# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



## **FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER**

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

## THE NAKED NEWS



Great company, great food, great games, great weather. Its always nice to look back and think, yep that was fun. Special thanks to those members who put their hands up to help out, "Many hands make light work" so they say. And it was indeed plain to see over the weekend, with every activity covered with willing helpers, so that everyone had a chance to sit and relax. And how good were those massages.

Wow, what a wonderful Mini rally we had again.

From the Editor: Mini Rally 2025 rocks:

A couple of events coming up in March and April.

March weekend 21 - 23 - March Madness SURPRISE impromptu games. Be prepared for a challenge or challenge someone else to a game.

Easter April 18 - 21<sup>st</sup> Afternoon Tea. Bring your best cup and saucer and decorated Easter Bonnet. And a plate with some afternoon tea delicacies. (More info next month)

And don't forget to join our private facebook page, a safe way for members to communicate with each other.(see below for details)

## Committee Titbits, January 2025 Meeting

• Shower room upgrade is up and on its way! Quotes and contractors have been finalised and the refurb is to start after Easter, with things being inconvenient for a mere week or two.

• Repairs and maintenance activities have been ongoing- look around on your next visit to WOS and appreciate the good condition grounds and facilities are in. Post a thank you in the suggestion box!

• There are a few changes of the guard coming up to consider for the next AGM. Put your thinking cap on- is there someone you'd like to nominate for the committee?

Be proactive with suggestions for our social programme. This year, an offer or two of running a social event for members in March or August would be great! Flick Robyn an email if you would like to do so.

We have a lovely club, let's enjoy it and enjoy friendship with one another.



### Larger expenses

| Power & gas             | \$ 828.40 |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Water pump repair       | \$750.39  |
| Deposit for shower room | \$1500.00 |
| flooring                |           |

To Kevin, Charles, Greg, Graeme.

Hi guys, ye handy gentlemen of te club!

A big thank you to you all for recent work around the club, with repairs and maintenance. You are all greatly appreciated for your skills and willingness to help out.

We'll try not to wear you out too much tho LOL! From Robyn.

### Ken and Rae were our WOS representatives at the NZNF AGM this year. Here is their report.

We arrived at the festival to a wonderful welcome, which started with the NZNF AGM meeting.

The next day we received our information packs, including some gifts, we then registered for sports.

The festival was a great success with 148 registered.

In the big marquee, table and chairs were set out for the function and New Year's Eve concert, all of which was great with a duo of music and dancing to see the New Year in.

We had 3 wonderful meals including prepaid salads to go with our own mains.

The sports was played to suit the weather but it was too cold to go swimming - 14 ° C during the day.

I won the singles bowls final and Rae and I got runner up in the final pairs.

The Percy Cousins trust made approx \$2500.

The Festival was a great success.

Rae and Ken



On 18 – 22 March there is an awesome hot air balloon festival happening. Come stay at WOS, go to the events then enjoy a lovely hot spa. There is a "Love the Centre Walk-thru Balloon" on the Saturday 15 March.

The link below will take you to the web site with all the information.

https://balloonsoverwaikato.co.nz/18-22-march-2025/

## An interesting holiday from Mike and Brenda.....

### PHUKET THAILAND 2024

Brenda and I went to Phuket last October and spent 16 days at Peace Blue naturist resort in Nai Harn Phuket, which is approx 20 minutes from old Phuket town and 20 minutes away from the tourist areas of Pantong. We travelled around with Bolt which is there version of Uber. Bolt has a great service and good prices.

The area of Nai Harn is a great little place with many resturants, bars, massages and supermarkets all walking distance from Peace blue. The resort itself is a fantastic experience with approx 50 rooms. On our arrival at peace Blue we were meet by owner Patti who treated us like long lost friends. Our room was on the ground floor very close to swimming pool and bar. The room was very clean and tidy. The staff were just the lovelist people very friendly. most of the staff were from Mynmar, even though there was a language barrier we spent most evenings socializing with them and found they were very entertaining and bought them many beers. The staff have nothing and live on the resort, some of the staff have not seen their families since pre covid and unable to return home.

The resort has a bar and has daily cocktail specials and have meals and snacks to purchase. We generally ate off the site mainly to support other businesses.

The resort has a lot of different nationality staying. We met couples from India, Switzerland, Australia, Canada, USA, England and a couple from Rotota.

Thailand is very reasonable price country and very cheap to eat out. Markets are full of knock off stuff e.g. Addios, Versace, puma etc. Peace Blue are happy to organise excursions off the resort to markets, and tourist spots. They also pick us up from airport and returned us back.

This October 2025 we are returning back to Peace Blue for another holiday and taking in Vietnam as well. If anyone is interested in joining us you are most welcome

Mike T



Doesn't it look amazing - just a little photo to tempt you

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Our esteemed and long serving Treasurer is standing down this year at the May AGM. Although she will be sorely missed Peggy certainly has earned a break so now we expect to see a budding new Treasurer name lodged on a nomination form.

If you would like to give this role a go there will be heaps of help and tuition available from Peggy, so no need to think you don't have the necessary skills because help is always on hand- so put your hand up to be another proud and important member of the WOS team. We have to have a Treasurer so help out your club and have a go in this spot for a while, you might be surprised at the satisfaction to be gained from having a go. Have a chat with Peggy 027 631 6883





#### WOS Committee/Executive

#### Nominations

Some of our committee and executive members have been offering you their services for quite a number of years now. It is of course in the very best interests of our club for you to put forward some new blood for all positions this year to give these long serving loyal stalwarts the break they are LQQKING for. So now is the time the rest of you valued WOS members need to get together and lodge your nominations for this year's elections for any of the positions that are likely to fit your areas of interest.

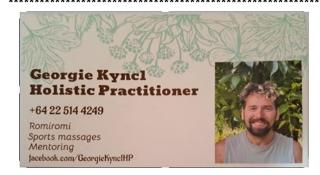


Our current and esteemed Treasurer needs to stand down this year in May so consider giving this role a go.

Feel free to give me or any other committee member a call anytime if you would like a friendly chat about how easy it can be to take a turn at any of the available administration roles and gain the satisfaction available from knowing you are sharing one of the various club management slots - and thus becoming a valued contributor to our great team.

The rewards can be many when you discover your previously shadow talents can emerge and blossom to enhance the visions of our high flying club.

So don't keep holding back – put your name forward to one of us today - because the team needs you. <u>Nominations close April</u> <u>2025</u> so call Peggy for a chat about joining the committee team 027 631 6883



Enjoy your massage at the Mini Rally?

Georgie is available if you would like one of his Massages. Please contact him direct for an appointment

And heres one from Bruce...

For all those farmers out there!



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**Private WOS Facebook page**: Here is the link to our <u>private</u> WOS Facebook page. This is for current members only and shouldn't be visible to others. Of course all Facebook rules will need to be followed.

This is by no means compulsory and is up to the individual whether or not they join but it is another tool to help us as a committee and members to communicate with each other. Cheers David D



Link - Waikato Outdoor Society Private Members Group | Facebook

### **Bookings:**

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

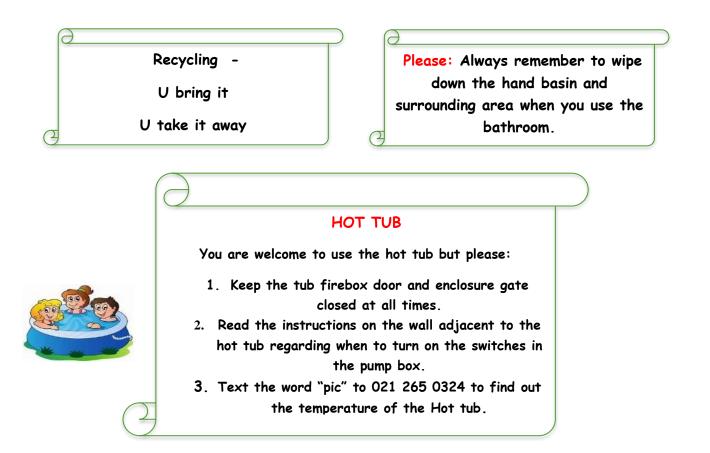
To make bookings, please phone Peggy on 0276316883 or email Waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz

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.



**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.



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