

# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY

## JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER



### THE NAKED NEWS

A serious breach of security was noted during the Level 3 lockdown at WOS recently. Three individuals ventured onto WOS grounds with dubious intentions made obvious by the entry being made across the lower creek area adjacent to the eel pond. Thankfully they were sighted by the custodian and he endeavoured unsuccessfully to coerce them off the grounds. Calls for help were made but slight damage, not irreparable had been made, indentations and deposits were made on the hallowed turf of WOS and the offenders only departed when someone suggested to get out the constitution, spell out the rules very clearly what we have come to expect and the level we are prepared to go to in maintaining our high standards. This was duly done and by page 4 one became delirious so seriously that it needed assistance off our premises and the other two were so bored they hooved off towards the creek never to be seen again.



## Editor's notes

With the lockdown still having ramifications on our attendance and club information and gossip being scarce I thought I'd write a contribution which some have no doubt experienced but won't admit it or those who haven't experienced it but want to.

Later this year New Zealand will have an election to choose the governing party for the next term of 3 years. As well as the normal we will be asked to vote on legalising cannabis. My question is how are we as a club, if cannabis is legalised, going to manage its introduction because a dollar to a pound of goat poo someone will be using it. We have our smoking corner which seems to work quite well but imagine sitting down at happy hour at 4.44pm and the wisp of an invisible joint wafts down our ranks and unbeknown to us by 5-30pm it will be like Woodstock revisited. It's not implausible to think this might happen and seeing members dancing around our grounds in a drug induced haze is not something most of us would want to see.

Is there a possible problem in the future or am I being paranoid, either way I would love some feedback from you our members. Please send your comments to

[WOS.editors@gmail.com](mailto:WOS.editors@gmail.com)



## Titbits





Kevin and Peggy have been busy planting new trees amongst the burnt ones at the back boundary of the first paddock of the WOS property, also two trees were removed from the entrance to the dumping area so the trailer can fit through the gap.

A huge thank you for the great job Peggy and Kevin. It is fantastic to have these jobs done and we will enjoy watching the new trees grow on our visits to WOS in the future.

### Corona Lessons.

I formed a habit of going for a walk each morning with the aid of anti-inflammatories whilst we were in lockdown. So at week 5.5 of lockdown I was pounding the pavements and being a Saturday, I was listening to Jack Tame on Newstalk ZB. His inspirational talk that morning was about his Corona resolutions, which led me to ponder - do I have any corona resolutions of my own? Apart from the obvious, i.e. making a Whittaker's block of chocolate last 2 nights instead of one, and have 2 pineapple chunks instead of 4, I wondered could we make some of the habits we have formed over lockdown our new norm.

Peter and I enjoyed sharing the cooking during the lockdown period. One day, I produced the recipe books and we each picked out a recipe to cook for dinner, Peter's beef curry and my Thai fish curry were both delicious. We both felt satisfied that we had proven our cooking skills. Maybe shared cooking would be our new norm.

Over the weeks on my morning walks I found a change of attitude of the people that I saw on my journeys. Perfect strangers would silently move out of the way to create the necessary 2m distance, but there was always a cheery wave and a hullo. We were "all in this together" as the saying went, and the majority of the population

did their bit to maintain a healthy future. I 'm hopeful the walks will continue as the lockdown level drops and winter is upon us, along with the greetings and the smiles. Peter's daily bike rides were also part of our lockdown activities, and was amazed at the amount of others he came across, either cycling or walking, despite the weather getting colder and his hands and face were frozen by the time he returned.

We all learnt new methods of catching up with children and grandchildren. Zoom was something we all hooked onto pretty quickly and Online school learning was a new concept I think we are all got our heads around, something we would never have dreamed would be necessary in our lifetime.

So as we move back down the levels to eventually find our new norm it will be interesting to see if our resolutions continue. As a society, and a nation, we all have learnt new skills, learnt to care more for our neighbours and friends, learnt a new way of teaching and I think we can be proud that we have together successfully led the world in maintaining a positive, disciplined attitude for our future generations.

Today's inspirational words: One of the best things in life is realising you're perfectly happy without the things you thought you needed the most.

## 2020 AGM at a glance

A great turnout of 50 people which is 43% of our total membership, really good to see the support of the club and its committee. The club is financially sound although we do have major expenses forecasted for repairs to the swimming pool and deck renovations in the future. Our website is currently being upgraded and our Facebook page has become more popular with interest coming from all over the world. Many thanks to departing committee member Rod for the input he has had over the years and a big welcome to new committee member Tony.

Following the AGM afternoon tea was enjoyed, many thanks to all the helpers and you the members for attending.



A car full of Irish nuns is sitting at a traffic light in downtown Dublin, when a bunch of rowdy drunks pull up alongside of them.  
 "Hey, show us yer tits, ya bloody penguins!" shouts one of the drunks.  
 Quite shocked, Mother Superior turns to Sister Mary Immaculata and says, "I don't think they know who we are; show them your cross."  
 Sister Mary Immaculata rolls down her window and shouts, "Piss off, ya fookin' little wankers, before I come over there and rip yer balls off!"  
 Sister Mary Immaculata then rolls up her window, looks back at Mother Superior, quite innocently, and asks, "Did that sound cross enough?"



## Bookings:

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Members as well as all visitors to the club grounds are required to fill out and sign the covid tracing register in the clubhouse on every visit. We are required to meet local authority compliance standards.

						
No pets	Cabin	Tent sites	Powered sites	Wood fired hot tub	Club rooms with all facilities	solar heated pool

## Upcoming Events

-Massages available by "Ange" at WOS Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, ½ hour bookings from 12-30 to 4pm, --- \$40,

Contact Gail on [wosoutdoor@gmail.com](mailto:wosoutdoor@gmail.com)

## Reminders

The Hot tub firebox door must be kept closed at all times when unattended. There has been a tendency for some users to leave the firebox door open and this of course would nullify any insurance claim due to wayward sparks.

Please keep the hot tub firebox door closed at all times

Reminder for everyone to observe the safety speed limit on the WOS Driveway



Here at WOS we have NO paid staff of any kind. The nice tidy and presentable grounds and kitchen and ablution areas you see here are kept to a standard entirely by volunteer members. You are expected to adhere to the traditional camping law of cleaning up after yourselves and taking your rubbish and recycling with you. Don't tag yourself as the type that expects others to clean up your mess.



W.O.S. grounds and facilities are yours and are now open to you. Visitors are by prior arrangement. Please sign the Covid register and maintain distancing and hygiene regulations. So com'on over any time, any day and enjoy holiday and leisure breaks here among friends - use the unique wood fired Hot tub, the BBQ, help out with a few chores if you want - explore the walkways, feed the eels, relax and enjoy, or stay over for a night to two,



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