



North Otago Four Wheel Drive Club Inc

The club was registered as an incorporated society in January 2001

The club is based in Oamaru and has approximately 50 paid up members

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Committee contacts as of 2020

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Club Objectives

To organise trips, events and social activities that enable members to utilise their four wheel drive vehicles, enhance driving skills and enjoyment of the outdoors whilst respecting the environment and access to private and public land

The club has

- a formal constitution
- Public liability insurance cover for up to \$5 million dollars and appropriate rural fire cover
- A registered EPIRB – Emergency locator beacon (some members carry their own plb's)
- Trips are undertaken on public, crown and private land where access permission has been granted by the owners
- The club undertakes driver experience events which are supervised by a qualified four wheel drive vehicle instructor, participants are issued with proficiency certificates
- Alcohol policy – members who are driving must ensure that they are below the legal limit for driving at all times
- No fire arms to be present on formal club trips policy
- Trip leaders retain the right to exclude members from an organised trip where their vehicle equipment or driving skills and experience are deemed to be inadequate for the class of trip
- Official club trips are recce'd where practical prior to the trip for risk assessment and graded as to difficulty

Safety Plan - Trip Rules

Prior to all trips an advisory notice is distributed to all club members detailing information and equipment requirements specific to that event

The Trip Leader holds a briefing prior to the departure of the trip

All trip participants must comply with directives issued by the trip leader at the pre trip briefing as well as during the duration of the trip

A 'Tail End Charlie' is appointed to remain at the end of the convoy for the entirety of the trip

Convoy Procedure - always keep the vehicle behind you in sight, always stop at intersections to ensure the vehicle behind you can see you and follow you

Drivers must ensure a safe distance is kept behind the vehicle in front especially in conditions such as heavy dust, ascending and descending steep inclines and declines

Trip management is contingent on the use of vhs radio communication

Gate policy - all gates are left as found

Closed gates - the person that opens the gates stays at the gate until all vehicles have passed through and then shuts the gate securely

Always hold safety in mind - especially during recovery procedures, all spectators are to keep clear

Never under any circumstances slip a tow rope over the tow ball

Do not joint two ropes with a shackle - loop one through the other in a secure knot, then slip a strong piece of wood between the two to ensure that they can be separated after recovery

Fire extinguishers are compulsory - minimum 1 Kg for Forest trips - your extinguisher must be operable - check the weight

All vehicles must have tow hooks front and back that are securely mounted to the chassis with high tensile bolts

All vehicles must carry a rope or strop

All vehicles must carry a spade or shovel

All vehicles must carry a first aid kit

All drivers are required to stay on the track unless otherwise directed by the trip leader

All drivers must hold a current drivers licence

Do not leave the trip early without advising the leader

Safety Plan - Essential Equipment list

Chains – 1 set of chains must be carried

Remove tow ball (so that it is not used)

Tow hooks front and rear

Recovery strop - D Shackle

Shovel / spade

Good jack base

Fire extinguisher

Torch / Strong footwear / Soap / towel / toilet paper / drinking water

3rd party insurance (minimum requirement)

First Aid kit

Current Warrant of Fitness and Vehicle registration

Spark Arresters may be required for all vehicles on some trips e.g. during dry conditions or forestry areas or when stipulated by the property owner or manager