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The official Newsletter of the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association

Established in 1974, the objective of the Association is to further and improve Four Wheel Drive activities in NZ. As a member of the NZFWDA, you become an integral part of this effort to ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy our country in four wheel drive vehicles.



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NZFWDA AGM 2020

Held 7 November via Zoom

The AGM had a slow registration process this year while we accepted everyone in to the Zoom meeting, giving instructions on how the voting would work as we went. Zoom is an interesting environment.

We had 23 Clubs represented by 32 delegates (23 delegates were pre-registered). Not bad for our first ever electronic AGM! In comparison, at a face to face AGM last year, we had 40 delegates representing 19 clubs.

Neville started the meeting with a rundown of how Covid-19 has affected the AGM process and specifically the requirements of the COVID-19 Response (Requirements for Entities - Modifications and Exemptions) Act 2020. Following advice, the Executive had determined they were unable to certify that the integrity of the voting process could be substantially complied with or that all persons who were entitled to vote would have a reasonable opportunity to vote and participate in respect to:

1. Alterations of rules - thus Constitution remits to be rolled over to 2021 AGM.
2. Election of Officers of the Association - appropriate to defer any elections until 2021 AGM. There had been one nomination for the National PRO position received just 7 days prior to the Zoom AGM and, given the impracticalities of meeting the requirements of the above mentioned COVID-19 Response Act 2020, it was agreed that nomination would also be held

over until 2021 AGM.

The Zoom meeting agenda had therefore been set up for Housekeeping purposes to:

- give final approval to the 31 March 2019 Financial Accounts
- Approve the 31 December 2019 Financial Accounts
- Receive the Reports of the Zones and Executive
- Ratify the appointment of Markham's to compile and review the Financial Statement for the full year to 31 December 2020
- Approve the roll over of the existing National Executive, namely
 - Neville Dunton - President
 - Grant Purdie - Public Relations Officer
 - Kath Jaggard - Secretary
 - Joanna Lilford - Treasurer
- Ratify the 2020 appointed Zone Executives and the National Competitions Officer
- Ratify the roll over of Affiliation Fees, Pro-rata fees, Zone Split and Application fees for the 2021/2022 membership year.
- Confirm the next AGM to be held in Wellington at the end of May 2021.

In all, it was a successful meeting and we thank all participants for making it so successful. We are really looking forward to getting back to a face to face AGM in Wellington next year.

Kath Jaggard
National Secretary

All Electric Rivian 4WD

Neil McGill— Editor of the Central Otago Club Newsletter sent in their latest Newsletter and thought NZFWDA Members may be interested in the mind boggling all Electric Rivian 4WD.

"HOW MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WILL SIT BEHIND THE WHEEL OF ONE OF THESE TECH WONDERS? BUY NEW AT \$US69G FOR THE UTE, \$US72G FOR THE SUV-ha, ha?"

Just imagine no more infernal combustion engine, no gearbox, no diff locks - PLUS 800hp, 640km range, 0 to 120kms in 3sec.

PS latest news is that delivery of this Rivian brand into Oz is delayed until 2021.

PPS special note to my mate Bert, "wouldn't need to lift the revs up to 3000 to clear the soot out of the tailpipe with one of these trucks eh mate?"

Consultation for Territorial Authorities

We are still keen to receive information from anyone about any consultation opportunities that have come up.

This is mainly so that the NZFWDA can make submissions, which we can only do if we're aware of the opportunity.

All our members will be able to see the open consultations that we're aware of and, hopefully, who is working on submissions when they log in to TidyHQ.

The consultations we're talking about are where a city council, district council, DOC or the Walking Access Commission or anyone else has drafted some document that is open for public consultation. These are usually management plans of some form.

Our interest is mainly anything to do with land access. On the one hand it's important to take every opportunity to suggest amendments or additions to these documents to allow or increase opportunities for access. And on the other hand to object to anything that threatens our existing access.

Please send any information about consultation opportunities to access@nzfwda.org.nz



Check out the links
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUQHcUM6e5I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QMfxJEfb4lw>



FACEBOOK POST: 7th July 2020

It is with regret that the Desert Defenders Off Road Club advise our

many supporters that we have decided to stop running the WINTER WOOLLIES 4WD SAFARI.

There are a number of factors for making this decision. Over the last two years the NZDF have reviewed the policy of land and staff use for events like ours. The NZDF staff that were available during previous events, voluntarily helped on the day, to ensure we were keeping to our agreement and health and safety protocols. We are incredibly grateful for their time and the generosity of NZDF for the use of the training area.

We are a small club of 5 and have family and work commitments that make it increasingly time consuming to

organise and run this event. We all have growing families and they are our priority for the foreseeable future.

While we still raise funds for charity, catering for weddings, parties and other events. This is going to take a more local / community focus in the future. The work and ethos of our chosen charity supporting KIWI kids is still something we support. However, we are struggling to find the energy and time to attend and support as we have in the past. www.trekevents.co.nz

In closing on behalf of Robert, Priscilla, Marty, Brenda and myself, thank you to our wonderful Sponsors and attendees for all you have done to support our club, 4WDers and the children of NZ. Our grateful thanks to you all.

We hope to take part in some 4WD events in your back yards one day.

With warm regards,
Kandy Mott.



Big thanks to Roots Dry Gin for a great day out. Our club members had a lot of fun and loved having the opportunity to show others how much fun 4wd driving can be!!



FACEBOOK POST: 5th September 2020

"What an awesome day!

Another epic volunteer day out on our annual #ForagingIn4x4s event picking flowers for our #RootsDryGin.

Located on a 300m high sunny plateau in the Kaituna Forestry ranges, nine 4x4s courtesy of the local Marlborough 4WD Club loaded 30 local volunteers onboard with Boom Chef Blenheim in tow and lashings of Roots Dry Gin.

Off-road mayhem, prickly flower foraging, sunshine, low and slow BBQ lushness and giggles throughout made for a perfect day. Huge thanks the 4x4 club for the crazy ride!"

Roots Dry Gin



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LIFE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ZEALAND FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION.

Awarded 2018 - Russell Quin

Awarded 2017 - Bob Holmes

Awarded 2017 - Eileen Revell (nee Austin)

Awarded 2017 - Steve McMinn

Awarded 2016 - John & Nonnie Cowper

Awarded 2015 - Ces Horan

Awarded 2015 - Kath Jaggard

Awarded 2011 - Peter Vahry

42 Traverse Maintenance

Article & Photos by Peter Vahry

The 42 Traverse is an old logging road across the Tongariro Forest almost in the centre of the North Island... not exactly, as that point can be found not too far away in the Pureora Forest.

Back in 2000 when the Department of Conservation (DOC) were creating their 'Conservation Management Strategies' (CMS) for the various conservancies, their draft document eliminated vehicle use in all the Tongariro/ Taupo Conservancy lands. Most historical vehicle routes were arbitrarily closed! Among them was the 42 Traverse which, although neglected by DOC, was a popular off-road route of around 40 kilometres that was largely kept open by occasional 4x4 use and hunters.

Several Taupo 4WD Club members undertook to argue DOC's position and with NZFWDA help they finally managed to get a review in 2005 after intervention by the NZ Conservation Authority.

The 42 Traverse agreement introduced a seasonal closure to 4WD's and required a review of the condition of the route after two years. Anecdotally it was understood that several senior DOC staff were confident that damage to the route by vehicles was a foregone conclusion and the route could then be closed permanently.

Fortunately, they were wrong and today the route is in better condition than back in 2005. A formal review by DOC was never done, possibly because it would have looked bad to have been wrong.

Supposedly those CMS are a 10 year statutory document, but that Tongariro one is now 15 years old and not yet publicly scheduled for review.

To ensure that DOC could not easily come up with the excuse of a lack of maintenance on the 42 Traverse to again suggest closing to vehicle use in a future CMS, the group 'Friends of 42 Traverse Inc.' was formed in 2016 to assist with ongoing maintenance, such as keeping the ever growing vegetation under some control.

Originally the intent was to create a 'partnership' agreement with DOC but despite four years of discussion and several versions of formal agreement on the table, DOC deferred on signing. A formal agreement would have allowed direct fund raising through a variety of sources to allow paying contractors to do maintenance, but without that agreement those options evaporated, so it was back to a practical 'hands on' situation of organizing volunteers to manually cut back the encroaching vegetation.

This year, despite COVID-19 there were two 'cut backs' organized, one back in June and the second on 21 November. Both were well supported by the 4WD community primarily, with the latest having more than 30 volunteers in action. As a result, there is currently around 30 kilometres of off-road track with significantly less risk of vegetation 'pin striping' vehicle paintwork... the view ahead is better too.

These efforts to look after the few public lands that we are allowed to utilise for our recreation are valuable in a variety of ways and contribute

to better relationships by bringing together a variety of volunteers. At the recent cut back, we had a family with a couple of teenage boys with an interest in four wheeling (driving a Nissan Terrano) and who'd once cycled the 42 Traverse. I subsequently had a note from their mother...

"It was such an awesome day, and we would not have been able to do it without you and the team of great people that were there on the day.

One thing I was blown away by was the time, conversation and advice that was shared with 'A' and with a special thanks to the guys who supported him to have a go at the incline after the river. It was actually 'A's' 17th birthday and you all made it one special day. On a personal note it was great to give back to such a beautiful area and for all the people who ride through, whatever their mode of transport! "

We had help from near and far, with great support from the King Country 4WD Club, the Hawkes Bay, Rotorua, Taranaki, Auckland and south to Wellington. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered this year!

Friends of 42 Traverse chairman Postscript...

A collapsing culvert that could endanger users was identified during the November cut back and it is possible that the 42 Traverse may not open on 1 December for through traffic as repairs could take a while.



Central Zone Club Truck Challenge 2020-2021 Season

Round One, Wairarapa

All was right with the world when the Club Truck Challenge (CTC) restarted for the 2021 season. The last season was curtailed after only two Rounds back in March. Leaving us without overall results for 2020 because there weren't enough Rounds run.

We started the new competition East of Masterton with a great event put on by the Wairarapa Club, who made their judgement on how hard this set of hazards should be.

Thanks to Sue Butcher for the use of her farm in Hakakino Road and thanks to Kevin, Brent, Eugene, Bruce, Peter, Mark and Brendan of Wairarapa 4WD Club who set the 15 hazards and two speed sections the day before.

Round 2 is tentatively programmed for 16,17 January 2021 in Taihape.

Rules are at www.sporty.co.nz/czctc/Home

Overall.....	Class...	Score	Club.....	Vehicle
1... Brent Ward.....	4	345.5	Wairarapa	Patrol V8
2... Brendan Watchorn..	2	391.77	Wairarapa	Pajero
3... Steve Stewart	3	694.12	Manawatu	Patrol
4... Andrew Gee	3	712.00	Wgtn Jeep.....	Jeep TJ
5... Chris Mason.....	1	728.44	Wairarapa	Jimny
6... Greg Mason	1	721.47	Wairarapa	Discovery
7... Dave McGinnity	3	815.06	Windy City.....	Jeep TJ
8... Dave Seymour.....	4	871.29	Wairarapa	LandRover
9... Barry Paget.....	2	895.43	Wairarapa	Pajero
10 Micheal Ward.....	1	928.72	Wairarapa	SJ 413
11. Peter Pope.....	3	953.04	Wairarapa	Jeep JK
12 Dave Smithson	2	1047	Tararua.....	Pajero



Brent Ward - First Place



Dave Smithson - Tararua Club



Steve Stewart - Third Place



Dave McGinnity - Windy City Club

Club Members' H&S Responsibilities

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.

Enduring Service

Cross Country Vehicle Club Wellington Inc

Wellington South Coast Beach Cleanup 20th Anniversary (31 October 2020)



On a wet and windy Saturday morning over 30 vehicles and about 50 or so club members turned out on the South Coast to do their annual cleanup. Nothing special for this club, Cross Country Vehicle Club (CCVC) spends a lot of time on the South Coast, not only enjoying some unique 4wd challenges but also doing track maintenance, replanting dunes, assisting the council rangers and police with visitor education, and maintaining Capital Kiwi's traplines through Te Kopahou Reserve.

Well, it turns out that this day was a bit special as it kicked off with speeches from the NZFWDA's (and CCVC's) Grant Purdie, who is the National PRO, Wellington Mayor Andy Foster, old mate Rob Goulden (ex-City Councilor) and our kaumatua of the coast Barry Insull, all to mark the 20th anniversary of the CCVC beach cleanup, brilliant.

In the photo of the speeches, Mayor Foster is the guy at the right in the red parka with blue trim, Grant is next to

him and Barry is 4th from the right with dark glasses. In the group photo in front of Ross' bach, which the Council posted on their Facebook page, Mayor Foster is front row centre.

Grant and Mayor Foster both referred to the continual policy work the club had done with Wellington City Council dating back to 1999, to ensure that access is still available to Council land for recreational 4wd use. This combined with the ongoing hands-on work for the last 20 years keeps

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Anniversary Clean up Speeches



Dune replanting



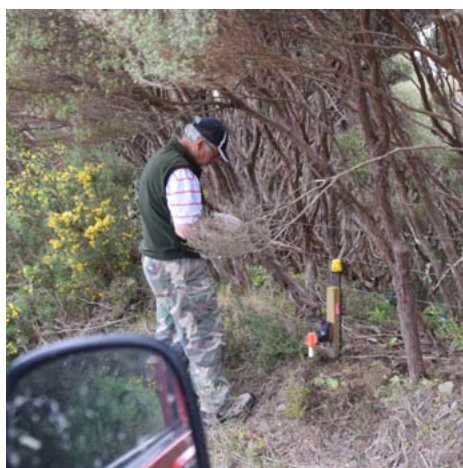
Coastal Replanting

the club on excellent terms with the Council.

People toiled out in the weather for a few hours hauling in a ute load of trash for Ranger Frank to get rid of including somebody's stockpile of pallets for firewood and the usual tyres and glass. This year the team also had to deal with a much - increased number of dog-poo bags, not nice, what a pity these dog owners lack a sense of civic pride and personal responsibility. While today's beach cleanup was on the South Coast, from the visitor centre to the mouth of the Karori Stream (a distance of about 7 or 8 km), CCVC also does regular cleanups on the Eastbourne coast and some of the bays on the nearby vast Terawhiti Station south of Makara beach.

As well, CCVC's South Coast replanting has been happening for the last 15 years, yet another ongoing opportunity for CCVC to support the Council and community on the coast. The most recent effort has been to install Capital Kiwi's trap lines throughout Te Kopahou Reserve and the South Coast and then maintain them every three weeks. Current results are over 100 stoats and weasels in addition to the rats, mice, possums and hedgehogs. For those who haven't seen it, have a look at this video <https://www.facebook.com/capitalkiwi/videos/378692762733509/> and make sure you have your sound on.

Thanks to CCVC Life member Ross Perkins who welcomes everyone to his bach for the windup sausage sizzle each year, Bev Insull and Rob Goulden for the cooking and Ranger Frank Williams for the additional food and spot prizes.



Capital Kiwi trap lines



Damp cleanup



Cleanup results



Beach cleanup Crew



Cleanup aftermatch

If you would like to share your Club's achievements in Trail Torque, send them in to editor@nzfwda.org.nz

4x4 Events/Trips/Runs/Important Dates

Events and Trips 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

Anything underlined will either open up in your internet browser or open your email to send the person a query.

16 JANUARY 2021

MAKAIRO TRACK WORKING BEE. What to bring; Track clearing gear, chainsaws (safety gear) scrub bars, spades, picks and man power. Great progress has been made on the last two working bees and we have now made it to the bridge which is about 2Ks in. The next section will require members that are willing to drive in to where we are working (track still a bit rough in places) but if anyone wishing to come help and would like a ride I am sure we will find seats. Meeting Place SH2 Mangatainoka by Tui Brewery. Contact John Vruink Ph 027 443 9981 john.vruink@gmail.com

16 - 17 JANUARY 2021

CENTRAL ZONE CLUB TRUCK CHALLENGE
Tentatively programmed for Round 2 in Taihape.
See www.sporty.co.nz/czctc/Home for updates.

23 JANUARY 2021

NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL 2020-2021 SEASON.
Round 2: Thames Valley, Thames.
See www.nz4x4trials.co.nz for more information.

23 - 24 JANUARY 2021

MANAWATU 4WD CLUB CHARITY FUNDRAISING SAFARI 2021. Two full days off road from sea level to nearly 4,000ft. Close to 200km of track. Supporting the NZ Neurological Foundation and Key To Life, I AM HOPE. Full information here <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2775655022755011/> or email manawatu4wdfundraiser@gmail.com

5 - 8 FEBRUARY 2021

CCVC 50TH ANNIVERSARY CENTRAL ZONE JAMBOREE. Open to all NZFWDA members. A weekend of driving the Akatarawa Forest, Red Rocks South Coast and Odilins Rd. Registrations required prior to 31st December 2020. Contact email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

20 FEBRUARY 2021

NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL 2020-2021 SEASON.
Round 3: Mt Egmont, Taranaki. See www.nz4x4trials.co.nz for more information.

27 FEBRUARY 2021

BAY OF ISLANDS 4X4 CLUB SAFARI 2021. Raising funds for the Northland Rescue Helicopter. A lead group of 10 vehicles. \$150 includes driver and passenger. \$30 per extra person. Up to 100 trucks per day. We will run a 2nd day if numbers exceed 150 vehicles. Come and travel over many beautiful farms. A full day of off road driving and farm trails for all experience levels. Open to any 4wd vehicle with good ground clearance. Please email boi4x4club20@gmail.com for further details or to register.

14 MARCH 2021

NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL 2020-2021 SEASON.
Round 4: Manawatu, Palmerston North.
See www.nz4x4trials.co.nz for more information.

10 APRIL 2021

NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL 2020-2021 SEASON.
Round 5: Bay of Plenty, Te Puke.
See www.nz4x4trials.co.nz for more information.

24 - 25 APRIL 2021

NOVAWINCH TEAMS EVENT REEFTON 2021. Orienteering type event in teams 3 vehicles and 6 people. Points awarded for reaching location with photo to prove it. Think Camel Trophy or Malaysian RFC as a team's event with challenges to test team work and ability to get through challenges along the way. Based in Reefton each day. Limited to 16 teams. Cost \$360.00 per team which includes meals. Additional information available at <https://4x4events.co.nz/index.php/westport-challenge-2018/> or email info@4x4events.co.nz

1 MAY 2021

NATIONAL 4X4 TRIAL 2020-2021 SEASON.
Round 6: Hawkes Bay, Hawkes Bay.
See www.nz4x4trials.co.nz for more information.

5 SEPTEMBER 2021

SHEFFIELD MUD PLUG 2021
Brought to you by SHEFFIELD FIRE BRIGADE And 4x4 Events NZ. Rain Date 8th September. All Proceeds to Sheffield Volunteer Fire Brigade and Malvern Order of St John. **EARLY ENTRY** up to 22nd August \$40 per competing vehicle (including driver and Co-driver) **LATE FEE** \$60 entries close 9.15am on day. If any spaces available. Limited to 45 vehicles. \$10.00 gate entry for all extra passengers on the day. Children under 12 free. See <https://4x4events.co.nz/index.php/sheffield-mud-plug/> for full details.



Kaimanuka Road, Ngamatapouri, 1910. This historical road will be one of the routes on the Manawatu 4WD Club Charity Fundraising Safari 2021.

Learning more about the 2020 Remits and Regulations

We all know that 2020 has been a year of disruption and we did not get the hoped for opportunity to have an open-forum discussion between clubs, members and the Exec on the 2020 remits and regulations. The shortened online 2020 AGM meant the 2020 remits have been deferred for consideration at our May 2021 AGM in Wellington.

There are compelling reasons for many of the changes and we believe it is important that these are explained and members' views obtained. The Exec is planning a roadshow around the

Zones early 2021 to do this. It may entail holding a forum during Zone meetings, if the timing works out, or it may take some other form.

Details to be advised as soon as we can work out the exact approach and a timetable.

Neville Dunton,
National President
On behalf of the National Exec.



Results

OPEN

Place...	Truck No	Driver/Co-driver	Score
1st	60	Raymond Leemeyer /Daniel Leemeyerr	1165
2nd	17	Aaron Smythe/Jayne Wilson	1019
3rd	424	JayJess de Jong/Joel de Jong	878
4th	816	Angus Hamilton/Matt Holley	755
5th	830	Corey Haywood/Matty Sayers	415
6th	25	Stephen Reed/Steve Green	400
7th	65	Tony Smith/Calvin Tyler	269
8th	444	Mark Grieve/Matthew Grieve	247
9th	10	SuzukiRacing NZ /Ian van Geldorp	181
10th	119	Roger Urwin/Sean Urwin	153

OUTLAW

Place..	Truck No	Driver/Co-driver	Score
1st	38	Stan Goodman/Chris Golding	1130
2nd	146	Fraser Hyde /Michael Duncan	1076
3rd	13	Bernie Konz / Anthony Calis-Tangyeye	1026
4th	123	Tim Randall/Luke Nicole Vitasovich	945
5th	21	Adam Martin /Dan McKeown	870
6th	888	Leigh Cossey/Karlan Zink	624
7th	61	Robin Scaife/Paul Kelly	547
8th	314	Dean Currie/Ash Goddard	535
9th	101	Mike Inns/Chris Soderberg	379
10th	18	Grant Stone /Cy Blake	188



"Front locker broke something in the 2nd stage, had no front drive. Sean started driving to get a replacement late fri night then his alternator belt broke...got too hard after that".

Driver Roger Urwin

SOURCE: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1135164283204850>

Safety Incidents

If there is an incident during any 4wd club trip or event, the club now has an obligation to report it to the NZFWDA Executive. This applies to any significant accident or incident and/or death or serious injury.

Prompt initial advice is best, with further details at later dates once the club has investigated and formed any conclusions.

It's great to acknowledge that one club has already started down this track with a recent injury accident.

This new obligation for clubs was approved by a remit at the 2019 AGM.

Why do we need LVV Certification?

An all too common question. In a nutshell, the NZ Government requires that all vehicles meet applicable safety requirements. Once a vehicle is modified from it's original state or is scratch-built, there needs to be a method of ensuring continued compliance.

The LVV certification system is necessary because it is not practical to test individual or low-volume modifications and construction features against the expensive test processes required by the international standards which apply to high-volume production vehicles.

The purpose of the low volume vehicle certification system, therefore, is to

ensure that all modified production vehicles - whether modified for commercial, passenger service, disability, recreational, leisure, sporting, or compliance purposes – and scratch-built vehicles, have been designed and constructed in such a way that they are safe to be operated on the road, and comply as closely as practicable with the legal safety requirements applicable to high volume production vehicles.

The above is an except taken from the LVV Code.

To read more about the requirements click here: <https://www.lvvt.org.nz/documents.html>

New 4x4 Trials website



ABOUT THE SPORT VEHICLES CALENDAR RESULTS GALLERY INFORMATION LOGIN

ABOUT THE SPORT

A National 4x4 Trial is based upon the ability of Competitors to drive their vehicles over difficult terrain, including hill climbs, mud bogs, up steep hills, over rocks, along banks and a timed section. Over 50+ teams in a variety of vehicle classes, from standard production to highly modified vehicles all drive over the same obstacles.



Open to the public and spectator friendly, the NZ National 4x4 Trials Series comprises of one-day events hosted by NZFWDA affiliated Clubs around the country. Each Season thousands of spectators, team supporters and competitors attend the Events – held between Labour Weekend and Easter Weekend.

Each event has an Overall winner and Class winner for the day. These points go to make up the Overall and Class winners for the different Zones and National placings at the end of the season.



Management of the rules is undertaken by the Competition Committee on behalf of the NZFWDA. To be eligible to enter the Series you must be a member of an affiliated 4x4 Club of the New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association. Both Driver and Co-Driver are required to hold a current drivers licence and competition licence.

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Competition Calendar 2020-2021

Round 1: South Waikato
5th December 2020
Tirau

Round 2: Thames Valley
23rd January 2021
Thames

Round 3: Mt Egmont
20th February 2021
Taranaki

Round 4: Manawatu
14th March 2021
Palmerston North

Round 5: Bay of Plenty
10th April 2021
Te Puke

Round 6: Hawkes Bay
1st May 2021
Hawkes Bay



National Competitions Officer (NCO)
For organising events and other inquiries

Derek Smyth



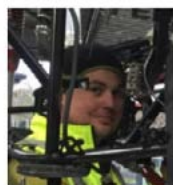
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For vehicle construction inquiries and interpretations

Tom Baeriswyl



Central Zone Scrutineer
For vehicle construction inquiries and interpretations

Wayne Buckthought



Website Development
Daniel Howat



National Scorer
For scoring disputes or inquiries

Phil Shailer



Northern Zone Steward
For course design and trial management

Ernie Powell



Central Zone Steward
For course design and trial management

Warren Jeffery

Sub-Committee

Members of the sub-committee assist the Competitions Committee in focused areas of related to the sport.



Mentorship
Scott Biggs



Marketing
Shayne Towers



Junior Class Development
Philip Walton

Competition Calendar 2021-2022

Round 1: E.B.T.D.C.
23-25th October 2021
Whakatane

Round 2: Wanganui
20th November 2021
Wanganui

Round 4: Waikato
February 2022
Hamilton

Round 5: Counties
March 2022
Ohinewai

Check out all the information on the NZ 4x4 Trials website and facebook page by following these links...

<https://nz4x4trials.co.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/nz4x4trials>



President Report

Neville Dunton

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President's Piece, December 2020
Short and sweet this time.....

This past year seems to have been filled with restrictions; pandemic lockdowns, limited travel within NZ and almost no face to face meeting opportunities. We held a shortened version of our AGM via Zoom at the beginning of November which worked out well. The heavy lifting in terms of remits etc was deferred until next AGM. This will be held in Wellington over the last weekend of May 2021. Should be a great weekend with a fair bit of 4 wheeling on offer too.

I managed to get out for the Whangamata Matariki Forest Run; had hoped to be there in my new build truck but that wasn't to be. However

the red machine is now finished; just suspension alignment, certification, wof, and rego, to be done, then time to get out again.

November this year has been rather special for me; an opportunity for me to reflect on the miracles of medical science and the skills of specialist surgeons. I'm not out of the health woods yet but I figure I'm long overdue getting back in the 4WD saddle again. Getting a bit long in the teeth to delay any longer so already have a couple of South Island excursions planned for early next year.

It's that time of the year where all of us get to hopefully relax and enjoy summer time; long days and warm nights, the company of family and

friends, and the opportunity to get out and enjoy the outdoors. Perhaps I will see some of you in the bush or on some track.

Wherever you end up I trust you will find time to relax and shed the pressures of this past year. Life has not been that kind to many of us but we will always find others worse off than ourselves which gives us the opportunity to give a helping hand. Wherever you might go or be over the Christmas / New Year period I trust you will find time to get in some 4 wheeling and stay safe.

Best wishes to all.

Neville Dunton
President, NZFWDA Inc



National PRO Report

Grant Purdie

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The Exec has listened to feedback from some members about the content of Trail Torque, in particular that the officer reports are too wordy and the wording too bureaucratic.

So for this quarter's Trail Torque we're trying to make our reports shorter and, rather than fill lots of pages with the 2020 AGM officer reports, we've posted those online in our members-only portal where you can read them if you're interested.

These are under the heading AGM's, of course members will need to logon to get access. If you're having trouble logging on, contact Craig at membership.officer@nzfwda.org.nz who will help you out.

While in the members portal, take a look at the Online Document Library. We've now published the next sample

documents and the guidelines for checking out the environmental factors when planning an event, which we talked about in the previous edition of Trail Torque.

And do remember the Consultations and Community Contributions pages in the members portal - we are keen to add any relevant content there so please let us know at pro@nzfwda.org.nz if you are aware of any.

In my report to the AGM and also in the last Trail Torque, I talked about the Exec's work and achievements in improving how the Association operates and in keeping it relevant, and that there is a lot more progress to be made.

The new Exec has already got under way to continue this work and is finalising a plan to get some key things

done before the next AGM. An early item is likely to be survey to get input on what members and clubs want out of the Association. Other key targets will be coming up with a proposal to re-jig officer roles to spread the workload more fairly, to encourage more talent to join us, setting up a working budget, and upping our game in engagement with government and councils across New Zealand.

This year's Remit Sub-committee is being set up to process any further remits for the 2021 AGM, including anything coming out of our action plan, for example the roles re-jig.

All the best to all of you over the festive period and summer, have fun and stay safe out there!

Grant Purdie
National PRO

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Northern Zone President Report



John Hickey

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Our last Quarterly meeting was on Saturday 15 February 2020.

Since then there have been 2 lockdowns in Auckland and those restrictions has meant that it has not been possible to have a meeting until September at the Huntly RSA.

Maratoto

The track was open before Christmas until it was closed at the beginning of the first Covid-19 Lockdown (it closes for winter each year anyway). A Community Agreement with DOC was signed by me and agreement reached on that on 3 September 2019. The track is, subject to the weather, open.

Club Membership of the Four Wheel Drive Association

It has been suggested to me that there are several clubs that have joined the Association but not all the members have paid up. If a club is not an incorporated society, my understanding of matters is that each member of the club is personally liable for anything the club members might do.

If an unincorporated club's members go out on a run with more people who might be called members who have not paid membership fees, those members are not likely to be covered by the Association's insurance. So if something goes wrong, they could be prosecuted and maybe all could be prosecuted?

Off Road Tracks

Shortly before the first Lockdown there was an issue about two clubs who use tracks in the same area. One club was threatening to issue trespass notices to the other. I spoke to the Presidents of both clubs to see if we could have a meeting to discuss matters. With the Covid-19 Lockdown that meeting did not happen: We are in this together. The reduction in access we are all facing makes each club's tracks more valuable to them. At the same time I suggest we need to work together as clubs to

sort out problems and to promote four wheeling and sharing of tracks, on a reasonable basis.

It is not a good look if there are fights between clubs. There is enough criticism of four-wheel drivers without us causing trouble for each other. Thankfully in this case I understand matters have now been resolved.

Covid-19

The major event of the last 18 months is of course the Covid-19 Pandemic. You will know how it changed everything. The Association National Executive continued to meet, often by Zoom on a very regular basis.

The National Executive

The Association AGM was re-scheduled as a Zoom only meeting to meet statutory requirements on Saturday 7 November 2020. What that meant was a shortened agenda and no amendments to the Constitution this year. The meeting lacked the debate of an ordinary face to face meeting.

Hull Road

I made submissions on your behalf supporting temporary winter closure so it can be open September to May.

90 Mile Beach Management Plan

Russell de Luca has provided a report. According to him, most of the land adjoining the beach is Maori land and that all documents envisage specific provision to be made for continuing four wheel drive access to the Beach at various points. Russell also offered to draft a response.

Thank You

Thank you to everybody in Zone who has helped over the last 18 months. As I have said before the Association can only operate because of the time spent by many volunteers. Eileen works tirelessly; Russell as PRO always has a good understanding of matters. We have had some

interesting debates. Russell is standing down this year and I will miss his valuable contributions and understanding on matters. VP Dave Brown provides a solid backup.

I also wish to acknowledge the help of the National Executive: Neville Dunton as National President and Grant Purdie as National PRO. Also Kath Jaggard as National Secretary, Jo Lilford as National Treasurer and Craig Lilford as Central Zone PRO, these three investigated a replacement database, which meant that when our Database froze up and could not be used, we were able to switch over with relatively minimal disruption.

New Committee

At the Northern Zone AGM on 26 September 2020, the following were elected. Northern Zone President (me) John Hickey (re-elected); Northern Zone Vice President Dave Brown (re-elected); Northern Zone Secretary Eileen Austin (re-elected) and Peter Vahry was elected as Northern Zone PRO (replacing Russell who has stood down).

Thanks to everyone in the Zone, in particular the Zone Delegates for their support and putting up with me as Zone President. It is an honour to serve you,

Other Matters

On personal matters NZ Autocar October issue has interesting articles especially in the Classic Car Section ... anybody recognise a certain Land Rover?

I am still looking for a reasonably priced Skippy...

Regards

JOHN HICKEY
Northern Zone President

DIDYMO

Didymosphenia has large sarcophagus-shaped cells that are mounted on long mucilaginous stalks. Masses of this alga (commonly referred to as “didymo” or “rock snot”), primarily consisting of the stalks, can smother streambeds, and pile up along stream and river margins. Dried-up wads of this alga look like paper pulp dumped on the stream/river banks.

Clean all gear when moving between waterways

Freshwater pests, including didymo, could squeeze the life out of our country’s most precious rivers and lakes. They can be spread by a single drop of water or plant fragment. You can help to protect your favourite waterways if you always check, clean, then dry any equipment that comes into contact with the water, between every waterway, every time.

The South Island is a controlled area

The South Island is a controlled area for didymo. This makes it a legal requirement to clean all gear used in the water before going from one waterway to another.

Cleaning Vehicles

Vehicles and tyres can be cleaned using a treatment solution, by drying, or using a commercial carwash with an underside spray.

If using a treatment solution:

- Carefully check tyre tread for clumps of algae and other debris.
- Clean the vehicle thoroughly with a treatment solution, leaving it on for at least one minute.
- Spray the underside of the vehicle and any other parts that have had contact with river or lake water.
- Rinse off with town water supply.



The invasive diatom *Didymosphenia*.

The Check, Clean, Dry method

To prevent the spread of freshwater pests (like didymo), whenever you move between waterways you must check, clean and dry all your gear that comes into contact with water. If you don’t want to treat your gear, make sure you only use it in one waterway.

Check

Remove any plant matter from your gear and leave it at the site (the river or lake bank), or put it in the rubbish. Don’t wash plant material down any drain.

Clean

There’s more than one option for cleaning your gear – choose the one that’s best for your situation and your gear.

Cleaning options

OPTION	AMOUNT	TREATMENT TIME ²
Dishwashing detergent or nappy cleaner	5% solution (500mls diluted to 10 litres in water)	Soak or spray all surfaces for at least 1 minute
Bleach	2% solution (200mls diluted to 10 litres in water)	Soak or spray all surfaces for at least 1 minute
Hot water ¹	Above 60°C	Soak for at least 1 minute
	Above 45°C	Soak for at least 20 minutes
Freezing		Until solid

¹ 60°C – hotter than most tap water; 45°C – uncomfortable to touch

² Allow longer times for absorbent items.

Dry

Ensure your gear is completely dry to touch, inside and out, then leave dry for at least another 48 hours before you use it (didymo can survive for months on moist gear).

To report a suspected didymo sighting, call the MPI Biosecurity NZ exotic pest hotline on 0800 80 99 66.

DIDYMO REFERENCES

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/central-north-island/places/taupo-trout-fishery/about/didymo-and-other-threats/>

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/outdoor-activities/boating-and-watersports-tips-to-prevent-spread-of-pests/check-clean-dry/>

<https://www.landcareresearch.co.nz/tools-and-resources/identification/freshwater-algae/didymo-an-introduced-nasty/>



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DISPOSE OF HUMAN WASTE



GO BEFORE YOU GO

Use the facilities at your home base before heading out so as to try and avoid having to go while out.



DO YOUR RESEARCH

Check out the webpage of the specific site you intend to go to or call the land management office to find out what facilities exist and are open.



USE FACILITIES

Use existing facilities if open, but bring your own toilet paper and hand sanitizer as many locations may not be stocked.



KNOW WHERE TO GO

If facilities are not available, make sure you are 200 feet (70 big steps) from water, campsites and trails for urine; for poop, pack out your waste by using a human waste pack out kit such as a WAG bag.



DISPOSE OF WASTE

If you can't pack it out, bury human waste 6 to 8" deep, 200 feet from water, campsites and trails. If packing out your toilet paper is not possible, bury it deeply in the hole.



PACK IT OUT

Pack out ALL wipes and sanitary products as well as any trash.

Road Show 2021 - Event Regulations

Dear fellow 4-wheelers
Re: regulations defining events

As you should all be aware the Wellington Regional Council prosecuted Valley Four Wheel Drive Club and the NZFWDA for RMA breaches during a November 2018 trials competition event. Both Club and NZFWDA were convicted and substantial fines and costs were incurred. Our liability and legal defence insurance policies responded by covering all costs (less applicable excesses) but, on renewal early this year, our insurers clarified that availability of cover was for "sanctioned events" ie events undertaken by Clubs / Zones / or Association and formally recorded as such. Historically, events have been recorded in various ways but the National Executive were concerned there was no real formality around definition of events which meant that clubs / members might end up not being covered in the future if their activities were not accepted by our insurers as "sanctioned events". The National Executive realised that definition(s) of events was

needed. Ordinarily these matters would have been dealt with by way of Constitutional Remits considered and resolved at either a Special or Annual General Meeting. COVID-19 restrictions made it difficult for us to hold an in-person General Meeting.

The Executive considered definitions of "sanctioned events" were immediately required and in absence of any way to pass these definitions via Special or Annual General Meetings we exercised the powers given in our Constitution to introduce Regulations. The use of Regulations meant we could make rules quickly and we can update them if needed. Accordingly new Regulations were unanimously approved by your executive and have been published effective July 2020.

I note that to date we have had one individual member and three Clubs who have objected to the Executive making regulations, despite the Constitutional powers so to do; we are not aware of any criticism of the content of the regulations but it may be appropriate for these matters

to be reviewed at the next AGM or alternatively we could consider a new remit to provide that Regulations be ratified at next AGM (with or without changes), or lapse.

We hope the regulations strike the right balance between the needs and wishes of members whilst also ensuring continuation of our various liability insurance covers. A number of associated remits were approved for consideration at the 2020 AGM but as we were unable to hold a compliant face to face AGM this year these have all been deferred to 2021 AGM.

We believe it is important that the Remits and Regulations are explained and members views obtained. The Executive is planning a roadshow around Zones early 2021 to do this which may entail holding a forum during Zone meetings, or it may take some other form. Details to be advised as soon as we can work out the appropriate approach and timetable.

Regards
Neville Dunton
National President



CCVC 50th Anniversary Central Zone Jamboree



Open to all NZFWDA members Waitangi Weekend 5th-8th Feb 2021

A weekend of driving the Akatarawas Forest, Red Rocks South Coast, Odilins Rd

A range of trips will be available - suitable to the trip grade selected.

All vehicles participating in this event must have 4WD, mud tyres, low ratio, recovery hooks front and rear, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, spade and recovery strop.

For a registration form contact email 50years@ccvc.org.nz

Registrations required prior to 31st December 2020

Group dinner Brewtown Sunday evening included in your registration fee for driver. \$40 per person for extra passengers

Northern Zone Clubs

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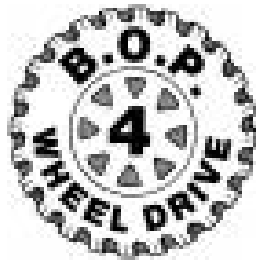
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www.kiwi4x4.org.nz

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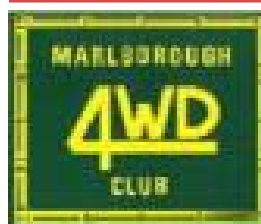
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FACEBOOK POST: 18 NOVEMBER 2020

Last night we had guests from Canteen NZ to receive our donation for \$7000 raised from our fundraising trip in February 2020. In the photo is Philip Law (Club President) , Abigail Clark (Canteen

central hub) Quinn a young cancer survivor from Palmerston North and Phillipa Barker (Canteen Central Hub)

Along with the cheque for \$7000 the club also presented our guests with a club cap each.

Each year our club raises close to \$20,000 to donate to charity. We will be hosting another Charity Safari 2021 over the weekend of 23rd, 24th Jan 2021. Thanks again to our sponsors that help us reach our goals including our



newest sponsor, Speedy Signs, who donated the presentation cheque, and to the many club members who run the event every year.



FACEBOOK POST: 28 November 2020

What a day yesterday at TECT Park 10th Birthday with 10 trucks from the BOP 4x4 Club and 1 from the South Waikato Four Wheel Drive Club.

The aim of the day was to show case the park users to the public. The event started at 10 am and finished at

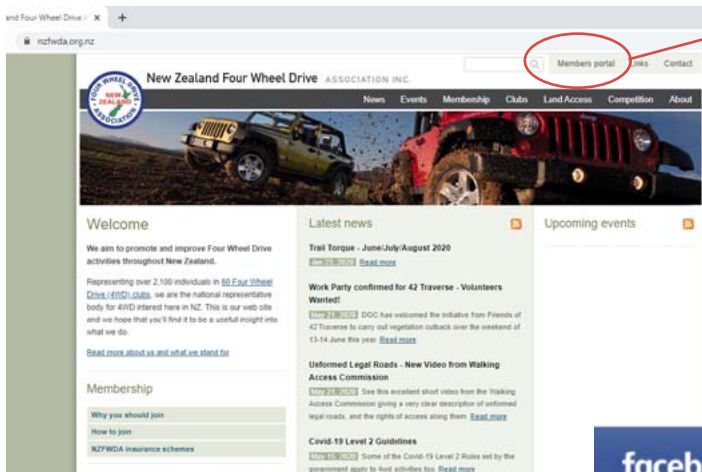
3pm and in that time our trucks never stopped with well over 500 rides and a line 20 to 30 mtrs long with some people waiting 1/2 an hour to an hour for their 1 km ride around our course. Was a very satisfying day to see all the smiles from the parents and most importantly the children.

A massive THANK YOU from our club to all involved that made the day what it was.

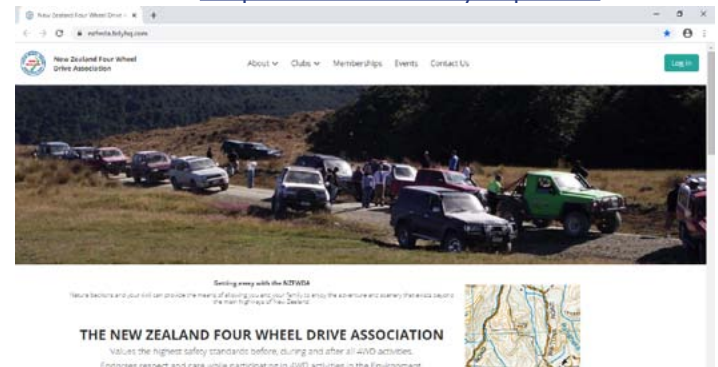


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Our new database & members portal for the NZFWDA. is <http://nzfwda.tidyhq.com>



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4wd Community Contributions

We frequently hear stories of great efforts made by 4wd clubs where they contribute to their wider communities. Examples are planting, rubbish clean-ups, taking passengers for off-road trips on public days and more recently helping with pest eradication.

Many people have said that all these types of community-good projects should be publicised, to show the world we are actually responsible people who give something back to the community as a gesture to recognise the privileges of land access that we enjoy.

Positive publicity like that would help assure the public, land owners and council officers that there is a lot more to organised 4wd activities than the old-time perceptions often regarded negatively.

Sometimes we get material to publish about these good deeds, and there are several articles in this edition of Trail Torque. Unfortunately, all too often these good deeds go unrecognised, and the Association wants to do something about it.

We invite clubs to provide stories and photos to publish on the web page in TidyHQ (the NZFWDA membership portal).

Your material doesn't need to be up-to-the-minute, although fresh is best, all our stories over recent times should be worthwhile. And don't forget to include your club name, and the general area where it took place!

You can submit material to the National PRO at pro@nzfwda.org.nz for the webpage.

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2020/2021 NZFWDA Executive

The NZFWDA Executive are volunteers who administer the Association. Divided into three Regional Zone committees - Northern Zone (North Cape to Taupo), Central Zone (Taupo to Wellington), Southern Zone (the entire South Island) and a Competition Committee.

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Endorses respect and care while participating in 4WD activities in the Environment.
Acknowledges the contribution of its members and their values.
Values and respects land owners and land users.
Encourages non-discrimination of all participants.

Can you spot the six differences?



Car facts

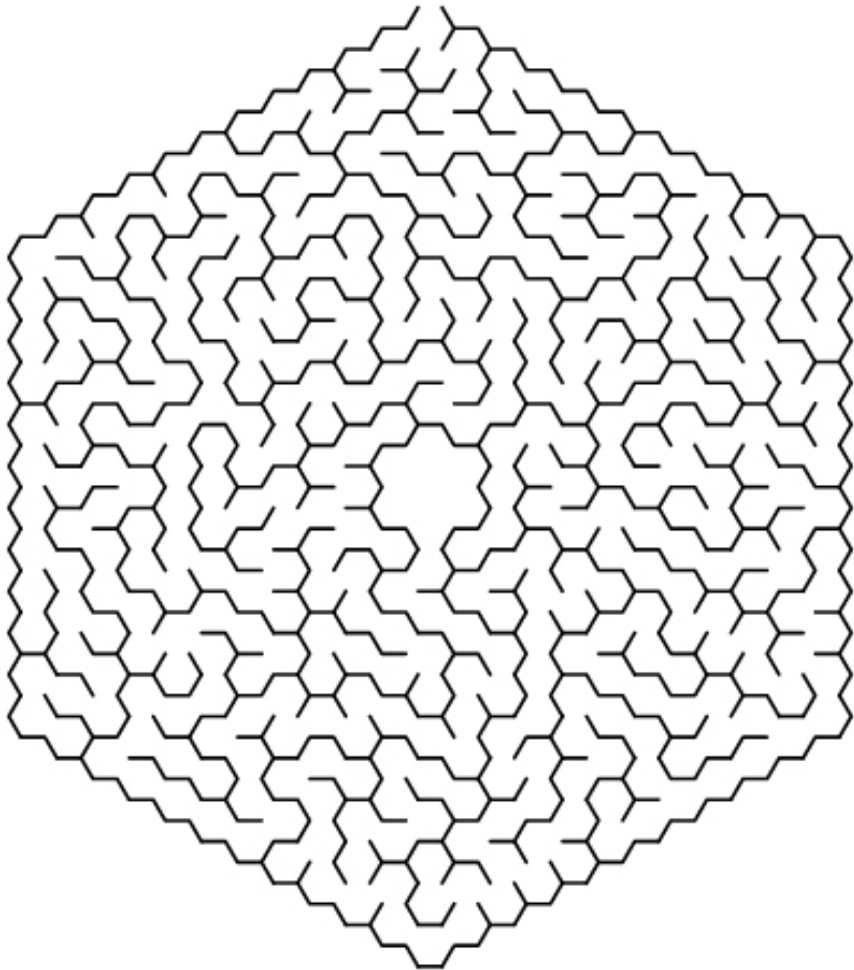
Cars are the most recycled product in the world. Approximately 95% of the cars that have stopped working are recycled. Roughly 27 million cars are reprocessed every year.

Back in 1908, the cost of buying a car would be around \$825. The Ford Model T was worth \$950.

The maximum speed of a car during the early years (back in 1769) was 4km per hour!

The first cars used a lever, not a steering wheel. It wasn't until 1894 that a racing car company incorporated a wheel instead of a lever.

Can you get to the middle of the maze?



Jokes

*KNOCK, KNOCK.
WHO'S THERE?
BELLE.
BELLE WHO?
BELLE DIDN'T WORK, SO I HAD TO
KNOCK.*

*KNOCK, KNOCK.
WHO'S THERE?
COWS GO.
COWS GO WHO?
NO, COWS GO "MOO", SILLY*

NZFWDA YOUNG DRIVER OF THE YEAR CUP

2008-09	Mitch Seymour	2013-14	Renee Harrison
2009-10	Martin Rivers	2014-15	Rachel Buckthought
2010-11	Ash Senior	2015-16	Daniel Howat
2011-12	Shaun Robertson	2017-18	Aaron Tosland
2012-13	William Sturme	2018-19	Caitlyn Thomsen

To nominate a Young Driver in your Club, contact the NZFWDA National Secretary secretary@nzfwda.org.nz
Entries must be received by 31st January.