

WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY

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Editors Notes:

Sometimes in our life we read something that makes us think and below is an example of this in our troubled times of COVID which doesn't appear to want to go away.

Two men both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room.

One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window.

The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back.

The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window.

The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside.

The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance.

As the man by the window described all this in exquisite detail, the man on the other side

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of the room would close his eyes and imagine the picturesque scene.

One warm afternoon the man by the window described a parade passing by.

Although the other man couldn't hear the band - he could see it. In his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days and weeks passed.

One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone.

Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window beside the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate to describe such wonderful things outside this window.

The nurse was bewildered as the man was blind and could not even see the wall.

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations.

Shared grief is half the sorrow, happiness when shared, is doubled.

We are fortunate to have WOS as our backstop in life, our go away place and the ability to share our life with like people who share our vision and love of the naturist culture.

WOS Mini Rally 2021: All I can say is WOW, what a weekend. The weather was superb, as was the company, food, organisation, people, families, pool, happy hour, entertainment and I could go on.

A big thank you goes to those who planned and organised the weekend. And a big thank you also to those who attended and made it the success it was. A lot of planning goes into a weekend such as this, and the success of the weekend proves that everyone played their part. Thanks also to Linelle and Barry for organising the raffles, a great job well done.

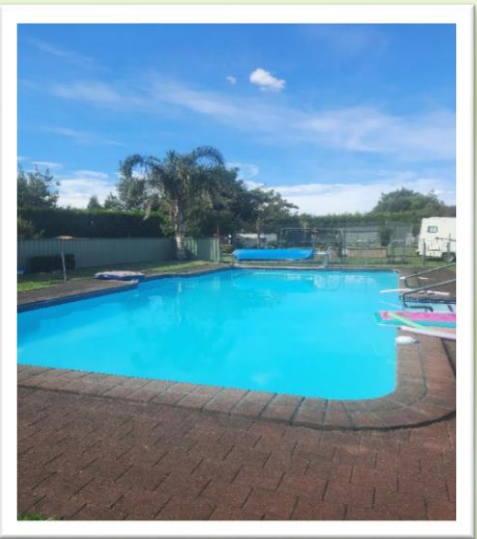
See WOSSE report for further Rally details.



Welcome to WOS



Let the games begin



Its 4.44



Happy hour



Deep in thought during quiz



all in attendance during Prizegiving

Suzanne's mystery challenge was once again a highlight and finished with a poem from the winning team.

Winner: Kathleen, John, David D, Sherida, Paul W.

Here we are at WOS again for another weekend of fun and games.

Susanne has created this mystery challenge for members to use their brain.

We wondered around all over the grounds

Looking for clues that were there to be found.

Pohutukawa, there were few, so we quickly found our final clue.

With 10 answers in hand, we went to find the ice-cream man

we were in search for much needed juice

but only found an old bugger called Bruce!

Thinking that our task was done

we found we had more fun to come.

Listening to this poem may cause you to snore

But hang in there is nearly 4.44!

Second place: Johan, Eileen and Brandon

Third place: Alan, Val, Michael, Grace

WOSSE

Waikato Outdoor Society Social Events

Column Number 8.

Our Mini Rally just gets better and better every year! What can I tell you? Where do I start! The food, oh the food was awesome as always, WOS can put on a great meal time and time again, morning teas, lunches, and the main event the evening catered dinner! Thanks to all for the donated meats, salads, veggies and the yummy morning teas. We all need to start a diet, thanks to Peggy and her team of helpers.

The kids programme was a great success, with the mini scavenger hunt, the colouring ins, the water slide, bubble making and water balloon free for all. I think the big kids enjoyed it just as much if not more.

There were massages available over two days and all spots were full. Mine was great and set my body up well for the next event I was in!

For the serious and not so serious we played

Darts and Pool on Friday night. Saturday, we played Petanque, Kubb and Susanne's Mystery Challenge. Sunday saw Miniten, Croquet, 3 down, Indoor Bowls and the Nail Drive



take place. The Mystery Challenge saw members team up to solve clues from around the grounds.

The final puzzle was to write a poem included some key works from the challenge. There were some well thought out poems and the top 3 winners are included in the newsletter. Thanks to Peter L, Paul and team for a well-run programme.



4.44pm our time to relax have a catch up, beverage and nibbles.



This group of adults look like they are up to no good!

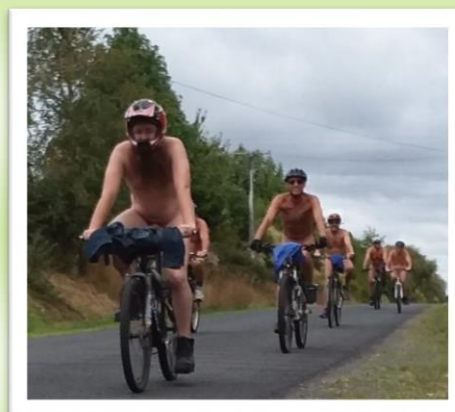
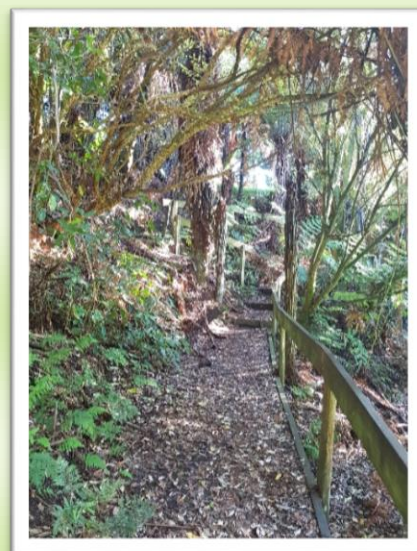
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Facebook now has **523 likes**, with 16 new likes. Are you following us? Click [here](#) to view. Check out our Facebook page, like, follow and comment. We also can be viewed on Twitter. We welcome your ideas or thoughts. Email your funny posts and we will put them online for you when we can!

Upcoming Events:

Next Committee meeting Friday 19th March
@ 7:15pm

1. **20th February 2021 - Naked Bush Walk** meet at WOS 9.30am, so we can carpool to destination. Join in and get a healthy dose of Bush bathing. Drive is about 45min from WOS the walk is easily completed in just under 2 hours. Bring your own lunch, drink bottle, a comfy pair of shoes and a hat. Please note it is a DOC track and open to the public so also bring a sarong or poncho if this makes you more comfortable.
2. **WNBR Nude Bike Ride!** 1st Weekend in March Saturday 6th or Sunday 7th TBC. Wipe the cobwebs off the handlebars and shine your bell, pad your seat. Open event to any NZNF member. Email [me](#) to register and get confirmation of times by email only. So, make WOS your destination for the weekend! Book your Accommodation!
3. **April Party TBA** Time to have your say. Do you want a themed party, music and dancing! Lockdown a year on? Freedom Party... Best Idea picked by your Committee.



Email your suggestions or feedback to me on wosse.nz20@gmail.com

Titbits:

January Committee Titbits.

- Deck oiled a light colour. Thanks to Roy & Sue for their generous donation towards to the cost of the oil.
- The top edge and the steps by handrail to have a non-slip coating applied.
- Gary's, radio FM podcast about WOS won WOS the NZNF media award. \$100 has been deposited into our account.
- Paul is considering producing further episodes for blog, watch this space.
- Miniten court cleaned by Kevin & Peggy. Looks amazing, thanks.
- Mower lifter device donated. Thanks.
- Costs associated with the club cabin constructed in 2011 have now been covered. Income is now profit.
- Quotes coming in for resurfacing the pool.
- Club etiquette revised.
- Centre strip of driveway to remain grassed as this helps minimise pothole development.
- 9 new member applications welcomed and accepted.
- Next meeting March 19th @ 7:15.

The W.O.S. grounds and facilities are yours and of course open to you and visitors at all times throughout the year, so come on over any time, any day and enjoy holiday and leisure breaks here among friends - use the unique wood fired Hot tub, the BBQ, help out with a few chores if you want - explore the walkways, feed the eels, join in for a game of 5 Crowns, relax and enjoy, stay for a night or two. You might even spot the quails welcoming you as you enter the WOS grounds

Letters to the Editor:

"Graeme and I apologise for rushing off in the end so we didn't get to say goodbye to everyone, but we wish to acknowledge the friendliness of your club members and the superb organisation of the event where so many of your members ran different parts of the rally.

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The whole family thoroughly enjoyed the event. It was a great programme and you have lovely grounds. We would love to come back next time we're passing through.

Please pass on our thanks to all the people involved in your rally. Congratulations to you all for such a successful event."

Authors Names withheld.

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 027 631 6883 or email

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Members, as well as all visitors to the club grounds are required to fill out and sign the visitors book as well as log into the COVID QR code in the clubhouse on every visit. We are required to meet local authority compliance standards.

Hot Tub: You are welcome to use the hot tub but please:

1. Keep the Hot 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 the switches on in the pump box.



Reminders:

- 1) Speed limit on the drive way is 20km/h. 
- 2) Please clean up after yourselves and take your rubbish and recycling with you. 
- 3) Please replenish the wood box from the shed down the back after using the hot tub. 
- 4) Text the word "pic" to 021 265 0324 to find out the temperature of the Hot tub. 
- 5) If you wish to receive the Gonatural Nudesletter, please email Murray at webmasternznf.nz.co.nz. If you wish to contribute, please email John at editor@gonatural.co.nz



- 6) **Members are reminded not to divulge other members' names to others outside our club.**
- 7) **Cheques will no longer be accepted for any payments at WOS after 31st May 2021, as ANZ will no longer accept them as legal tender.**

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