



Waikato
Outdoor
Society

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The Naked News

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PRESIDENT'S RAMBLE

Well, winter is here with Jack Frost playing around to keep our toes cold but brings a lovely sunny day afterwards so into club uniform and get the chores done.

It has been a quieter month here at WOS with a good turnout out for Matariki and The Polar Plunge, 13 did brave the cold water, good on us all, and great to have some steaming hot soup afterwards.

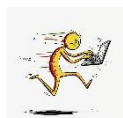
A correction from last months news when I got September's dates wrong, BAD BOY!!

Our events do usually happen on the 3rd Saturday of the month with a few exceptions due to moving events like Easter and Matariki, hardly ever during the working week.

Site holders have received their contracts and at this stage everyone loves to hang on to them.

Come on down during the winter, I turned up last weekend thinking I would get some peace and quiet, but no, several members came out to enjoy the sun which is fantastic also some watched the sport on the new Telly, hence the tardiness of the newsletter.

Social Committee has been working hard bringing us new ideas and we always encourage others to make suggestions.



The dates of importance

Next committee	21st August
Social Games	22nd August
Roast Dinner	19th September
Subs Due	1st October
WOS Working Bee	
Labour Weekend	24rd October

Treasurer's Corner

A bit quiet due to the time of the year, gives me time to write out the Subs invoices and will be sending them out later this month.

They are not due till 1st October, but you are welcome to pay in advance or if you, like a lot of us, short of funds, feel free to contact me to make split payments, we are happy to oblige.

Sherida

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To all WOS members, a big Thank You from the Social committee for supporting a great event this last month's weekend. The Polar Plunge challenge and the Matariki Celebration was the first event organised by the new social committee of Casey F, Mike G and Reece H.

We had a record number of brave (some would say mad) souls, 13 in fact, who plunged into the cool (12 degrees) pool, which was actually warmer than the outside temperature at the time of 9 degrees. So well done to you all and now we have a "record" to hopefully beat next year.

Later in the afternoon, Casey and a number of members took up their artistic skills and created some magic with flax weaving. This was an initiative by Casey as part of the Matariki celebrations. She also included a Karakia, before dinner, and a short story on Matariki after dinner.

Dinner was a "Hangi Style" meal cooked indoors using crock pots and tin foil to simulate a hangi. The meal was Lamb and Chicken with Potato, Kumara, Carrots, Parsnips, Red Onion and Pumpkin, all cooked to perfection by our very own "Master Chef Mike". The food was delicious with lots of members commenting as much. I made a couple of apple crumbles, and while not up to Peggy's lovely crumble, it wasn't too bad and it all got eaten. I promise to learn from this experience and that it will be better next time.

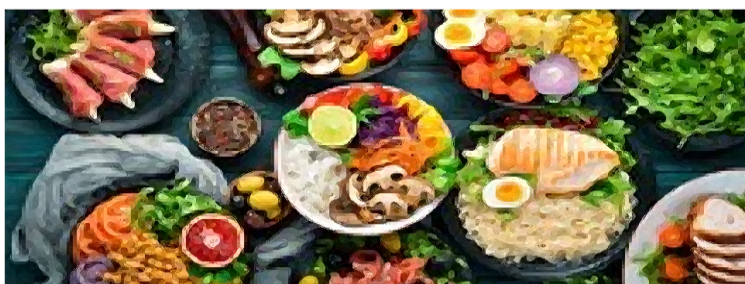
Next up is Quiz night with Jose, Saturday 22nd August

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Games Kubb, Pétanque etc. during the day

Pot Luck Dinner 6.00pm

@ WOS



Followed By

Josie's

Quiz night 7.30pm

Prizes to be won

\$2.00 per person for quiz entry



COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER,
BRING YOUR GOLD (COINS)
AND HAVE A FUN NIGHT OF
BINGO WITH MARK R

OCTOBER IS LABOUR
WEEKEND CLEAN UP
READY FOR THE
SUMMER



Private WOS Facebook Page



All current WOS Members are invited to join this totally private group for discussions and feedback.

No obligation, just use it to communicate with other members in a safe place.

[Waikato Outdoor Society Private Members Group | Facebook](#)

WOS Matariki Polar Plunge

13 brave souls braved the cold 11 degrees water

Ready

Steady

Goooooooooo



Not so bad !!



Out we get for a warm cup of soup



Ready but not needed



Just look at that sky! Perfect day.



Message from our tech guru Mark R

Getting the hot tub temperature has been a moving target for a while, but I have a good way now, that is easy and should be around for a long time. It works the same way as the original method...

Are you still having problems getting the temperature of the hot tub remotely? I have worked out a way to get the temperature the original way, for Android phones, by tapping on the link within the text that comes back. Let me know if you want to know how. Cheers, Mark.

Or, if you are keen and able ...

you need to switch from Google Text Messaging to the Samsung Messaging app. Swipe up on your icons to display all your icons in alphabetical order. Swipe left or right to get to the message's icons. You should see both the Google & Samsung versions. The Samsung version is the one with the 3 dots. Hold down on that icon. After a few seconds you will see your normal icons, slide the messages icon to where you want it, then stop holding. Tap on the Samsung icon and accept changing the default to Samsung. Texting should work the same and you can once again view the hot tub temperature directly within the text message, from the returned link.

A great day in club uniform

1st August



Maybe remove them to encourage the Sun!



Site Bookings:

Our facilities offer tent sites, power sites, wood fired hot tub and clubrooms with all facilities, solar heated pool, cabin and BBQ.

To make bookings, please phone **0276316883** or email wosbookings@gmail.com

Members, as well as all visitors to WOS grounds are required to fill out and sign the visitor's book situated in the clubrooms beside the registration desk.

No pets allowed.

First Aid: FYI – We have a defibrillator on the wall and first aid kit on top of the fridge on the left as you walk into the clubrooms from the deck.

Blood Pressure Monitor: We also have a blood pressure monitor available for all members and visitors. Please ask a Custodian to access it if required.

Check out our website at [www. waikato.gonatural.co.nz](http://www.waikato.gonatural.co.nz)

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