



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

Editor's Ramblings

Welcome to Spring

A huge THANKS goes out to all who came along to help build a Gazebo or two, plus a special call out to the lovely ladies who russelled up some morning tea and lunch time barbeque. It took a little longer than expected but so well worth it. Now on the weekend of the 27th September we will get a "Little Digger" in and remove the stubborn tree stump, dig the pads and the path out so that we can set the boxing up for the concrete pour .All weather dependent of course and this time not so many people needed although if you are coming to the Trivia Night in Saturday evening you are most welcome .

Important!

It has come to my notice that you may not be aware that there is a S on the end of the email address to the editor. Wos.editors@gmail.com

And if you are missing a letter, mistakes happen and not noticed till it's too late!! Maybe that is why your contributions to the newsletter have not been printed! I did not get it. Remember the plural, as me and my alter ego needs your contributions to arrive.

Just because we assembled the gazebos in not the final position, does not mean you can use it as a car port!



Upcoming Events

Next Committee meeting
Friday 24th October 7.15pm

September 27th



**Stage two dig out and
Trivia Night.**

Bingo Night and Mini Work Bee



Shade, Food & Bingo August

Working Bee gets it done!

The Committee has been looking at shade options for the club based on Mini Rally feedback. After much debate two new permanent gazebos were chosen, along with a new removeable shade cloth for the deck.

Volunteers were called upon to step up and help with erecting the new shade areas, and they did!

Thankfully, the rain held off during the working bee while the outside work was underway. Kevin and Cor worked adding the fittings to the deck for the removeable shade cloth, which will be great at keeping the sun off the deck in summer. Another team were working on the old stump, who put up a fight.

Thanks to Liam (new member) for his efforts digging and chopping to prepare for the stump ready for the digger to pull out.

Thanks to our lovely kitchen team for preparing food for morning tea and lunch. The pumpkin soup and kumara soup were delicious Peggy, and Vanessa (new member) the Bacon and Egg Pie was wonderful.

And nothing beats a sausage when hard at work! Lisa decorated the tables, they looked fabulous with a wonderful Bingo theme.



Two other teams (fondly called the Erection Teams, ET 1 & ET 2) worked on the gazebos. The ambitious plan was to get these finished in the morning with three people per gazebo. However, instead this took about 6 people per gazebo and most of the day! The finished product looks great and will be a huge asset during events. There is a little more prep work before the gazebos can be located in their final position where they will be concreted down and bolted to the ground.

Other volunteers helped clear up the packaging, and break down all the cardboard to provide tinder for the fire, and keep the hot tub stoked up and available for those working outside.

The pot luck dinner was a little light on savoury stuff, and the multitudes of desserts were delicious (some even being eaten for breakfast on Sunday).

Thanks for Mark for his bingo calling efforts, a great night was had by all.

More pho-



tos available on the wall at the club for all to see.

The Barbeque Page

Send in your stories from around the Barbie also how about some of your secret recipes for Shared Meals

Anyone cooking out there, where is your best story/recipe?

Send to wos.editors@gmail.com

The Latest News



Gazebo stage two the "Big Dig"
27th September



Trivia Night At WOS 27th Sept

Dine with others with your own choice of meal then put your thinking caps on and enjoy an evening of trivia



Create a mad hat with the materials supplied

Labour Weekend
October 25th
More info to come

To Come

Hopefully your recipes, jokes, and stories, especially those of you who have been travelling around the country and overseas. Jot something down and we can share in your fun.

Send them all in to wos.editors@gmail.com
Love to hear from you.

5 Year plan

Each year we look at our 5 year plan of things we all would like to see evolve at the club.

Now is the time to put pen to your thoughts, Jot them down and send them in to us by email wosoutdoor@gmail.com or into the suggestion box at the club.

But they must have Name and contact details so that we, the committee, can talk the ideas through with you.

Treasurers Corner

Major expenses in August

Not a lot this month!

Power & Gas \$1242.36.

Percy Cousins \$348.16

WOS Committee Titbits from August Meeting 2025

- Hedge trimming will be underway next week, weather dependant, the work is contracted out, but a few helpers will be needed for a final rake up of trimmings so lawns can be mowed. An email will alert you to when that will be.
- Progress on shade for summer is well underway- two gazebo's are being erected on site- the working bee was well attended and great progress made. Cor and Kevin worked out shade for the deck with a sail donated by Nigel. Shade for one end of the pool is being thought out for an attractive option that serves the purpose.
- Quotes for a new pool cover have been acquired- that will be dealt with in October.
- **WIFI is coming to the club- details are being sorted.**
- Enjoying our pest free site? Frank has now trapped 87 possums!
- Mike and Wendy have organised a perpetual calendar for the clubrooms - it'll be on the wall near the kitchen very soon!
- Wed evening BBQ's are coming back! Starting after Daylight Savings starts!

Bingo night after a hard days graft

Eyes down to start the balls rolling and the winner is?



If you play 2 cards at once you do have a better chance of winning! 3 times !!

Stories wanted

Why not tell us your story, what got you into naturism? why do you love WOS? Where have you been this year? Tell us about your travels, in NZ or aboard, we love to hear what people get up to?



Post it to us :-

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Our Naturist adventure

By Diane L

Naturism was not something I had thought about as a kid growing up – nor was it mentioned as an adult, apart from the odd jokes about the “Nudist colony” that did the rounds now and again. So it comes as rather a surprise to me looking back, to think that we were actually involved in the Naturist movement at WOS during the last 8 years and to actually embrace it with much enthusiasm.

I think it started around the summer of 2015 /16 when Peter and I were travelling to the Mount for a bit of R and R (we were still both working then) when he decided to check out the facilities at Katikati. He wandered through the Katikati Library, and asked one of the staff there what was on offer as far as activities go. He was given several pamphlets, which included one promoting the Katikati Naturist Park.

Let’s just go and check it out” we thought. And we did.

We were taken on a tour around the camp and we surprised at the friendly greetings from the residents as we walked through, it was a fine sunny day and the “club uniform” was on full display. The facilities looked very inviting and we both thought this is something we could get used to. So we booked in for a night and shortened our Mount stay and came back a couple of days later. I have to say it was a bit daunting baring it all for the first time, but after a couple of circuits walking around the camp, we felt like old pros.

We stayed at Katikati several times over the next couple of summers, and were always in awe of the friendliness of the campers, there was always something to do and faces became more familiar with each stay. It was there that we found a WOS pamphlet and that had us even more intrigued.

So Peter made the phone call and we were invited to visit which we did and eventually became members of WOS around 2018. We just loved being at WOS. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming and there was always something to do. I think my favourite was playing 5 crown of an evening, and of course the pool was a great favourite on a hot day. Staying in the cabin a few times, gave us the idea that we should bring our own camping gear so we bought a tent. What fun that was, everyone was eager to help us pitch it and we were really chuffed that we had it, although the first night was freezing as our air bed was full of cold air. It did warm up though and we did get used to sleeping on air.

As the weather cooled though we did wonder if this was going to be a good option for the cold Waikato nights, so we sold our beloved tent and had an opportunity to purchase a caravan close to the cabin.

This was a whole new experience for us. But we embraced it with much enthusiasm again, knowing that a few moderations were going to have to be made at some stage. One being the bedding situation – our first few months were spent with our feet in the pot cupboard when we slept. But we loved it.

I recall having a week in Wellington visiting family one time, and Peter had a weekend at WOS without me, which gave him the idea that this was the perfect weekend to completely reconstruct the inside of the caravan without my supervision. I have to admit though, it did look pretty good when I got to inspect it. We purchased a double mattress and oh the bliss of having a great sleep on a perfectly comfortable bed. It was our happy place.

Until the ladybug saga. I won’t go into that, but suffice to say, we had our caravan so sealed up after that - no ladybug was ever going to step inside our caravan ever again. We then had the opportunity to purchase a site and place a cabin right next to Kevin and Peggy’s. Oh the fun we had with that. Profiling the site was obviously something that Peter had never done before and if it wasn’t for the helpful members who knew what they were doing, and showed him how it was done, I am sure the cabin would have been placed back to front if it wasn’t for them.

Sadly it was only 4 months after the cabin was delivered that he was given his terminal cancer diagnosis, so we knew we had better pack in as much WOS fun as we could before he got too ill to visit. The railing was constructed around the deck by a very kind member, to ensure we didn’t fall off in the middle of the night. We were ever so grateful for that, as it really did complete the look of the cabin. Again it was our haven.

I know Robyn and Kelvin will cherish the cabin as much as we did.

We were always willing helpers at events during the course of our membership at WOS. The Waitangi Rallies being some of the highlight for us, the months of planning put together the great event of the year. We always came away with happy memories of our times at WOS.

Both of us were on the committee at different times for a couple of years each, Peter being VP for a year as well, until he had to resign due to ill health. We were also Editors of the WOS magazine for 5 years as well.

We were both impressed with the way in which the committee led the club during the years that we were members. Without the committee, WOS would not have the membership and positive attitude of members today, willing to pitch in and help out where necessary. We were always very proud of the club and its members and always loved being part of it.

I will cherish our memories of WOS and the lifelong friendships we have made over the years.

Bookings and Facebook

Bookings:

Our facilities offer tent sites, power sites, wood fired hot tub and clubrooms with all facilities, solar heated pool, cabin and BBQ.

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.

No pets allowed.

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.

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

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Private WOS Facebook Page

All current WOS Members are invited to join this totally private group for discussions and feed back .

No obligation just use it to communicate with other members in a safe place.

Link -

[Waikato Outdoor Society Private Members Group | Facebook](#)



While we are on important stuff.

A friendly reminder

We should all be more aware as to what we do with our chairs on the deck after we have used them. Put them back on the stack!

Keep them away from the walk ways also shoes and towels, keep them away from the walkways, as all these objects can be a hazard

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RULE REMINDERS

Recycling-

You bring it
you take it
away!

When using the bathroom please
remember to wipe down the hand-
basin and bench, also squeegee the
floor in the shower room after use.



You are welcome to use the Hot Tub but Please

1. Keep the fire box and the enclosure gate closed at all times
2. READ the instructions on the wall adjacent to the Hot Tub regarding turning on the pumps. **FIRE in box PUMP on!**
3. Do not put the covers on the shed roof.
4. Text the word "pic" to 021 265 0324 to find out how hot the tub is.

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