

# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



## MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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

## THE NAKED NEWS

### Upcoming Events 2023

- May 20<sup>th</sup> - WOS AGM 1pm  
Official opening  
of Flushing  
Meadows  
follows AGM
- June 17<sup>th</sup> - Polar plunge
- July 15<sup>th</sup> - Matariki dinner

**From the editor:** Once again it is time for our Annual General Meeting. The committee and Executive have worked hard over the year to make the club it is today, along with the many helpers who have contributed their time and expertise for many jobs which always seem to crop up from time to time. Our club is indebted to those members, and we thank you sincerely for your help. The latest achievement being the installation of 2 extra toilets, which are now installed and in use - what a relief!

Time now for the next project, -why not have your say at our AGM for the next task to be completed.

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- Extra loos - ready for use. One loo open at all times.  
Second loo will be opened when lots of folk are on the grounds.
- NB:           No wet-wipes                               No disposal of toilet cassette contents.  
              Members' responsibility to keep loos clean.
- Thankyou' emailed to Loo helpers and Easter helpers.  
  A great team effort on both days.
- AGM  
  Committee nominations ratified. Peter & Linelle not standing for re-election.  
  Thanked for their valuable contribution over several years.  
  Proxy Vote applications ratified.  
  No remits submitted.
- Membership - 2 applications approved. Welcome.  
  Next meeting: Sat 20<sup>th</sup> to follow AGM

### AGM Afternoon - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May @ 1:00

Gratis weekend for o'nighters.

1:00 Meeting [lucky spot bottle of wine].

3:00 Complimentary afternoon tea.

2.45 Official loo opening.

4:44 Happy Hour [BYO]

6ish Pot luck mains dinner

### Significant expenses

Power & Gas   \$1035.63

Easter: 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration social   \$384.31

Task	Approval by committee	Time frame for completion
Installation of further 2 toilets		COMPLETED
2 <sup>nd</sup> coat of paint in loos		
Annual Spring clean		Labour weekend



Come and join us for our annual Mid winter swim on 17 June.  
Soup and buns for swimmers, \$3 cost for non swimmers  
We are looking for donations of soup. If you have a special  
dish that you would like to share, please bring it along.

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Here are some memories of our recent 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration/dinner.

President Kevin Remembers:

**Celebrating 30 years since WOS moved to Trentham Road Matangi**

This year of 2023 is a celebration of 30 years since WOS bought this Matangi orchard site in April 1993 and over the years developed it into the wonderful picturesque and unique site that we all enjoy so much today. The history of our initial years here is filled with drama and expensive drawn out court hearings before we finally gained resource planning consent in 1995 to build and operate as The Waikato Outdoor Society - thus dispelling the thought that we might have to find some other location.

WOS can also celebrate the fact in our midst was a core group of stalwart members determined to get things done, get it done now and get it done well, even if it meant compromising aspects of their own lifestyle. An amazing social atmosphere prevailed but boy did the action happen as well, there were huge neat stacks of firewood materializing around the site as the massive clearing project progressed toward setting up the areas for building and facilities. It is probably true that the piles of firewood looked more impressive than the all important make-shift canvas topped club house and other ancillary equipment in use at the time. The sequential photos tell a great story and leave no doubt in our minds of how keen and dedicated all those members must have been to achieve so much in what seems to be such a short time and yet obviously they still managed to generate ample glide time for those all important social events and lavish mouth-watering meals such as the wonderful pig-in-a-spit roast.

The late 1990's era when those stalwart members achieved so much to get our fabulous buildings and facilities from nothing to reality is a feature of our history. In fact it could not be repeated in these days of restrictive regulations and the array of complex rules and guidelines that have to be followed now in 2023.

We can but applaud the achievements of those before us for their forward thinking and hard yakka that allows us to languish in the relative luxury of these excellent buildings and facilities.

I wonder what it is about WOS that brings out the best in us because today's strong membership is also achieving notable milestones that continue to ensure that our hospitality and facilities rate up there with the best.

I see nothing holding us back from making the next 30 years as progressive and satisfying as this last 30 years have been.

This is a truly valued and unique complex, a special place indeed - thanks to you all for making us what we are.

*Kevin Mangino*  
WOS President

Past members were piped to the pool area before raising the flag, which, in future will be raised for special occasions at WOS



Unfortunately the wind wasn't blowing our way on the day.....

Members then assembled for a delicious "grazing" dinner, mix and mingle and cake cutting. The theme for the dinner was "pearls and parasols and top hat and ties, with some outfits well and truly in keeping with the theme.

Some of our amazing table decorations



Food.....



Cake cutting.....



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Guests...



And entertainment....



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And the work continues, the new toilets were delivered and installed recently

Don't they look good, and in time for our AGM. Our many thanks to those workers who heeded the call for help. The new toilet placement was decided by the council due to the resource consent conditions and the placement of our existing septic tank. The additional 2 toilets are fully functional and open on a daily basis.



A lawyer boarded an airplane  
asked the stewardess to take  
promised to put them in the refrigerator for him. He advised him that he held her  
personally responsible for them staying frozen, mentioning in an arrogant manner that he  
was a lawyer, and threatened what would happen to her if she allowed them to thaw out.  
Shortly before landing,  
to the entire cabin "Would  
please put up their hand".  
and ate them.



in New Orleans with a box of frozen crabs and  
care of them for him. She took the box and  
the stewardess used the intercom to announce  
the lawyer who gave me crabs in New Orleans  
Not one hand went up, so she took them home





## 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.

**Check out our website at [WWW.waikato.gonatural.co.nz](http://WWW.waikato.gonatural.co.nz)**

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