

WOS Mini-Rally

The Waikato Outdoor Society annual Mini-Rally was created about 20 plus years ago when times were tough and we had a zero bank balance and a big mortgage plus power payments due and ongoing.

Rose B came up with the idea of initiating a fund raising event on Waitangi weekend - a weekend of sports, games and socializing, a festival of food fun and family entertainment.

It proved to be an all round success and so popular that it was decided that the Waitangi weekend Mini-Rally would become an annual event for the Waikato Outdoor Society.

The event continued to gain popularity, became well established over the years and iconic as a great venue with great food, innovative events and entertainment the entire weekend. The pig on the spit was one of these draw cards of the past as were Dr Wal's melanoma, blood pressure and blood sugar checks. The dedication of people such as Bruce B and Gail R have been so instrumental in ensuring this Mini-Rally remains in the top echelon of not to be missed festivals on the naturist calendar. Traditional naturist sports, mainly played as doubles are mainstay events, the gumboot throw is always a favourite, the 2003 hot air balloon was a hit, we have had body painting, cocktails by the pool, Harley motor bike rides and pony rides. Christine B organised a "high tea" to include in the event for the WOS 50th birthday celebrations in 2017. The water slide got rejuvenated this year in the fabulous "kids and water" section after a couple of "quite senior kids" Bill R & Bruce B, won a visit to the doctor for treatment of injuries sustained after performing antics beyond their age abilities a few years ago.

The Kubb game began its debut at WOS and Pauls introduction of 3 Down [Corn Hole] became an immediate hit and was soon a favourite in some other clubs too. Recently Susanne L's cryptic treasure hunts enticed punters to investigate all corners of the picturesque 4.58 hectare WOS complex in search of clues to solve the puzzle and win an award. One of these lifelike plastic clues last year fooled our intrepid naturalist photographer Bruce to race off to capture an image of the strange "nailed-back" insect he had spotted on a tree - he did look a little sheepish when he found out he was fooled by a plastic fantastic - just a sheep in wolf's clothing.

This annual rally has had many features over the years due to outstanding input from individual members the most recent being the wonderful food catering expertise of Peggy M and her team providing a range of superb food and catering that receive accolades from absolutely everyone. We have followers returning year after year to revel in the friendly, relaxed atmosphere that prevails at WOS, where their organised and efficient teamwork is always to the fore, the raffle prizes are good value merchandise, and the whole complex is spick and span, reflecting the pride the member volunteers have in their happy club, their obvious pleasure of sharing friendship with both old and new rally goers.

In July 2020 WOS will be mortgage free - sure we have ongoing needs for maintenance etc but the annual Mini - Rally will continue to shape our destiny here in the Waikato.



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From the Editor



WOS Mini -Rally reaches new heights

This annual feature event held on Waitangi weekend at the picturesque WOS complex continues to gain popularity and received many favourable comments for the renowned hospitality - superb meals and outstanding organization. The accolades were especially high for the entertainment value of the innovative games that encompassed family fun for people of absolutely all ages.

The visitors came from far and wide with everyone revelling in the happy and relaxed carnival atmosphere that prevailed. There were often happenings of high fun occurring during such things as “tossing the silver gumboot” - and the section of entertainment “exclusively” for the children turned out a riot of fun for one and all drawing waves of applause and cheering - especially when the adult helpers “accidentally” got quite wet during a hilarious melee of water antics.

WOS Waitangi weekend Mini-Rally held 6-9th Feb

This years Mini-Rally at WOS will likely rank as their best ever event at their lovely Matangi complex on the outskirts of Hamilton city. Absolutely every aspect of this thoroughly enjoyable carnival was as close to perfection as anyone could dare to hope for. The events proved to be outstanding entertainment for families of all ages, the food, facilities and hospitality won a bunch of accolades from the visitors and members - and the icing on the proverbial cake was that the weather was perfect as well. The variety of games held



Croquet gets under way

each day carried an air of competitiveness but the overriding atmosphere of fun and enjoyment prevailed at all times and the good natured ribbing laced with generous servings of mischievous advice from the side lines ensured a great time was had

by all the competitors and spectators. The daily pace of happenings was always easy with time out for frequent dips in the absolutely sparkling waters of the heated swimming



Petanque



Food galore

pool or hot tub, take the option of just relaxing with lots of tea breaks- or a refreshing stroll along the shaded walk way beside the stream to feed the eels. It became quite evident that the happy theme of the games was generating great comradery with everyone having a bloody

good time, no doubt because it's so easy to feel at home here surrounded with all these friends.