

# Offroad Wairarapa Inc. 4x4 Club

The official club newsletter of the Offroad Wairarapa four wheel drive club. The views reflected in this newsletter are not necessarily those of Offroad Wairarapa Inc.



Monthly Newsletter

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Tis the season

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Reminder: Club Meeting, 19h30, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 35 Perry Street, Masterton.



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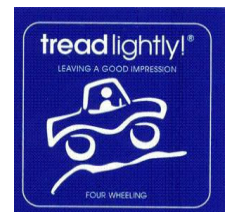


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# Editors Note

Hello all, well doesn't time fly when you're busy. Whether you're busy working or at this time of the year planning what you wish to be doing for the holidays or even getting for Christmas.

As at the time of writing this on what has turned out to be a blustery Christmas eve we had received some good news at home, some may have already read this in the paper, but Catherine and I were joint runners up in the Christmas light competition a nice reward for the effort and costs that go to putting these displays on. So with more lights planned for next year we will see what can be achieved next time.

With the holiday season abound there will be a few of us lucky enough to be going away for break, but for those of us staying home for Christmas keep an eye on the emails as we are still planning trips during the break. There may be a fun rally and trip in late January and we will try to have a rally early February.

**There is no meeting in January so we'll see you on 8th February 2011.**

A big thank you to those that contributed to the newsletter this year, it does help to fill in the pages and makes it easier if for me if I don't need to write all the articles. So if you have something you want to put into the newsletter send it through and I will put it in.

If you have any ideas for any trips or trips that you would like to do then pass these on to a member of the committee so that it can be included into the calendar, if appropriate.

I am open to any other suggestions that you would like to see appear in the following pages. You are also very welcome to submit any stories, articles, pictures and the like.

With Christmas festivities in full swing and people planning to go away I wish all a safe holiday and a Happy New Year, and I hope to see you all next year.

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# Club Committee

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| Tony Oliver    | Committee      | (027) 552 2202  | esthero23@xtra.co.nz      |
| Gavin Oakly    | Committee      | (06) 377 3862   | N/A                       |
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Club Subscriptions: \$50.00 \$25 if affiliated to another club

Club meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month except January.

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# Club Calendar

| Trip Date                | Days | Trip Name & Date             | Trip Grade | Trip Leader                   | Status | Trip Notes & Times    |
|--------------------------|------|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| To be set                | 1    | Reef Hill                    | 2/3        | Tony Oliver<br>(027) 552 2202 | P      | Details to follow     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2011 |      | Club Meeting                 |            | Trish Merrin<br>(06) 372 5852 | C      | 35 Perry St Masterton |
| Wgtn Annv.               | 2    | Tinui Fun day & Ngaumu drive | 2/3        | Trish Merrin<br>(06) 372 5852 | P      | Details to follow     |
| To be set                | 1    | Club Champs                  | 3          |                               | P      | Details to follow     |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11   |      | Club Meeting                 |            | Trish Merrin<br>(06) 372 5852 | C      | 35 Perry St Masterton |
|                          |      |                              |            |                               |        |                       |
|                          |      |                              |            |                               |        |                       |

**P = Pending C= Confirmed**

**Grade 1:** Suitable for any 4wd vehicle with any tyre pattern. Tow rope to be carried. The club requires that minimum requirements for club trips be met. No damage expected.

**Grade 2:** Suitable for 4wd vehicle and driver with reasonable off-road experience. Possible contact with shrubs and banks. Securely fitted approved rated tow points front and rear. Suitable tyres required. All safety equipment required, same as for Grade 1.

**Grade 3:** Vehicles equipped for serious off-roading with mud tyres. Contact with terrain expected. Front and rear tow hooks suitable for high shock loads. Club approved safety equipment required. Tow ropes to be carried.

**All vehicles, All Grades: Must have a WOF or a valid club safety sticker.**

| Minimum Requirements For Club Trips                               | Registering for Trips  |
|---|--|
| 1. Vehicles must have properly fitted tow hooks front and rear    | Although trip details are published in the newsletter or on the website, <b>it is important to contact the trip leader and register your interest</b>            |
| 2. Good first aid kit.  |  |
| 3. Fire extinguisher (minimum 1 kg)                               | That way you will be kept up with the changes or cancellations that inevitably can occur.  |
| 4. Selection of rated D shackles<br>3.75 and 4.35 swl             | Vehicle numbers on trips can at times be limited by the trip leader due to weather or track conditions, land owners requirements or types of vehicles registered |
| 5. Rated (approved) towing rope/strap 8000 kgs<br>Breaking strain |  |
| 6. Spade  | <b>So come on folks let the trip leader know!<br/>PLEASE</b>   |
| 7. Spare wheel, jack and wheel brace                              |  |
| 8. Roll cage in open or soft top vehicles                         |  |
| 9. Current drivers licence  |  |

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# Dipstick Awards

The dipstick awards are given to those that have done, said or tried not so clever things and been caught doing them or have told others what they did wrong. For this you receive a mention in the newsletter for all to see.

Those that have been nominated this month are;

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Steven Merrin | -For getting caught dropping the bowling ball while preparing to bowl. (was not the only one though) |
| Marmite       | -For asking how many pins there are to knock down when 10 pin bowling.                               |

So if you have someone that you wish to nominate (dob in) contact Trish Merrin or Tom Barnes with the nominees name and what they have done.

## TOO OLD TO SQUAT

An elderly man really took care of his body. He lifted weights and jogged six miles every day.

One morning he looked into the mirror, admiring his body, and noticed that he was suntanned all over with the exception of his willy.

So he decided to do something about that.

He went to the beach, undressed completely and buried himself in the sand, except for his willy, which he left sticking out of the sand.

A bit later, two little old ladies came strolling along the beach, one using a cane to help her get along. Upon seeing the thing sticking out of the sand, the lady with the cane began to move the willy around with her cane.

Remarking to the other little old lady, she said: "There really is no justice in the world."

The other little old lady asked:  
"What do you mean by that?"

The first little old lady replied:

"Look at that. When I was 20, I was curious about it. When I was 30, I enjoyed it. When I was 40, I asked for it. When I was 50, I paid for it. When I was 60, I prayed for it. When I was 70, I forgot about it. Now that I'm 80, the damned things are growing wild and I'm too old to squat.



# National Trial Competition 2010/2011 season calendar

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| <p><b><u>Round 1 - Bay of Islands</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 14 November 2010<br/> <b>Club:</b> Bay of Islands 4x4 Club<br/> <b>Location:</b> Okaihau<br/> <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p> | <p><b><u>Round 2 - Valley 4x4 Club</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 8 January 2011<br/> <b>Club:</b> Valley 4wd Club<br/> <b>Location:</b> Whiteman's Valley<br/> <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>                 |
| <p><b><u>Round 3 - Eastern Bay Twin Diff Club</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 30 January 2011<br/> <b>Club:</b> EBTD<br/> <b>Location:</b> Matata<br/> <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p>          | <p><b><u>Round 4 - Sth Waikato Club</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 19 February 2011<br/> <b>Club:</b> Sth Waikato 4x4 Club<br/> <b>Location:</b> Matamata side of Kaimais<br/> <b>Zone:</b> Northern Zone</p> |
| <p><b><u>Round 5 - Comp Committee</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 13 March 2011<br/> <b>Club:</b> Competition Committee<br/> <b>Location:</b> Colyton<br/> <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>       | <p><b><u>Round 6 - Mt Egmont - Finals</u></b></p> <p><b>Date:</b> 23 April 2011<br/> <b>Club:</b> Mt Egmont 4WD Club<br/> <b>Location:</b><br/> <b>Zone:</b> Central Zone</p>                              |

## National Trial Series Results

| Driver          | Placings  |       | Rnd 1 |    | Rnd 2 |    | Rnd 3 |    | Rnd 4 |    | Rnd 5 |    | Rnd 6 |    |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|-------|----|
|                 | Vehicle   | Class | IC    | OA | IC    | OA | IC    | OA | IC    | OA | IC    | OA | IC    | OA |
| Brent Ward      | Homebuilt | D     | 8     | 12 |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |
| Kevin Galbraith | Suzuki    | D     | DNF   |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |
|                 |           |       |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |       |    |
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IC - In Class    OA - Overall    DNF - Did not finish    DNS - Did not start    DNE - Did not enter



## **Club Items for Sale**

Caps: \$15  
Sew on Badges: \$10  
Club Stickers: \$5.00 per pair

Club t-shirts are also available from Mangan graphics unit 8 Business Enterprise Village, 392 Queen Street, Masterton. Order your own shirts as required, they have a good selection and are not overpriced. They have the club logo on the front and Offroad Wairarapa on the back. The shirt colour is black, but ladies might like another colour.

## **For Sale**

Nothing at this stage

## **Wanted to Buy**

Wanted to buy a left hand rear tail light for a 1990 Nissan Safari.

Phone Chris on 06 3777-430.

**Two elderly gentlemen** from a retirement centre were sitting on a bench under a tree when one turns to the other and says: 'Slim, I'm 83 years old now and I'm just full of aches and pains. I know you're about my age. How do you feel?'  
**Slim says, 'I feel just like a newborn baby.'**  
**'Really!?! Like a newborn baby!?!'**  
**'Yep. No hair, no teeth, and I think I just wet my pants.'**





# TINUI SCHOOL

*Building on Beginnings*

## COASTAL 4 Wheel Drive TOUR NO 1

SATURDAY FEB 19<sup>TH</sup> 2011

The tour will cover country in and around the Castlepoint and Tinui districts, on the "hospitable" Wairarapa coast.

This 4WD tour is intended as both a family affair and a "shiny" trip, with most 4WD's, fitted with good tyres, expected to comfortably handle the likely conditions.

The tour will start at approximately 60 meters above sea level rising to approx 440 m.a.s.l, taking in extensive and historic farmlands, settled from the late 1840's.

It will follow, in part, the traditional trade routes (bullock trails) toward Mataikona, then south through the reknown Castlepoint Station, before returning to finish at the historic Tinui School and settlement, for a relaxed and informal BBQ dinner.

Cost: \$120 per vehicle  
(Lunch provided, for four persons including driver)

Entries Close: 10th February 2011

Limited: to 120 vehicles

Tyres: Good condition. More aggressive tyre with at least 50% tread life left will cope with the basic route

Other: No dogs  
No firearms  
Time may allow for a swim along the way, with parental supervision

Entry Forms Attached

Further enquiries:

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[Marangai@farmside.co.nz](mailto:Marangai@farmside.co.nz)

Scott White head (06) 372 6662  
Mark (mossie) Mossman (06) 372 3823



# TINUI SCHOOL

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## TINUI SCHOOL COASTAL TOUR

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### Registration Form:

Driver.....

Address.....

Phone no..... Mobile.....

E-mail..... Reg.....

No of people in Vehicle:      Adults .....      Children.....

Entry is \$120 per vehicle (up to four people )

The price includes lunch en route.

Assemble 8.00am at **"Bush Grove"** 72 Adams Peak Road (left off Masterton-Castlepoint Road, approx 3 km further on past the Riversdale Turnoff.)

Signs will be in place on the Masterton - Castlepoint Road.

Tour will leave 9.00am sharp.

Trip ends at the Tinui School where a BBQ Dinner and refreshments will be available for purchase if you desire.

Please complete both the Registration and Indemnity forms on this page and promptly send together with a cheque payable to the:

### **Tinui School fundraising Committee:**

c/- Jenny Balfour

Tinui School

RD9

Masterton 5889

## INDEMNITY FORM

- I/we acknowledge that I/we are participating in the Tinui Coastal Tour on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2011.
- I/we are aware that there are hazards which I/we may encounter. I/we are aware of the occupational Safety and Health Act. By signing this form we indemnify Tinui School, the landowners and other participants from responsibility including accidents, mechanical or structural damage or other mishap to ourselves, vehicles other participants or property.
- I/ we are knowingly taking part in this event and are aware of hazards to be found on farmland / tracks and enter at my/ our own risk.
- I/ we undersigned have read and understood this Indemnity Form and agree to bound by it.

Name.....

Signature.....Date.....



Please complete both the Registration and indemnity forms on this page and promptly send together with a cheque payable to the  
Tinui School Fundraising Committee  
Tinui School  
c/o Jenny Halliday  
Masterton 5889