



EDITOR'S PREAMBLE

Another month gone by and the official 1st day of spring is here. The weather is weird, not a lot of cold days but I am sure we will still have some to keep the fires burning for a little longer. We are all getting ready for the summer and hopefully you will send in your stories of what and where you have been, We will try to fit them in so we have something to read on those wet spring days. Talking of reading I see some more books for the library have arrived.

PRESIDENT'S MUMBLINGS

This past month has been a sad month with the passing of Bill Ryan and our condolences went out to Gail. We will be enjoying a little favourite tipple of his to remember him by at the 19th September 4.44pm Happy Hour, all are of course welcome to bring your memories.

We also heard that Tom Grason, a past member, has also passed, and our condolences go out to Anne.

The grounds and club are in good shape, the daffodils look fantastic and we are sorting out the jobs that will be needing doing at Labour Weekend, a job for everyone.

There is a lot of winter illness out there, so I hope you are all avoiding it but if you have been subjected to it, get well soon, Summer is on the way.

Roast dinner this month don't forget to RSVP plus Bingo in the buff!!

The dates of importance

Roast Dinner **19th September**

Next committee **20th September**

Subs Due **1st October**

WOS Working Bee

Labour Weekend **24rd October**

Wos Mini Rally **5th – 8th FEB 2027**

Bookings open next month October

**SEPTEMBER
2026**





AUGUST REPORT

Well, another successful event at your club was had on Saturday 22nd August with a Pot Luck Dinner followed by Josie's Quiz Night.

By all accounts it went very well thanks in large to Casey, I had an unexpected injury to a family member and couldn't be there, and Mike was also away overseas.

So it all came down to Casey, to organise, set up, and ensure the successful running of the event. She had the tables set out in different colours which looked great, and prizes for those that had a win.

There was a mixture of meals brought along by the attending members, about 26 turned up, and as usual there was plenty to go around. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and there were so many leftovers that Casey and others were sorted for another few meals afterwards. A big thank you to those that came along and provided the meals and especially those who helped out with setting up and cleaning up after the dinner.

Josie's quiz was well received and there was a mixture of questions aimed at multiple levels of intelligence. This made for a fun night with lots of laughs and entertainment. Thanks very much Josie.

Our next event is for Saturday 19th September and will be a Roast Dinner and Dessert, followed by a 'Bingo in the Buff' activity. The Bingo will be called by Mark, so thanks very much Mark for volunteering to do this for us. I'm sure that the hall will be nice and warm for those that do want to get into club uniform. The roast dinner and dessert will be put on by your amazing social committee, and **the cost for that will be \$15.00 per person**, a very cheap 2 course meal, if I do say so myself.

The bingo will cost \$2.00 a card and the money from the sales of the cards, in each round, will go to the winners of that round. It will be a fun filled night so make sure that you don't miss out!

Could all those that are going to be attending please RSVP by Friday 11th September to:

reeceg.hood@gmail.com

SPRING IS HERE



**THE LAMBS ARE LOOKING
PLEASED TO SEE THE DAFFS**



**Patiently waiting
for dinner before
the great Quiz night**



**THE NEVER GO HUNGRY
AT WOS
POT LUCK DINNER.
WELL DONE EVERYONE
AND THEN THERE
WAS DESSERT!**



PHOTOGRAPHY AT WOS



We are very aware about the need for privacy when here at WOS and any photos must have the persons permission especially if put in the news. We endeavour to know those of you who did not give permission, but as more and more are adding their names, we are implementing Red Wrist Bands to be worn if you do not give permission. It is not a perfect way but will help our editor remove those people from any photos taken by error, mainly at larger events. Bands will be available at the sign in desk please return them when leaving.

Thanks



**NOW WE HAVE A NEW TOY TO COMBAT
“THE GLASSES CAMERA”. PLEASE DO NOT BRING
THESE NEW TOYS TO WOS**



"NO! you can't transfer to the sundeck to work on your tan."



FREE IT SERVICES

Hi everyone,

Murray here — now officially the WOS Webmaster

So, what's this "Free IT Services" all about?

While I'm certainly not a certified IT expert (in fact, I hold no formal qualifications at all!), I've been working with Microsoft products since around 1995 and have largely taught myself website creation and management along the way. Back in the late 1990s, I created the original NZNF website, www.nznnaturally.org.nz, and I was also involved with aspects of the current NZNF branding. Some of you may also remember me from my time as NZNF PRO back in the day 💎💎

These days I'm very happily retired, which means I now have something I never used to have —time!

So, if any WOS member needs assistance with an IT-related issue, feel free to get in touch.

Whether it's Microsoft Office, email programs, websites, databases, spreadsheets, online forms, Zoom, ChatGPT, online voting or polls — or almost anything computer-related — I'm always happy to have a chat and see if I can help.

"Yes, but what does it cost?" I hear you ask.

For personal assistance to WOS members, there will be no charge.

If the work relates to a business, club, or organisation you belong to, we can discuss a small fee if appropriate — but it will be minimal. Any money I do receive, 50% will go back to WOS towards something beneficial for the club (and not just paying bills!).

I can be contacted via:

Email: muza01@xtra.co.nz

Phone: (027) 664-5526

Zoom, Messenger, Teams, etc.

That's about the end of the story.

Regards,

Murray



Private WOS Facebook Page



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

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

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

Spa Pool Fire

With the new fire boiler, we have been having a few teething issues and in a nutshell the new boiler is like the new indoor fires in that it does not like rubbish timber with tanelization, glues or other impurities in it so PLEASE only use dry timber from our woodshed and cut up to small kindling--- works well!!

We do thank people for bringing their off cuts but we feel that this generous offer has to be halted.



MESSAGE FROM OUR TECH GURU MARK R

Getting the hot tub temperature has been a moving target for a while, but I have a good way now, that is easy and should be around for a long time. It works the same way as the original method...

Are you still having problems getting the temperature of the hot tub remotely? I have worked out a way to get the temperature the original way, for Android phones, by tapping on the link within the text that comes back. Let me know if you want to know how. Cheers, Mark.

Or, if you are keen and able ...

you need to switch from Google Text Messaging to the Samsung Messaging app. Swipe up on your icons to display all your icons in alphabetical order. Swipe left or right to get to the message's icons. You should see both the Google & Samsung versions. The Samsung version is the one with the 3 dots. Hold down on that icon. After a few seconds you will see your normal icons, slide the messages icon to where you want it, then stop holding. Tap on the Samsung icon and accept changing the default to Samsung. Texting should work the same and you can once again view the hot tub temperature directly within the text message, from the returned link.

Site 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 **0276316883** or
email wosbookings@gmail.com

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.

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