

# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



## AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

Waikato Outdoor Society: Woodside Naturist Park  
50A Trentham Road, Tamahere, Hamilton RD4 3284

### THE NAKED NEWS

#### Upcoming Events 2023

- August 18<sup>th</sup> - Committee meeting
- August 19<sup>th</sup> - Meet the neighbour. Wine and nibbles(see below for details)
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Steam Punk
- Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Constitution ratification and Labour Weekend spring clean
- Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting
- Nov 18<sup>th</sup> Quiz night??

#### From the editor: Change.

We are forever being reminded about change happening in and around the world these days. Climate change seems to be in the forefront of our minds. What do we need to do in our lives to combat this change? We have seen the climate disasters in the world of recent months. Floods, fires, heatwaves, our own country has had our fair share of disasters of recent times. Our heart goes out to those who are impacted by those disasters and we know that it will take many months and years to make the changes necessary to return to a new normal. So what other changes do we see today? I've just had a big birthday, and I am so aware that I am now regarded as an "Elderly Grandmother in her 70's." Do I feel like an "Elderly grandmother in her 70's? HELL NO! But even though I've reached my golden years, I am still the same person inside. Knowing there will be changes in my life in the future, I need to prepare to accommodate those changes. Others will have changes in their life too, priorities, circumstances, jobs, but not everyone recognises and are able to make the necessary changes to accommodate them. We need to learn to accept it, don't fear or be scared of it, just do what is necessary to move on to a new phase of your life. Who knows, it may not be as bad as you think.

### July 2023 Committee Titbits.

- Thanks to Georgie and tenant for firewood & team who split the wood.
- Thanks to Polar plunge participants, organisers, soup makers & cooks.
- Thanks to folk who helped with the hedge pick-up and tidy-up.
- Diane submitted an article about WOS to the British Naturist magazine.
- David to liaise with Naturist World re free membership and to a NZ Blog page.
- Johan will donate a replacement piano. Current piano open to \$ offers.
- NZNF funding received to contour recreational area to eliminate 'bog'.
- WOS to submit photos for the NZNF calendar.
- NZNF AGM @ WOS on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec.
- Annual insurance due - additions and increases approved.
- Tasks to be done asap weather-wise; staining the terrace, sanding & painting the shower roof & painting ablution walls. Volunteers appreciated.
- Site holders' annual agreement, individual letters & custodian agreements ratified.
- 3 member applications approved. Welcome to WOS.
- Upcoming social events;  
Meet the neighbours' wine & cheese & Steampunk 'do'.
- Next committee meeting - Fri 18<sup>th</sup> August @ 7:15.

### Significant expenses

Power and gas	\$0.00
Yearly insurance payment	\$4958.31



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### Textile Event

Meet the Neighbours Wine & Nibbles

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, come share a drink and nibbles.

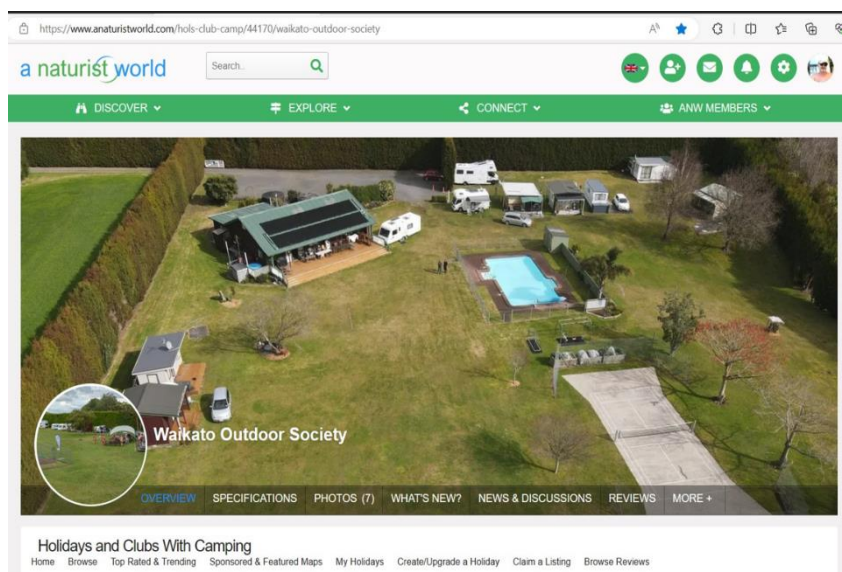
To meet the Neighbours from Trentham Road & surrounds.

Start 4pm, Members bring some nibbles & a bottle of wine to share.

\$6 light meal to follow 6.30ish

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David D has set up a web pages on a world wide website that has heaps of followers called "A Naturist World". WOS members can join up, it is a pay site but you can join as a guest for free which lets you see quite a bit.



Link to site page: <https://anaturistworld.com/>. This will bring you to a sign up page, enter your email address and a user name. You will then be sent an email with a password to enter into the website, and it brings up A naturist world website. Go to search, and put in Waikato Outdoor Society, and this will bring up our site page.  
(be aware that sometimes the email with a password that ANW send us may go to spam, mine did. But I also received an email from ANW querying why I did not log in)

Thanks David, a great opportunity to put our name out there, we appreciate your effort in getting this on line.  
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Our much loved piano is being replaced and is looking for a new home.

Would be great for kids to learn/play on, you might even have a budding pianist in your household.

Available to take it away, \$\$ offers?

Please call WOS on phone 0276316883



### \*\*\*Matariki Dinner Weekend\*\*\*

What a stunner of a weekend WOS put on for our annual Matariki Dinner Weekend. It seemed a little unusual to be having a Friday public holiday, but it doesn't really matter what day the holiday is, any day is a good day when WOS is at the end of your travels.

After not having been to WOS for a few weeks, it was good to catch up with friends again, get the fire going, place another piece on the jigsaw puzzle, sit and chat over a cuppa, and in general, relax and enjoy the atmosphere.

Saturday was a busy in the kitchen day, it was good to see the "nearly" naked chef and his helpers busy themselves while others made table decorations for our Matariki dinner. It was great to see members all pitching in to help and it really does ease the load, not to mention the chatter that goes along with it. Big thank you especially to Kelvin and Robyn for all the preparation and work done both before and on the day to make this another memorable evening, as well as those helping out in the kitchen and serving.



A most successful happy hour was had, the tables were set and the telescopes were ready for Matariki star gazing.



A dedication was given in honour of our two members who sadly passed away recently. Dinner was then served. In excess of 30 members, including visitors from the South Island enjoyed the sumptuous meal dished up by Kelvin, Robyn and helpers.



Of course Matariki dinner happened to fall on the same night as a very important Rugby match, so adjustments had to be made to the order of the evening. Ron and Robyn gave a very interesting quiz, based on the Matariki legend. Those taking part in the quiz were rewarded with a peanut slab or two for furnishing a few correct answers with just a bit of prompting,



and then the most delicious dessert was served.

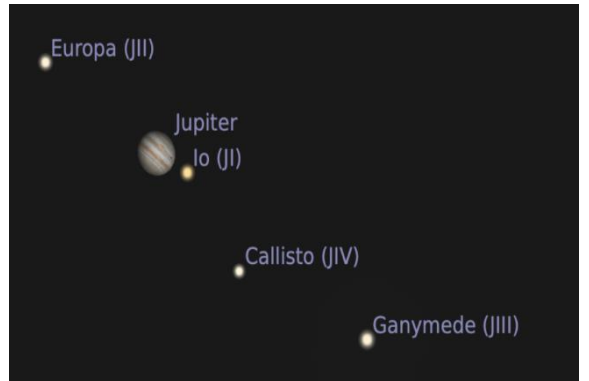


The night concluded with a few games of 5 crowns which is WOS's game of preference of an evening.



Sunday morning around 6am, several eager participants joined Ron in star gazing and were in awe of the amazing sight of the Matariki Stars in perfect formation.

We were also set-up to observe the planet Jupiter and were lucky enough to see all four Galilean Moons, Europa, Io, Callisto and Ganymede. As daylight approached, we also saw a tiny slither of our own moon rising between the trees and which had almost disappeared into the dawn.



So those of us that got out of bed saw something very special - 5 Moons before breakfast!

Thank you once again Ron for taking the time to set up your equipment, to very generously passing on your vast amount of wisdom and knowledge of not only Matariki but of all the stars and answer a few questions. Yet again, an awesome early start to the day.

Of course a weekend at WOS is never complete without some sort of work being carried out. Another load of wood was delivered, of which we are most grateful and several members busied themselves stacking it, we now have a full woodshed again.



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**WANTED:** Empty Jam jars and lids.  
If you have any lying around and want to get rid of, I would love to take them off your hands. Just drop them off at WOS on or before the weekend of 18 August.



## Message from our Treasurer

If any members have changed their address, phone number or email address, please email [treasurer.wos@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.wos@gmail.com) with new details to update the records.

### BOOKINGS:-

Our facilities offer tent sites, power sites, wood fired hot tub and clubrooms with all facilities, solar heated pool, cabin and BBQ. No pets allowed.

To make bookings, please phone Peggy on 0276316883 or email [Waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz](mailto:Waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz)

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.

**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.



Recycling -

U bring it

U take it away

**Please:** Always remember to wipe down the hand basin and surrounding area when you use the bathroom.

### HOT TUB

You are welcome to use the hot tub but please:

1. Keep the tub firebox door and enclosure gate closed at all times.
2. Read the instructions on the wall adjacent to the hot tub regarding when to turn on the switches in the pump box.
3. Text the word "pic" to 021 265 0324 to find out the temperature of the Hot tub.



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