but having a ball in the process! We briefly lost team "Back to Three Again" from Palmy North but soon found this would be a common occurrence and source of entertainment. "A goat ate our map" being one of their more hilarious excuses. We all regrouped at the beautiful Pororari Lagoon for a late lunch on the beach and the sun came out. Kids played in the sand. Some went to the blow holes at Punakaiki on the way to Greymouth. The sun was warm, all the guest teams were having a good time and accounted for. Life was good and things were back on track....or so I thought.

Meanwhile the Tuff Teams were in Tailings....the river at the start was too swift so they headed round and in from the other end. It's a challenging track on a good day so doing it backwards after a big wet was next level. Creeks were crossed with ropes on the trucks for safety and lots of winching ensued.

Sometime in the afternoon they broke the front axle of D-lux, Dave's Hilux right through the housing by the swivel and it was going no further. Some texts and phone calls later and some local Westport 4wding legends met them in the bush with an empty LN106 front housing! All the



Refilling the rebuilt hi-lux axle with oil



Goodmans in Cockeye Creek mud



Grant from Team Back to 3 again in Cockeye Creek mud



Liam tackles a slip on Tailings Track

internals of the Hilux front axle were transferred into the empty housing before swapping it under the truck and driving out.

It was now after dark and on the way out Capt Awesome's 80 Series Cruiser slid off the track, gained a few dents, lost 2 windows to the Westcoast bush and 1 due to a water container exiting through it! Thankfully there were no injuries and the truck was quite easily winched back onto the track and driven home but it cut short their weekend.

One Tuff Team arrived in Greymouth about 6pm, the other about 2am, still smiling.... with all except the now very draughty 80 keen for more!

Meanwhile in Cockeye Creek.... Late arvo I had asked Pat & Karen who are 4wding legends from Hokitika, members of both SINDA and Mid-Canterbury 4wd Clubs and all round awesome people to check the ford on

the Greenstone and that the road was clear to the start of Cockeye Creek in preparation for the next day. They were not supposed to leave the road but once Pat saw how low the water was he decided that going back to Greymouth through Cockeye Creek would be much more efficient than going all the way back round the road. He knows the track very well but in the dark he put a back wheel over a ledge and got stuck. One wheel was in fresh air, balanced with the rear diff sat on a log. This meant an hour and a half bush walk for the retired couple in the dark! Nick and Emma were dispatched to recover them with Anita and me following soon after to check they got out OK. Pretty eventful day that one!

Easter Sunday – Greymouth to Moana via Greenstone, No Name Rd and Cockeye Creek with option for Liverpool Bills Creek. Finally the weather sorted itself out and we had a bright chilly morning for the briefing before setting off. We had a minor detour before the Greenstone but soon had everybody underway. Whilst the teams were enjoying the Greenstone and No-Name Road in the sunshine the Tuff

Teams headed for Liverpool Bills and proceeded upstream. After about 1km it became clear that the dirty and higher than normal water level meant this was more of a Grade 5 than the expected Grade 4 so turned back which was a shame because many of the other teams wanted to have a go at this narrow gorge track. Out of No-name Rd and with Liverpool Bills off the menu, the teams headed into Cockeye Creek and everyone was enjoying themselves on the old goldmining trail that crosses and re-crosses the creek. A detour upstream to avoid Pat's Precipice caught a couple out while they searched for the improvised exit but it was all part of the fun. A soft boggy section was lined with spectators by the time I arrived to watch everyone have a go. Some were being recovered backwards so they could try again whilst being cheered on. We all exited onto the Kumara – Inchbonnie Rd early afternoon and some were keen for more and went back through Cockeye Creek the opposite way. Some went to Shantytown and Woods Creek sightseeing and some carried on through Mitchells and Inchbonnie around the southern end of Moana



Pororari Lagoon

(Lake Brunner) to Te Kinga in the afternoon sunshine. We met up at Iveagh Bay before heading for our various accommodations for the night. Awesome day!

Easter Monday – Moana to Reefton via Nancy View Farm, across the Ahaura River to North Falls Station, Orwell Creek Farm, Napoleon Hill, Nobles Creek Tunnels and Waipuna Creek with options for Lake Ahaura Loop Track and the Chasm. We saved the best till last....this was always going to be a special day as long as we could cross the Ahaura River. Luckily it has a gauge online and I had been keeping an eye on it. It was almost back to pre-Cyclone Cook levels but, taking no chances the SINDA scouts went out and drove it both ways the evening before and marked the best crossing point. Well done guys. They also scoped out the Lake Ahaura Loop track which was a grade 4 optional track but a fresh slip partway through and some deep water at the end meant it was also now a grade 5.

By the morning the Ahaura had dropped another 110mm so we knew we were good to go and the weather was perfect, bright blue skies and not a breath of wind. We, like a few others had been unable to get accommodation at Moana so had stayed at Kopara. This turned out to be a plus as we actually got a lie in while John and Pat mustered the teams and brought them to Kopara for their morning brief. That done and we were off across the river. Dave & Dan stayed back in their Hilux's to make sure everyone got across safely which was much appreciated. Missing their 80 Series



Gordy from team Wheel Nutz crossing the Ahaura River

teammate they decided to drive home from there and the Tuff Trucks were now down to one team, the tenacious Donald & Gus, Liam & Lori and Nick & Emma. The same and only team that had managed to cross the Mackley on day one and complete Tailings backwards without breakage on day two.

Shortly after crossing the Ahaura river North Falls came into view and seeing it never gets boring. Soon after that we were driving through native bush before arriving at Orwell Creek Farm for smoko and a look around the self-sufficient property with huge homemade waterwheel for power generation. The property owners were on hand to answer questions and show old photos of the valley, Napoleon Hill and the old Cemetery. Following the track up Napoleon Hill the teams got to see the old cemetery in the flesh before driving down the steep descent into Nobles Creek. Partway down we passed some small mine tunnels full of Weta to explore and then on into the gorge, not much wider than a vehicle in places with ferns and small waterfalls coming out of the walls. Further down and into the tunnels also just wide enough to drive through with water running through.

Through the second tunnel and were out into the steep sided Waipuna



Old gold workings at Orwell Creek Farm



Ready for morning briefing at Kopara



Road works required on Tailings Track



Orwell Creek Farm power generation



Playing in Orwell Creek Farm pond



Taking a dip at Orwell Creek Farm pond

...we passed some small mine tunnels full of Weta to explore and then on into the gorge, not much wider than a vehicle in places...

Creek for lunch and a great little shooting challenge for more points arranged by John's Range Warden brother, Bob. Everybody really enjoyed this and it finished off the afternoon nicely before heading back to Reefton for the prize giving dinner. The one remaining tuff team, having completed the Lake Ahaura Loop, caught up with us at Waipuna and probably could have completed the Chasm but would have missed prize giving. They decided to head to Reefton, found a side track to explore on the way, bust a CV on Nick's shorty Cruiser, replaced it, still had dinner at the prize giving and drove it home to Christchurch. Good effort! Dinner and prizes.

Karen had kindly organised dinner at Dawson's in Reefton who put on a great spread and accommodated the kids with little notice. During dinner we awarded trophies, prizes, and some light hearted disqualifications according to John's scores. Teams with inside event knowledge were

disqualified but given booby prizes. The 1st prize trophy was taken by team "Wheel Nutz" whilst the two Tarrarua Teams ("Tarrarua1 & Goodmans") took away the 2nd and 3rd prize trophies.

Some of the local guys had to head home to Christchurch after diner but most of the visitors stayed and beers and yarns ensued. Talk turned to "next year" and to be honest we don't expect to run it every year... maybe every other year. As I said at the prize giving, all those that entered can consider themselves pioneers (or guinea pigs) as we had never attempted this before. We did learn a few things to hopefully make it better next time but sadly we can never control the weather.

Talking of weather. Kevin and Joanne from team Wheel Nnutz were lucky enough to have a couple of days spare after the event before getting their ferry home. So, guided by Pat & Karen they went and completed the

Mackley crossing and Mt Frederick on the Tuesday. The weather couldn't have been more different as they barely got their tyres wet in the Mackley and had views for miles from Denniston plateau.

None of this however would have been possible without the help of a lot of people. Special mention needs to go to John McDonald for his well-honed organisational skills, dealing with bookings, scoring and treasurer duties. There are too many others to mention you all individually but numerous members of SINDA gave up a lot of time to help me with route planning, mapping, access and organisation both before and during the event. Also special thanks to all the Mid Canterbury Club members who did such an awesome job throughout the weekend as Marshals, Tail End Charlies, Radio Message Relayers and General All Round Good Helpful Folks. Cheers Andy.



SINDA Tuff Team 1 at Blue Duck Creek



Lake Brunner (Moana) in afternoon sun

4WD Off-Road Insurance



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

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

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

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



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National 4x4 Trials

RESULTS - ROUND 5 - NAKI NO FRILLS -

A CLASS.....AM_TOTPM_TOT..... TOTAL
 204 Daniel HOWAT1130826.771956.77
 113 Caleb ADLAM.....1141.84846.41988.24

C CLASS.....AM_TOTPM_TOT..... TOTAL
 236 Nathan FOGDEN301.06299.31600.37
 588 Kevin HERMANSEN504.5217.38721.88
 280 Rhys O'BRIEN.....423.78378.04801.82
 261 Darrell OSBORNE464379.63843.63
 359 Ian TEMPLETON541.53483.281024.81
 402 Shayne TOWERS644439.381083.38
 62 Steven THOMASON643.53500.751144.28
 485 Grant HARRISON.....603.47559.881163.35
 99 Phil CONWELL.....DNF.....DNF..... DNF

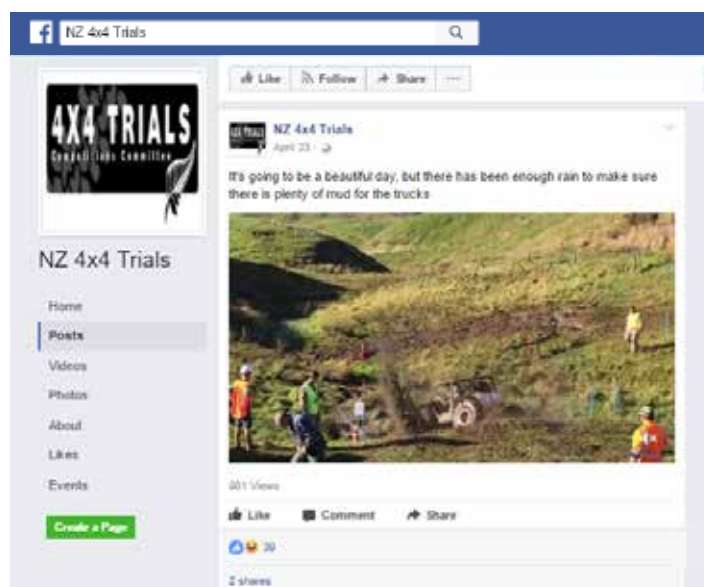
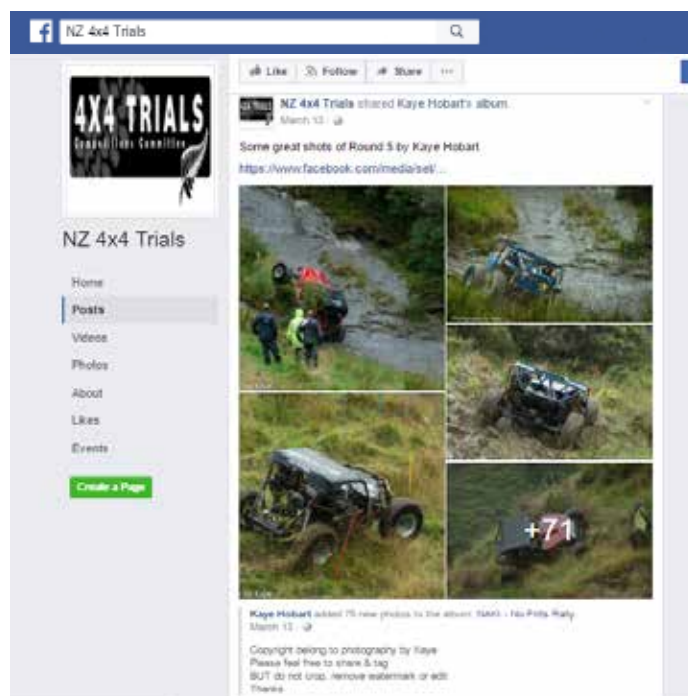
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 448 Scott BIGGS.....84.93196.53281.46
 222 Hamish AURET200.31237.22437.53
 203 Greg MCDELL.....257.16181.35438.51
 189 Neil MORATTI308.47262.04570.51
 255 Silven SCHICKER.....199.38379.44578.82
 536 Wayne BUCKTHOUGHT ..280.59299.03579.62
 632 Phil HOBART438.82227.37666.19
 553 Rowan HUCKSTEP389.15278.62667.77
 42 Brian HOWAT355.79320.81676.6
 303 Dave MCKIE387.1297.21684.31
 438 Russell LUDERS367.47345.67713.14
 202 Kevin GALBRAITH.....443.29318.31761.6
 646 Brian HALL445.72339.09784.81
 800 Campbell HUSTON425.75361.25787
 228 Russell BIGGS.....397.12397.24794.36
 375 Brent WARD.....381.72419.31801.03
 777 Mike GEE-TAYLOR418.12419837.12
 370 Dean WELLS.....470.22397.75867.97
 44 Phil CAMERON.....577.62337.38915
 110 David VANDERSCHANTZ..504.94503.321008.26
 149 Steve LACEY623.19422.291045.48
 35 Peter MURPHY.....594.78461.251056.03
 316 Craig POTTER656.9440.521097.42
 79 Dean RUSSELL.....540.53578.811119.34
 171 Ray RASING.....585.06558.411143.47
 206 Ryan BOLDDNF.....DNF..... DNF
 380 Jamie WAUGHDNF.....DNF..... DNF
 644 Kurt JOHNSONDNF.....DNF..... DNF

F CLASSAM_TOTPM_TOT..... TOTAL
 335 Steve MORLEY864.255821446.25
 230 Matthew MERWOOD DNF.....DNF..... DNF

J CLASS.....AM_TOTPM_TOT..... TOTAL
 446 Shane JOHNSTON707.56706.021413.58

K CLASS.....AM_TOTPM_TOT..... TOTAL
 801 Nathan SMITH691.71617.151308.86

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NZ1 Hamish Auret (Driver), Ron Sturme (NCO), Paul Barnes (Co-driver)
 SOURCE NZ4X4TRIALS FACEBOOK.

National 4x4 Trials

RESULTS - ROUND 6 - MANAWATU EXTREME 4WD -

A CLASS.....	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
113 Caleb ADLAM.....	1158.09	803.16.....	1961.25
204 Daniel HOWAT	1264.13	779.44.....	2043.57

C CLASS.....	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
99 Phil CONWELL.....	315.5	146.76.....	462.26
236 Nathan FOGDEN	326.31	315.98.....	642.29
280 Rhys O'BRIEN.....	532.54	247.61.....	780.15
261 Darrell OSBORNE	445.34	369.73.....	815.07
588 Kevin HERMANSEN	487.28	384.97.....	872.25
485 Grant HARRISON.....	564.82	384.63.....	949.45
62 Steven THOMASON	657.16	366.75.....	1023.91
359 Ian TEMPLETON	691.19	400.24.....	1091.43

D CLASS	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
448 Scott BIGGS.....	184.56	174.99.....	359.55
203 Greg MCDELL.....	166.44	196.24.....	362.68
438 Russell LUDERS	191.56	235.61.....	427.17
303 Dave MCKIE	284.13	177.81.....	461.94
189 Neil MORATTI	285.5	236.82.....	522.32
44 Phil CAMERON.....	286.56	236.57.....	523.13
536 Wayne BUCKTHOUGHT ..	309.28	218.73.....	528.01
777 Mike GEE-TAYLOR	250.1	307.66.....	557.76
632 Phil HOBART	396.79	244.52.....	641.31
375 Brent WARD.....	430.53	218.22.....	648.75
553 Rowan HUCKSTEP	426.28	239.48.....	665.76
110 David VANDERSCHANTZ..	471.91	224.07.....	695.98
202 Kevin GALBRAITH.....	516.03	190.2.....	706.23
646 Brian HALL	446.84	288.73.....	735.57
42 Brian HOWAT	398.25	338.97.....	737.22
255 Silven SCHICKER.....	496.59	278.68.....	775.27
79 Dean RUSSELL.....	520.31	288.95.....	809.26
656 Sam THOMSEN	516.69	299.03.....	815.72
11 John COWPER.....	528.5	307.11.....	835.61
370 Dean WELLS.....	511.03	361.11.....	872.14
240 Stuart EARLE	667.63	330.16.....	997.79
35 Peter MURPHY.....	589.85	422.12.....	1011.97
149 Steve LACEY	740.09	402.87.....	1142.96
380 Jamie WAUGH	855.5	539.34.....	1394.84
644 Kurt JOHNSON	1188.75	703.78.....	1892.53
228 Russell BIGGS.....	456.47	1511.25...	1967.72
206 Ryan BOLD	530.65	1671.22...	2201.87
800 Campbell HUSTON.....	588.81	1670.84...	2259.65
65 John MCGONIGLE	DNF.....	DNF.....	DNF
72 Dave HINTZ	DNF.....	DNF.....	DNF
222 Hamish AURET	DNF.....	DNF.....	DNF
451 Aaron GUEST	DNF.....	DNF.....	DNF

F CLASS	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
335 Steve MORLEY	775.81	608.76.....	1384.57
230 Matthew MERWOOD ..	1235.16	948.14.....	2183.3

J CLASS.....	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
446 Shane JOHNSTON	839.97	453.32.....	1293.29

K CLASS.....	AM_TOT ...	PM_TOT	TOTAL
801 Nathan SMITH	439.63	391.25.....	830.88



Scott Biggs, Ron Sturme and Jarred Biggs - 2nd Overall and 1st in D Class



Chris & Greg McDell - 3rd Overall in NZ. NCO Ron Sturme on right.

2017/18 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL SERIES

OCTOBER 2017 Labour Weekend.

Hosted by Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club

9th DECEMBER 2017

Hosted by Counties 4 Wheelers

20th JANUARY 2018

Hosted by Hawkes Bay 4WD Club

24th FEBRUARY 2018

Hosted by Mike Gee Taylor (Northern Zone)

24th MARCH 2018

Hosted by Taranaki 4X4

APRIL 2018 - FINAL. (Date TBC)

Hosted by Wanganui 4WD Club.

Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2016-17 Series Roundup



Marty Green Wellington



Bruce Tustin Taihape



Lee Turner Waiouru



Andrew Gee Taihape

ARTICLE AND PHOTOS BY ANDREW GEE

The 2016-17 Series of the Club Truck Challenge (CTC) has been the best ever, we finished the Series having run Six Rounds this year. The most events in a Series so far and brilliant that we had six 4wd Clubs lining up to put on better and better events. Thanks to the Central Zone of the NZFWDA which continues to financially underwrite the Series so that a Club is not out of pocket after putting on an event. We continue to get great support from Editor Ross MacKay and NZ4WD Magazine to publicise our events. This year Wairarapa 4WD, Mt Egmont 4WD, Capital Cruisers 4WD, Desert Defenders Offroad, Manawatu 4WD and Wanganui 4WD Clubs all put on events and they were all excellent. We went to new venues in Taranaki, Wellington, Woodville and Taihape and five Venues put on camping and a meal as well as a Trial, thanks guys. There is a pleasing increase in the number of entrants and it's good to see the number of ladies who aren't afraid to join in. It reinforces the fact that it is actually going driving rather than worrying about the specification of your vehicle. Never the less, four different Classes are run to even up the playing field in regard to the vehicles. Our new Class 4 for very modified vehicles is about future proofing the competition and allows for rear wheel steering and computer controlled traction systems, Gyro Gearloose enter now!

SERIES OVERALL

After Round 6 there were 15 people who had entered three or more Rounds which put them in the running for a Series position. Taking their three best scores gave us the following winners in each Class.

Class 1, Open diffs

1. Ross Gregory, Jeep, Wairarapa 4WD Club
2. Matthew Liang, Nissan Patrol, Wairarapa 4WD club
3. Judith Hintz, Suzuki Vitara, Manawatu Club



Alan Stone Taihape



Brendan Watchorn Taihape



Judith Hintz Woodville



Matthew Liang Waiouru



Joe Stevens Woodville

4. Mark Watchorn, Isuzu Bighorn, Manawatu Club
5. Kelsey van Waas, Suzuki 413, Tararua Club

Class 2, Non controllable traction aids

1. Dave McGinnity, Jeep Wrangler, Windy City Offroaders
2. Allan Stone, Toyota Landcruiser, Mt Egmont Club
3. Shona Stone, Toyota Landcruiser, Mt Egmont Club
4. Brendan Watchorn, Mitsubishi Pajero, Manawatu Club
5. Lee Turner, Mitsubishi Pajero, Manawatu Club



Steve Stewart Taihape



Dave MacGinnity Woodville

Class 3, Manually controlled traction aids

1. Marty Green, Toyota Landcruiser, Capital Cruisers
2. Bruce Tustin, Jeep Wrangler, Cross Country Vehicle Club
3. Andrew Gee, Jeep Wrangler, Wellington Jeep Club
4. Steve Stewart, Nissan Patrol, Fielding Club
5. Joe Stevens, Mitsubishi Pajero, Wairarapa Club



Ross Gregory Waiouru



Kelsey Van Waas Woodville

NEXT SERIES

The calendar is filling out nicely for the 2017-18 Series, definite dates so far are 14 October 2017 to be held by Mt Egmont Club and 11 November 2017 to be held by Wellington Jeep Club. We are hoping to start the next CTC Series in September again like this year but that Round is yet to be confirmed. Desert Defenders and Wairarapa 4x4 Club have also expressed an intention to hold a Round next year to give us another full calendar. You have a few off season months to dial in your registered and warranted machine to join a competitive Series that is easily achievable in your Club vehicle.



Shona Stone Woodville



Mark Watchorn Woodville

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

2017 Conference & AGM

Manukau 4WD Club Members arranged a tour bus for the Club Delegates to visit Ardmore Airport to meet the guys that are putting the old stuff back in to the sky and to Auckland Performance Tuning and the rolling road dyno, and a commercial Mechanical Test Laboratory to bust and break stuff.



Planes in the hanger still have air time, except the two dark green ones, they are permanently grounded.



Improvising, Ken McAdams LVVTA speech started on the bus and finished with a slide show back at the Stadium.



This engine is to be converted into a BBQ



On the Dyno at Auckland Performance Tuning.



Mosquito MK40



We broke, bent and snapped tow hooks, D shackles and steel at SGS. And stretched the soft shackle to its max.



Results from the testing will be available on the NZFWDA website soon.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Introduction

Over the last year, following a decision at the 2016 AGM to undertake a project to develop health and safety material following the introduction of the new Health and Safety at Work Act (HSWA) in 2016, the Executive has given updates to members in recent issues of Trail Torque.

A full update was provided at this year's AGM on 21 May, with Grant Purdie giving a presentation and John Hickey providing legal comment throughout.

The presentation PowerPoint will be distributed to affiliated Clubs once any content still subject to legal review has been removed.

The Key Messages

The presentation summarised the key messages:

- It is everybody's obligation to act safely
 - Every person
 - Every Club
 - Every Trip Leader
 - Every Club member
 - Even spectators and other members of the public
- Take responsibility for what you can control
- Safety plan for every trip/event
 - Focus on how to conduct a safe event
 - Include planning for communications, first aid, emergency response

Deliverables

The deliverables from the project will be

- The NZFWDA policy statement on health and safety
- A set of guidelines for 4wd Clubs
- An online library of sample documents and forms

Physically, there will be a single document containing the policy statement and guidelines.

Once that has been published, the sample documents and forms and the online library will be gradually developed as time allows.

Implementation by Clubs

As a means to ensure appropriate focus on safety, it is important that every 4wd Club makes its own decisions about health and safety policy and practices.

The NZFWDA recommends that each 4wd Club

- Adopts its own safety policy
- Adopts its own safety processes, documents and forms
- Makes all this material available to Club members
- Runs a series of presentations to Club members to explain their Club's safety policy, processes, documents, forms and practices
- Ensures that ongoing, every new Club member receives this same initiation
- Conveys to its members on an ongoing basis the message that the Club and its members are responsible for ensuring that they comply with the Club's policies and practices and their own legal obligations

The library of sample documents and forms will be a resource available to Clubs to use as the basis for setting things up for themselves.

Project Progress

Policy Statement and Guidelines

- These have been drafted and are in legal review
- Once any legal aspects have been dealt with, the updated document will be passed to some key stakeholders for review
- Then their feedback will be processed and the document published

Library of Sample Documents

- A table of contents has been drafted
- Some of the items have been identified as higher priority
- Early work has begun on drafting the top priority documents
- This work will be progressed once the policy and guidelines document has been published

4x4 Events/ Trips/Runs

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 APRIL - 31 OCTOBER

WHANGAMOMONA ROAD CLOSED

1 MAY - 1 DECEMBER

42 TRAVERSE CLOSED.

10 JUNE 2017

NORTHERN ZONE TR. South

Waikato, Tirau.

8 JULY 2017

NORTHERN ZONE TR. Eastern Bay

Twin Diff Club, Edgecumbe.

21 - 22 OCTOBER (Labour Weekend) 2017/2018 NATIONAL

4X4 TRIAL SERIES. ROUND ONE.

Hosted by Eastern Bay Twin Diff

Club. Visit nz4x4trials.co.nz

9 DECEMBER 2017

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL

SERIES. ROUND TWO. Hosted

by Counties 4 Wheelers. Visit

nz4x4trials.co.nz

20 JANUARY 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL

SERIES. ROUND THREE. Hosted by

Hawkes Bay. Visit nz4x4trials.co.nz

24 FEBRUARY 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL

SERIES. ROUND FOUR. Hosted by

Mike Gee-Taylor.

Visit nz4x4trials.co.nz

24 MARCH 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL

SERIES. ROUND FIVE. Hosted by

Taranaki. Visit nz4x4trials.co.nz

APRIL 2018

2017/2018 NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL

SERIES. FINAL ROUND. Hosted by

Wanganui. Visit nz4x4trials.co.nz

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2018 NZFWDA CONFERENCE &

AGM. South Island, details to

follow soon.

2017/2018 NZFWDA Executive

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Southern Zone PRO	-	John McDonald

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Scorer	-	Phil Shailer



Cross Country Vehicle Club and Wellington City Council MOU

In December last year Wellington City Council formally recognised the partnership between CCVC and Council and that CCVC is a key community stakeholder which the wish to work with. As all know it's a challenging and lengthy process to get to this point and it's a significant achievement for the Club, but particularly for the very small group which persisted with the process.

CCVC has had a close relationship with WCC for about 15 years now. It's been fostered over this time by helping out with beach/coastal clean-up trips, coastal plantings and providing vehicles and assistance on WCC tag-a-long type trips or carrying passengers for WCC. We've got a few members who have worked closely with WCC for a long time and built very good relationships with staff and Councillors alike. The systems and structures within the Club and affiliation with NZFWDA has given the Council confidence in dealing with us. To this point the relationship had been informal and relied on individuals which could come and go and risk the relationship being lost.

In part the goals were to recognise the club's contribution to the management and restoration of the Wellington South Coast. The document also acknowledges the NZFWDA and CCVC interest in promoting responsible four wheel driving. The nature of the agreement allows for realising future joint aspirations around access, track maintenance, vehicle wreck removal, pest control and environmental restoration. The MOU also sets out health and safety processes to ensure safety and wellbeing of club members and compliance with Council requirements.

From the Council's point of view it means they can rely on us to provide "eyes and ears" to protect a sensitive area open to the public, assist with restoration activities and 4WD trips and also they know we'll comply with their health and safety requirements (which are part of the MOU).

This builds on a very successful submission to WCC last year on their Open Spaces Access Plan where every activity except four wheel driving was listed. Following our written and oral submission four wheel driving has been included in the Plan Another great result.

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NZFWDA National President's Report to AGM, 22 May 2017

The main focus this past year has been the development of a NZFWDA response to legislative changes, specifically the Health and Safety at Work Act which became effective from April 2016. John Hickey led an excellent session during our last AGM / Conference and he has since led an Executive sub-committee with the objective of producing draft guidelines for Clubs and individual members. This has been an enormous undertaking which has been superbly supported by Grant Purdie's energetic and professional contribution in compiling and writing NZFWDA HSWA Guidelines which will be presented to the 2017 AGM in draft / yet to be completed form.

Whilst the underlying message is that we are all individually responsible for our own safety and the safety of others who might be affected by our actions, it is nonetheless necessary to have a set of documents, almost a library, of useful guidelines for our members and Clubs to access.

Most recently we have had the draft guidelines externally reviewed and "tested" against the provisions of the Act. Final editing will occur shortly after which the draft guidelines will be released for peer review by selected Clubs, and external organisations, including some further legal oversight. We want to get the initial publication as pertinent, relevant, and useful as possible but more importantly it needs to be simple to understand and in a form that is actually used by Clubs and members.

Giant steps have been taken with this task and I wish to acknowledge, personally, my thanks to John Hickey, Grant Purdie, and the remaining members of the Executive for their commitment and contribution to what is a nearly finished piece of work.

Land access issues continue to frustrate our members and Clubs particularly in the upper half of the North Island where most of the population pressure originates with competing demands from larger numbers of recreational users.

After experiencing the arrangements that were put in place in the Akatarawa Ranges some 20 years ago it occurs that organisations such as NZFWDA might be best advised to work more collaboratively with other recreational users to secure, maintain, and retain access rights. That is certainly an underlying premise in the recently documented DOC agreement for Maratoto which Northern Zone have been negotiating. As always the devil is in the detail; for Maratoto what DOC have initially offered is an agreement where NZFWDA Northern Zone take responsibility for a defined area of Maratoto but our recovery from fees can only be assured from our own members. Given Maratoto is used by a number of different recreational pursuits it is obviously important that, under a Manager Insures agreement, the manager has the means to influence and manage other user groups. We know, from experience in the likes of Akatarawa that collective use and care of land / tracks is achievable.

These thoughts / ponderings then lead me to wonder about NZFWDA in its current form. Seems to me there are a very significant number of issues we face as a representative body for 4 wheelers in New Zealand. This is especially apparent when we know there are many informally structured 4 wheelers who organise themselves through social media sites such as Facebook. One such group, which identifies with a single marque, has recently enquired if they might formalise a "Club" relationship with NZFWDA. They have 1600 "members" but no formal membership application other than via a Facebook link. A number of these members are already affiliated with NZFWDA but there remain a significant number who are social media members and whose actions in the real world get sheeted home to NZFWDA.

I guess the underlying issue I see is the Association's membership base remains relatively static year on year but the social media groups are expanding both in terms of coverage, activities and "members". Is it time for NZFWDA to reinvent itself? That is a question I wish to present to this AGM.

Our existing Club / Members / Association relationships work reasonably well but it seems to me our support systems are relatively "clunky" and not necessarily user friendly. Looking at some of the larger NZFWDA Clubs I see very active and regularly updated websites and information flows between the Clubs and the members and also inter-Clubs but the Association seems to stand alone. I am minded to present the analogy of the super tanker surrounded by nimble torpedo boats; communications generally occur well but reactions to events are rather more disparate.

These comments are general ramblings in response to what I perceive to be some quite serious deficiencies in the organisational "machinery" of NZFWDA. Some of the things I think we need, now, are:

1. A dedicated webmaster / mistress who maintains the Association's website in a current form with links to all affiliated clubs and their websites.
2. A nationally agreed "Statement of Purpose" that is relevant to the practices and events of the "now"
3. An updated / modernised Website including social media presence and access
4. A database that is flexible, current, and easy for our member Clubs, and members, to access.

These needs are actually incredibly difficult for NZFWDA to implement given our volunteer structure and diverse membership base. Whilst we continue to gain new (younger) members, a goodly portion of our membership falls into a demographic at the more senior end of the scale. In short I perceive NZFWDA needs an overhaul. We do this when our trucks get tired, it doesn't mean we get rid of the much loved truck, we simply give it a birthday. I think NZFWDA needs one of those birthdays and I would welcome support and energy from our member Clubs and members to restore our Association as the leading representative of the 4WD fraternity in New Zealand.

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NZ4WD Northern Zone President's Report for National AGM on Sunday 21 May 2017

Dear Fellow Four Wheel Drivers

Since our 2016 AGM on 16 April 2016:

1. It has been an interesting year. Thankfully we have not had some of the tragedies or media events of previous years although you can never tell what is going to happen next (such as the four wheel drivers stuck in the snow in the South Island).

2. Russell De Luca organised a meeting for Waitawheta with Tinaka Mearns as the Acting National Recreation Manager for DOC in her Hamilton office on 11 May 2016. Russell De Luca, Steve Morley, Steve Whitton attended because the meeting was about Waitawheta. Tony Burgess, Northern PRO and I as Northern Zone President, Neville Dunton the National President and Roger Seymour, the National PRO who came up from Wellington also attended. Regrettably DOC has dragged the chain. We had a follow up meeting with DOC, the local Council and Waikato Regional Council on 8 May 2017. DOC and the local Hauraki District Council want NZFWDA to obtain resource consent. The costs and risks seem prohibitive.

3. In August 2016 I spoke to Manukau Club about Health & Safety. We discussed the Association providing documents for member clubs. I am currently heading a subcommittee which is working on the Act. So that we can work on guideline documents we have been considering the issues and a policy so that we can achieve a sensible and useful set of documents. The risk is that we bash out a set of documents that won't work properly. This has taken a considerable amount of time. There has been some robust debate amongst the Executive!

4. Maratoto. I chased up DOC about Maratoto on a number of occasions. Gemma White moved into a new role and Leanne Invine is now the DOC Manager with Avi Holzapfel the DOC Officer is responsible for Thames including Maratoto.

(a) I arranged a meeting with DOC on Saturday 29 October 2016 at the ford, Wires Road before the start of the track with Leanne and Avi and Dave Brown and Ces Horan. We had a discussion for about 45 minutes

before getting in the vehicles and going up the track through the gate stopping on a number of occasions on route to the ABC Rock. We stopped at the ABC rock for lunch and then continued stopping at the last big water hole before the Tairua River and walk through to the river and the campsite. We had a number of useful discussions.

(b) After that inspection and discussions with DOC and DOC being provided with Health and Safety documents by Steve Morley, (thanks to help from Russell Biggs), DOC agreed that Steve and Ces could carry out the work on Maratoto in December 2016 that was considered necessary before the track could be opened. (It is my understanding that DOC was only approving the work on the basis of a contractor being employed to carry out the work.)

(c) Approval was only given shortly before Christmas but Steve and Ces managed to carry out the work and then approved opening of the track and I gave notice that the track was open. You should have a copy of my letter that went out to all clubs and points to be noted are that:

(i) Vehicles need to be clean before they go into the track and cleaned as soon as possible afterwards;

(ii) DOC has approved use of cameras for monitor usage and DOC may want to access those cameras.

(iii) We need to use the track and share it with others.

(iv) We need to maintain a good relationship with DOC. If people try to take shortcuts the track could be closed and we would all lose out.

(d) I have received a draft Manager Insures Agreement from DOC. I have reviewed it am sending a copy to members of the Zone Executive and National Executive for approval and hope to soon send it back to DOC as amended.

5. Hall Road. NZ Off Roaders which is not a member of the Association collected some money for work on the Track. Tony has I understand arranged for Northern Zone to receive that money and I believe he is now trying to get contractors and sponsors.

6. Insurance. The National President Neville Dunton and Russell Quin, Southern Zone President who also deals with insurance matters have had discussions with the NZFWDA

regarding insurance. An email has been sent out:

(a) Activities covered are historical activities, club or association sanctioned events including minor track work:

(b) The insurance does not cover maintenance requiring heavy equipment or tree felling.

(c) The insurers point out that associations, zone or club or members carrying out such work could be held vicariously liable, i.e. liable for others actions. At this stage on my understanding there is no cover for vicarious liability for such matters.

(d) Insurers have looked at King Country's Managers Insurers DOC Agreement and say:

(i) For minor track maintenance there is cover.

(ii) However the NZFWDA policy does not cover liability for heavy machinery or any contractors. So clubs need to make sure that any contractors have adequate insurance cover. (The same will apply for Maratoto).

7. Thank you. Thank you to everybody in the Zone who has helped this year on various projects.

(a) The Association can only operate because of the time spent by many volunteers.

(b) In particular, thank you to the Executive.

(i) Eileen works tirelessly in the background.

(ii) Tony as PRO has also worked quietly. I am aware that he has been monitoring various Website non-association groups and continually promoting the association and our message of acting responsibly. Tony is standing down this year but I understand he is still prepared to help with that internet and web-based clubs work.

(iii) Dave is a solid backup.

(c) Thank you for the help I get from the national executive

(d) I also need to acknowledge my secretaries who put up with all sorts of four wheel drive stuff.

(e) Thank you for those who realise that sometimes I can't always do things immediately because of other commitments.

I look forward to another interesting year.

Regards

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Another year of trialing has been done and we've been treated to some good competition. I think as a sport we need to take a step back and appreciate the quality of competitors and trucks we have out there. It's clear that the passion for the sport is still strong when you see the high standard of trucks and the condition they are kept in.

Truck numbers were low this season, something the new Classes should help improve and I believe there are some more trucks coming out next season. This is a short term lull in numbers as we are holding excellent trials. The fun and camaraderie between competitors at rallies is a good advertisement for our sport.

The rule changes made this season, particularly to the roll cage, were paramount for health and safety in our sport. We have seen in the most part this season, the 4WD family come together and make the most of a bad situation. Competitors, both for and against the change have embraced the need to move forward for the sake of safety and help one another get back out there to the sport we love. I'm proud to be part of a committee that worked together and tackled this diverse issue with a positive outcome and I believe we can put this one behind us as a necessary step forward for our sport.

The committee and safety design team can't be thanked enough for their time and effort during this period. Resolving issues like this is very involved, time consuming, at times a thankless job and taxing on the committee. I am happy to announce that we have not had any injuries this season.

The trials this season were well-run. Clubs are doing an extremely good job to bring their own flair to each Round with the different types of hazards that they're throwing at competitors - it mixes it up, and that along with the weather, there's been a good variety of driving styles which have been able to be showcased through these courses. Clubs can't be thanked enough for stepping up and putting countless hours in to produce these awesome trials.

I have thanked the committee for their continued work and support this year and the safety design team who got a bit of a workout this season. Our trials are run by volunteers who put in a huge amount of their time and effort into assuring the competition runs as smoothly as possible within the constraints that have been placed upon the sport. None of this can happen without the land for us to play on, so a big cheers went to the landowners who allow us to do what we do.

Along with some other committee members, I am stepping down and giving others the opportunity to put back into the sport. Some of these have been long standing committee members and have put many years of dedication to the sport and I thanked them for their commitment and wished them well with their next endeavours.

We have predominately a new committee comprising of NCO Nathan Smith (Big Red), Secretary; Brittany Hobart, Treasurer; Stacey McGregor, Scrutineers; Wayne Buckthorp and Glenn D'Arth. Stewards; Brent Samson and Warren Jefferys, Scorer; Phil Shailer, Safety Design Team; Scott Biggs, Phil Conwell, Brian Howat, Chris Tomalin, Peter Osborne. The outgoing committee have offered assistance if they are required.

We have six Rounds booked in for this coming season. 1st Round October EBTDC, 2nd December, Counties, 3rd January Hawkes Bay, 4th February Mike Gees (Northern Zone), 5th March Taranaki, 6th April Wanganui.

I have enjoyed my time as NCO and wish the new committee well.

Ron Sturme
NCO May 2017



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Central Zone Presidents Report 2016/17
Some highlights from the year.

Central Zone Club Truck Challenge, the CZCTC remains popular with several Rounds run through the year and looking like 6 Rounds this season.

Trial - By all accounts the Manawatu Club hosted a Round of the National Trial which was very successful.

Meetings - Most Central Zone meetings throughout the year have been well attended, but is the current format for the Zone meetings, time and place, suitable, should we look at changing them to increase attendance?

Land Access Issues - We have been free from these this year with only the loss of a private forestry block. Some of the more accessible public tracks are suffering abuse from the weekend warriors, these are the people we need to bring into our Clubs so we can educate them and reduce the negative

impact they have to the public image. The old Whangamomona Road has come to the attention of the Stratford Council. In recent times the Whangamomona Action Group have done some maintenance on the road but due to lack of financial support in recent years have been unable to do the significant work currently required. The Council called for submissions as to how this should be handled and it was feared that the council would want to stop the Road, but Craig (Central Zone PRO) attended their meeting and the Council recognises the importance of the Road as a tourist attraction and do not want to close it, but spend money on it to ensure that it is usable by all interested parties including the 4WD community. Please note that the road is closed between the 1st of April and the 31st of October each year to avoid extensive damage to the road over the

wet winter months, please observe this closure as you do for the 42 Traverse. Clubs - The Central Zone has lost one Club, CostaPlenty, as the land they used to use has been sold and access lost. The majority of the members have joined Central Districts. Keep your eyes open for a number of events that will be run by Central Districts using the name of CostaPlenty. Election of officers; President Max Wheatley, Treasurer Shona Stone, Secretary Craig Lifford. Craig also took on the job as PRO as there was no interest from other attendees at the meeting, there was some discussion as to the value of this role. For the moment it needs to be maintained as the PRO goes forward to make up the National Executive.

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New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association Southern Zone Presidents Report 2016 -17

This year certainly started out with quite a bit of publicity as 13 Vehicles and 38 people decided to plant themselves in 2.5 meters of snow up on the Waikaia Bush Road in Central Otago. Thankfully none of this group were members of the Four Wheel Drive Association. However it did cause a bit of media frenzy for myself and the Central Otago Four Wheel Drive Club who became involved in the rescue.

In the end it became quite a good public relations exercise for the Association and the benefits of Clubs and making good choices. Something that we seem to have to reiterate to the Community and general 4wd drivers all the time. As a reminder of this there was an excellent article in the Otago Daily Times on May 6th as a gentle reminder of the goings on last year with a follow on article featuring the Central Otago 4wd Club. It is really pleasing to note that the Otago Conservation Board, the local District Council and the Department of Conservation all acknowledge the effort Four Wheel Drive Clubs put into educating their members and the general public and recognise that we are not the problem.

We also had a similar problem in the Mavora Lake area where some young hooners were caught digging up tracks on Conservation Land. Again had a conversation with the DoC Ranger and he confirmed his thoughts on Clubs and our responsible behaviour and assured me if there were organised Club groups going into this area there would be no problem providing of course the conditions were right.

The Conservation Management Strategy Document was approved for all the Southern Regions in September. This has been a good outcome for the Four Wheel Drive community and has recognised 4wd driving as a legitimate recreational pursuit on the DoC Conservancy.

John Mc Donald has had issues with access in the Mid Canterbury Area and covered this in his report.

We had an issue with an event in the Nelson area where the Nelson Club were running a Winch Challenge and

had some run off into a neighbouring property. The local Council came out and decided that there was some contamination and the Club and the property owners were fined. In the Clubs defence they had taken remedial steps and the Council recognised this. The Association was able to help with the fine both for the Club and the landowner and a good lesson was learned and a timely reminder to all Clubs running events that if there is water involved be sure to make sure it is not going to cause problems for other people.

On the National level a marathon effort has been put into the Health and Safety policy this year and hopefully this will be ratified at the National Conference. This will be a cornerstone for Clubs to have a working document and will enable

them if they follow the procedures to run events, travel on private land and do all the good things we like doing in a safe manner.

On the Club scene most Clubs seem to be active doing their thing and providing good environments for their members to enjoy four wheeling. A special congratulations to the Otago Landrover Owners Club who marked 50 years as a Club this year.

Finally I am really pleased to report that we have been approached by the Southland Land Rover Club to join the Association which is great news as they are past members and a very strong Club. It also enables the Association to say we now have Clubs from Kaitia to the Bluff.

Regards
Russell Quin

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Vandalism a safety issue - 4WD club

By Matt Tso - March 17, 2017

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Not impressed... Central Otago 4WD Club treasurer Brent Wilson with one of the vandalised bollards at the entrance to the club grounds. The cut reinforcing bar can be seen on top of the bollard. PHOTO: MATT

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Central Otago 4WD Club members say they have concerns for public safety after finding an entrance to their Alexandra grounds vandalised.

A club member walking their dog found the steel reinforcing bar loops which secured a chain to two bollards cut and the chain removed from the entrance near Boundary Rd last Wednesday.

Club treasurer Brent Wilson said the removal of the chain was concerning as it had been put in place in January to prevent people gaining unauthorised access to club grounds and putting themselves and others at risk.

He said there had been a number of incidents involving non-club members using tracks on the river flats which the club leased from the

council.

"There's been several near-misses with motorcycles and club members have had to rescue four-wheel-drives [belonging to non-members] who have got themselves stuck."

SOURCE: <https://www.thenews.co.nz/news/vandalism-a-safety-issue-4wd-club/>



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Southern Zone Pro Report for 2016 – 17

It has been quiet in the zone this year with only the Health & Safety requiring my attention. But I have been busy in my own Club with two major projects for me to sort out. Plus, I have been helping the SINDA Club with the Westcoast Challenge.

The Ashburton River shorebird habitat management plan. The first project I got involved with was the "Ashburton River/Hakaterere shorebird Habitat management plan" put out by Ecan & Forest and Bird. Scanning through the document I found that they planned to ban all access to the river for both vehicles and foot traffic from October to January. This we had to fight and since they were going to ban foot traffic I suspected this included fisherman. So I contacted Fish & Game, they had heard about it but didn't get a copy or an invite to the meeting. Poor management on Ecan's part.

At the first meeting I questioned what had the most impact on nesting birds, the answer didn't surprise me it wasn't 4x4 or even fisherman it was wood weeds and mammalian predators (Yes, I had to ask what a mammalian predator was too, Stoats, Weasels, Ferrets, Cats and to my surprise Hedgehogs) vehicles are very low on the list.

To make a long story short I volunteered the Mid Canterbury 4x4 Club to help with the mammalian predators, well we aren't squeamish about knocking over a few ferrets are we. We setup just under 50 traps and checked them every week for 3 months. We got quite an impressive tally - 111 Hedgehogs, 3 Weasels, 1 stoat, 3 Cats and a few rats.

Ecan and Forest & Bird put an article in the paper saying that they had done a lot of work putting up string to keep the public away from the birds, nothing was mentioned about the Club spending 3 months trapping predators.

This fired us up with lots of 4 letter words bandied round. When I was asked to go to a meeting to discuss how the nesting season went I got prepared.

At the meeting first up was Jean Jack from Ecan she reported that the predator trapping in the upper reaches of the river went well (we were doing the lower reaches), nothing was mentioned about what the Club had done. There were a few other reports but sorry I can't remember them as I was trying hard to stay awake. But when it came my turn I was ready for them, I said the reason the Club took on this project was to raise a positive profile of the Club and we thought we may get some good press out of it.

Since we didn't get a mention in the paper instead Forest & Bird took all the credit and when we didn't even get a mention from Jean Jack our primary objective had failed and I felt it would be hard to get the Club to help with further trapping. This put the cat amongst the pigeons or in this case the ferret amongst the seagulls.

Any way we are still on the committee for the river management plan because I don't trust them that they won't try and block access and it is easier to fight them from the inside.

The Clayton Pack Track
The next problem I had to sort out was the Clayton Pack Track, the farm that adjoined the track was sold and the new owner erected a deer fence and locked the gate. Stan Van Heesywck our Club President at the time took objection to this, phoned them up about it, Stan wasn't very diplomatic about it and didn't get anywhere. The next thing we got was a notice from the Timaru District Council saying the Land Owner had been issued a Licence to Occupy the Clayton Pack Track.

This is where I got involved, first up I checked the Walking Access Mapping System and found the track didn't stick to the Unformed Legal Road (ULR) boundary. Not knowing much about access issues I phoned Walking Access and got hold of Eric Pyle the Chief Executive you know me straight to the top, well maybe not, it was Eric who answered the phone. Anyway I told him our problem with the Licence to Occupy and he said something that I will remember for a long time, "Well

that's naughty of the Council, they can't issue a Licence to Occupy on a ULR". Eric put me onto Geoff Holgate our Regional Field Advisor and we got the ball rolling to get the Licence to Occupy lifted. With lots of reading and letter writing and the support of Geoff we got it lifted, but that still left the problem of the track being on private property and the land owner wasn't budging on that one. Geoff jacked up a meeting between Marcus Ewart & me representing The Mid Canterbury 4x4 Club, Geoff Holgate representing Walking Access, Mark Waite the Landowner and Andrew Dixon representing the Timaru District Council at the Council offices. When Mark turned up he was all fired up, but Geoff managed to calm him down and we found out what was upsetting him. It turned out that Stan had wound his wife up and if he had approached him personally this would have been a lot different. Again to cut a long meeting short Mark said if we (Me & Marcus) approached him and had a cup of tea he would review our access favourably. We did that and now we have a trip jacked up for the spring.

The moral of this story is first check your facts, then phone the landowner up and see if you can work something out without getting everyone wound up. This storm in a tea cup took a couple months to sort out and a lot of time that we could have better spent off roading.

Health & Safety

This has been a mission but I think we can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our H&S policy has been sent for an unofficial review against the Act and it has come back with some recommendations. Grant is working through them at the moment and we should have something for the National AGM. In my opinion with the help of a lawyer this has turned from a relatively simple document into a major undertaking, I hope it is all worth it in the end.

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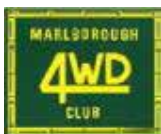
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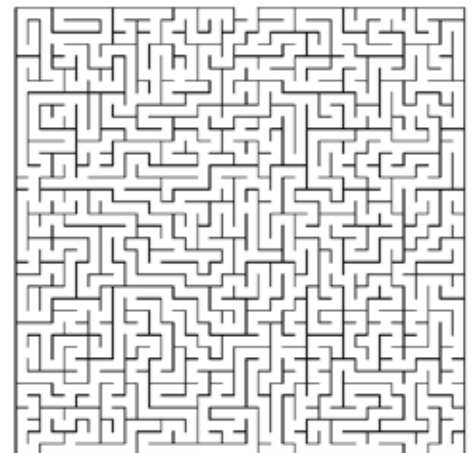


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