

WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



JUNE 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

THE NAKED NEWS

From the editor: I had the pleasure of rocking up to the WOS grounds on Saturday to help with the cleaning up of the hedge clippings. The huge job ahead was quite daunting as I drove up the driveway, but after a cup of coffee on the deck, a plan was formed and off we went with rake and fork in hand. More people turned up as the morning wore on, and it was amazing to see the differences we made as the day progressed.

The atmosphere amongst members was jovial and inevitably the conversation turned to naturism and the different experiences members have when dealing with other people.

It seems clear that people are still suspicious of “Nudist Colonies” and the people who visit them.

One member told me about his experience with a neighbour who has a security camera pointing towards his property. This particular member is building a garage, and often will be seen wearing club uniform whilst outside, hence the neighbour taking some choice videos on his security camera. One day the neighbour knocked on our members’ door, to have “a chat” about things. After some discussion, the consensus was that the neighbour would not complain about our member being naked in his own back yard, and our member would not complain about the camera being pointed towards his property. Sound sensible - I think, but it is a shame that society cannot be more accepting of nudity and the wonderful sense of freedom that can come from that.

Our own personal experiences with Naturism and indeed the WOS club have been nothing but positive experiences and it is a shame that society will not throw their inhibitions aside and try the lifestyle. Who knows, they may like it.

(See podcast later in this issue)

Upcoming Events 2023

- June 17th - Polar plunge
- July 14th - Committee meeting
- July 15th – Matariki dinner

May 2023 Committee Titbits.

Thanks for the good attendance at the AGM.

Thanks to Linelle for the garden surrounding the new loos.

No committee meeting in June.

Thanks to outgoing committee members Peter & Linelle.

Welcome to newbies Brian and Greg.

Tentative allocation to Portfolio teams - to be confirmed at July meeting.

Stumps in adjacent paddocks being removed.

Significant expenses

Power & Gas	\$926.03
Toilet Plumbing & installation	\$4640.60
Yearly accounts review	\$552.22
Toilet foundation materials	\$309.02
Partial order for club NZNF ID	
Cards x 83 (69 more to do)	\$1037.50
New gate sensor	\$987.85

Come and join us for our annual Mid winter swim on 17 June.

Free soup and buns for swimmers, \$3 cost for non swimmers. We are looking for donations of soup.

If you have a special soup dish that you would like to share, please bring it along



Matariki Dinner

Come celebrate with WOS members and visitors.

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



Saturday 15th July 6pm

\$20 per person

Catering by Robyn & Kelvin

R.S.V.P 8th July to

Gail: Waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz

Or txt Peggy on: 027 631 6883

Cost = \$20pp to be paid into WOS account 06 0583 0201647 00 [with your name] or given to the Treasurer when booking.

Lots of fun to be had. There may even be a prize for the quiz winner.

On Saturday 20th May, our AGM was held, with in excess of 40 members attending. There were various discussion centred around equipment replacement, expansion of car park, health and safety issues, to name a few, including the re-registration of the WOS Constitution , with inclusion of new clauses in accordance with the 2022 Incorporated Societies Act.

New fees for overnight stays are:

Non-members \$18per person

Members \$6 per person

NZNF, INF, NZMCA members \$15 per person

Cabin hire:

Non-members \$65

Members \$50

Following the AGM, Ken, our NIVP, said a few words to members braving the light rain, before cutting the ribbon and opening our new toilets. They are already proving popular and will be a great asset to WOS. Definitely worth the wait.

Members waiting for opening



Toilets open for business.



After happy hour members then ended what was yet another welcoming members and friends onto will return for our monthly activities



dined on a shared dinner and a game of 5 crowns successful AGM event. We look forward to our grounds throughout the year, and hope many and enjoy our famous WOS hospitality.

LIFE is not measured by the number of BREATHS we take but by the moments that take our breaths away.

Hedge clearing 2023

The call was put out for members to help clean up the hedge clipping which has been cut the week before. So on Saturday 27th May, in excess of a dozen eager helpers arrived en masse with fork, rake or trailer in hand to heed the call. We as a club are very fortunate to have members who are only too happy to help out when there is work to be done, and our most sincere thanks go to those members who gave of their time to assist. The weather couldn't have been more perfect and the job was completed, hence time to relax on Sunday. A few photos to record the efforts. (See also our Facebook page).



Job done - and don't the grounds look magnificent. A group of workers finished off the job with the help of the tenant on Wednesday. Another job well done, our heartfelt thanks to those people as well. In time for a relaxing Kings Birthday weekend perhaps.

Article forwarded from Ken, our NIVP - well worth a read or listen

"I never thought heaven would be in Upper Hutt"

VICE New Zealand is a youth media channel focusing on investigative journalism and enlightening videos. Journalist, Rachel, writer / producer for VICE, and her partner Sebastien visited our club in April and stayed overnight in one of the cabins. In this link they talk about their experience in visiting a naturist club for the first time. Read all about it in the link below, a great article.

<https://www.vice.com/en/article/y3wv55/i-spent-24-hours-freezing-my-naked-ass-off-at-a-naturist-club-in-poneke>

Message from our Treasurer

If any members have changed their address, phone number or email address, please email 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

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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