

# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



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## THE NAKED NEWS

**From the Editor:** Well it's over for another year. Our 57<sup>th</sup> AGM had its share of differing discussion points on subjects which seem to be raised every year with the same result. The year is made up of 52 weeks, at least 12 committee meetings and numerous interactions on a casual basis. Yes some things require tabling at the AGM, remits made, but I feel some of the points could be clarified and actioned or not, as the year goes by. We are there to enjoy our "happy place" not continually use the club as a battering ram to further one's personal agendas. Sometimes I think that if WOS or any organisation does not fit your beliefs or your personal agenda, I suggest this avenue may not be for you.

On a happy note afternoon tea was again superb and congratulations to the successful office bearers for the 2022/2023 year. Please see our list of office bearers on page 9.

### Upcoming Events

**June: Matariki  
Dinner 25th**

**July: Polar Plunge**

## WOS Presidents Report May 2022

Welcome everybody to this our 57<sup>th</sup> WOS Annual General Meeting. A special welcome also to our N.I V.P. Ken Mercer and wife Judith

Some of you will be aware that in 1992 WOS made the decision to sell their property up at the base of Mt Pirongia. A couple of our stalwart members Ken and Rae played a valuable role in the sale then subsequent purchase in 1993 of this property in Matangi. You will have heard at times me and others relating some of the details of their dedication, financial sacrifices and many many hours of bloody hard work they gave to build the feature facilities we enjoy here at this WOS complex today.

Almost thirty years on we still have the pleasure of their regular visits here plus we will always have with us the legacy of their notable achievements such as this clubhouse and our swimming pool.

I have the pleasure today on behalf all past and present members of The Waikato Outdoor Society to bestow to you both the certification that you are now honoured Life Friends of WOS.

Our 21-22 year despite the seemingly never ending hassles of Covid and difficult management issues has proved to be one of our most successful years ever. The major project of course was completing the full renovation of our swimming pool, paid for and up and running right on schedule. Peggy, the project manager received superb back-up from a majority of the membership for this large undertaking which really reflects the power of the wonderful teamwork we have here at WOS.

Our endeavor is to do our best to provide the services that you members want from us, and it is timely to say what a boost it was when you members came up with all the extra funding needed for the unforeseen expense for the pool pavers. It seems most who were able to, splashed out on generous paver contributions when the call for help went out. Thank you again from all of WOS for getting us out of a tight spot.

For months the focus was on the work associated with the pool, but maintenance and improvements carried on as usual, the kitchen sinks and water systems received a several thousand dollar upgrade, many smaller labor intensive smaller tasks still got done and we even got our club house roof painted by a few intrepid club members - thank you Roy & Sue & Gary - so yes a sterling year of achievement.

So, what is on the list next? – well, I guess one of the more serious things we need to look at is all of our hedges on our leased out land – take a careful look at them – they are no longer hedges they are a rows of rather tall trees –cutting and cleanup costs are escalating. The boundary trees on the road to the East side neighbors – so tall they are fast becoming too expensive for us to keep under control. Naturally we have gone to the professionals for advice and have planned accordingly with in-depth committee deliberations. The Committee decisions and costings for the remedial work will be included later in the Treasurer's report.

This Committee also has plans in hand to add a prefabricated block of two additional toilets, again details and costings will be detailed by the Treasurer.

Around 10 years ago our membership seemed static at 79 members however it is pleasing to see numbers have grown quite a bit recently and at 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022 we had 140 financial members which I believe is a new milestone for this complex. Our club according to many visitor reports is gaining a reputation for facilities and hospitality that ranks us up there with the best available.

This Executive and committee are focused on promoting improvement and enhancements that benefit **all** of you members and **not** just select individuals. My drive is to continue to steer away from catering to the wants of individuals. Decisions we make must be focused on to what best benefits **all** of our 140 members.

Of course, we the Executive and committee are elected volunteers and make no claims to be professionals however we like to aim high when doing our duties, each year seems to involve an increasing workload for us to hit our targets and keep our club ranking up there with the best of them. There have many notable achievements this year along with the truck load of extra hassles generated by the ever-changing Covid situations. I am sure you would all like to join me in showing appreciation for this hard-working Executive and Committee team for doing their jobs so well despite it being one of the more difficult years.

There are people in this club who do wonderful and unheralded work behind the scenes for the benefit of the club. We have a few core members in our midst who deserve recognition and accolades for outstanding contributions some of which you know about but mostly it is unseen work or contributions far exceeding our expectations. What is more they don't stop - it is an ongoing and totally unselfish thing they do for the benefit and future of our club? I know who these generous people are, perhaps some of you know too- but these donors of money, time and expertise prefer to remain out of the limelight so all I can do is acknowledge your kindness from all of us in the club. Thank you from me and from the members it is our good fortune to have people like you at **WOS**.

I also need to offer a very special thank you to those select few of our management team who have once again done many hours of work and research at home way above the call of duty. I know full well the encroachments they have made on their home life to make things right for the club. I cannot thank you enough for your loyalty and dedication to the club – this club owes **you** so much as well. Thank to you all for making this year one of the most progressive we have had.

I would like to end my report by offering my personal thanks to all of you for your back up and encouragement in such a demanding year. I place great value in knowing we have your support and appreciation for our efforts to ensure WOS will always be your piece of heaven in this turbulent world.

Thank you.

Kevin Mangino

## The year in waiting

Task	Approval by committee	Time frame for completion
Hedges to be cut	Approved	Approximately July 2022
Installation of further 2 toilets	Awaiting council approval	ASAP
Final painting of clubhouse roof	Approved	Completed 29.05.2022

## Significant Expenses

### April

Power/gas                      \$977.03  
Yearly account review \$494.50

## 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.

**Covid QR code:** You are still welcome to scan the Covid QR code in the clubrooms when you enter our premises. Situated 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.



Members are reminded not to flush wet wipes down the toilet when using the toilet facilities. Please wrap them up and put them in the rubbish bin beside the hand basin

**AGM weekend.** Our piece of heaven was certainly apparent for our pot luck dinner on Saturday night. What a superb meal we shared. Our Ed. captured a few pics of the night.



### Letters to the Editor....

Katikati group of friends thoroughly enjoyed the weekend. Thanks for the hospitality and inclusion in your activities and dinner. Names withheld.

Many thanks for your feedback. Look forward to seeing you all back at WOS in the future.

Eds.



Speed limit on the driveway is 20 km/h

**Please replenish the wood box from the shed down the back after using the hot tub.**



This message appears every month on our reminders page and I don't think some people are reading it.

We regard WOS as our "happy place" and we mean everyone's "happy place". Sometimes it is not our "happy place" when we visit and find that the wood boxes have not been replenished when the hot tub has been used and it is indeed nearly empty. Now that we are into the colder weather, the inside wood boxes need to be replenished as well so that we can sit round the fire and enjoy our "happy place" of an evening.

Can I please reiterate that the wood does not walk itself into the wood box nor does it stack itself?

**PLEASE** – when you use the hot tub, replenish just a few bits of wood at least to ensure that someone else can enjoy the hot tub after you have enjoyed yours.



### **HOT TUB**

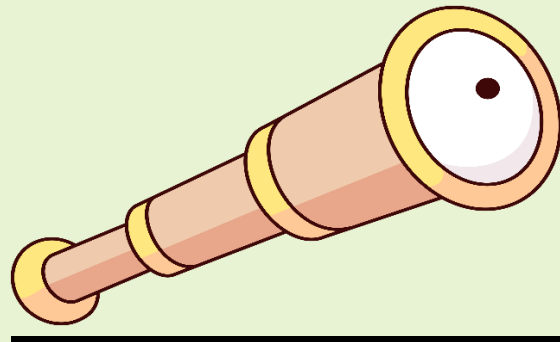
**You are welcome to use the hot tub but please:**

- 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.**

# Matariki Dinner

Come celebrate with WOS members and visitors.

Astronomy talk by Ron, his telescope set up for viewing  
Providing we have clear skies.



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 6pm

\$20 per person

Catering by Robyn & Kelvin

R.S.V.P 19<sup>th</sup> June to

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yourselves and take your  
rubbish and recycling with  
you

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**Members are reminded  
NOT to divulge other  
member's names to  
others outside our  
club.**



**NEWS FLASH:** The sustainability subcommittee is looking for your ideas and visions for the future of WOS. The team will be hosting a get together later in the year to harness WOS's future. The date for the get together will be advised in future newsletters.



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