

# WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY



## APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER

Waikato Outdoor Society: Woodside Naturist Park  
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### THE NAKED NEWS

#### Upcoming Events 2024

- April 10 - 12: Nelson Tourists visit \$10 meal on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Members invited RSVP
- April 19<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting
- April 20<sup>th</sup> Mad Hatters Tea Party (see notice below.)
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting
- May 18<sup>th</sup> AGM Afternoon tea provided, Pot-luck evening meal.
- June 28<sup>th</sup> Matariki (Friday) - Kelvin & Robyn meal \$20
- July 20<sup>th</sup> Pirate/Hi-way person evening

**From the Editor:** Autumn is here to stay for a while, and at present we are currently enjoying a beautiful mild and sunny Autumn day with next to no wind - how I wish we could have days like this every day. However WOS did have a few lovely days over Easter, and what a great time we had as well (see Easter supplement attached to this email.) WOS seems to have a lot going on at present, just in the last few days we have had some loads of topsoil dropped off to level off the grounds, and new grass has been sown in preparation for winter. Let's hope this alleviates the ponds that accumulate after heavy rain. The driveway has had more gravel added as well, thanks to the volunteers over Easter who helped, and thanks to Peggy and Kevin for the work done over the last couple of days on the grounds.

### March 2024 Committee Titbits.

- Membership = 150 plus 4 members accepted and welcomed.
- Swimming pool pump and Hot-tub pump needed 'expert' attention.
- Tasks completed:  
Firewood collected, cut, split and stacked; deck table re 'topped', driveway potholes filled, windows & paint work cleaned.  
Thanks WWW [ wonderful WOS workers].
- The WOS Constitution [in accordance to the new requirements under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022] member suggestions considered and relevant amendments ratified.
- Social. Brian & Anna - Upcoming monthly events dates confirmed.
- Nelson Tourers due 10<sup>th</sup> April. WOS \$10 meal [RSVP essential] & evening activities for the Friday night.
- Defib. Battery to be purchased.

Next committee meeting - Fri April 17th @ 7:15.

AGM.

Sat May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00.

Gratis camping on Saturday May 18th, afternoon tea provided, Pot Luck tea.

Your nominations for Committee/Executive must be in by 28<sup>th</sup> April.

NB: Gail is not available for re-election as Secretary

AGM agenda, nominations & 2024 Constitution & Bylaws emailed out by 10<sup>th</sup> May.

Proxy votes must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> May.

I, ....., give my proxy vote to .....

I have made my voting preferences known to him/her.

### Significant expenses

Power/gas	\$823
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## **Last call for WOS Committee/Executive Nominations**

Slow response yet from my "having a go" message last month so here is the follow up message to you before the AGM on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May @1pm.

Some of our committee and executive members have been offering you their services for quite a number of years now. It is of course in the very best interests of our club for you to put forward some new blood for all positions this year to give these long serving loyal stalwarts the break they are LQQKING for. So now is the time the rest of you valued WOS members need to get together and lodge your nominations for this year's elections for any of the positions that are



likely to fit your areas of interest.

Feel free to give me or any other committee member a call anytime if you would like a friendly chat about how easy it can be to take a turn at any of the available administration roles and gain the satisfaction available from knowing you are sharing one of the various club management slots - and thus becoming a valued contributor to our great team.

The rewards can be many when you discover your previously shadow talents can emerge and blossom to enhance the visions of our high flying club.

So don't keep holding back – get your name on to a nomination form, to the Secretary today - because the team wants you.

Nominations close 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Kevin M

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**Our esteemed and long serving secretary is standing down this year at the May AGM. Although she will be sorely missed Gail certainly has earned a break so now we expect to see a budding new Secretary name lodged on a nomination form by the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> April.**

**If you would like to give this role a go I'm sure Gail would be happy to help you with the workings of the position, so no need to think you don't have the necessary skills because help is always on hand- so put your hand up to be another proud and important member of the WOS team. We have to have a Secretary so help out your club and have a go in this spot for a while, you might be surprised at the satisfaction to be gained from having a go.**



AGM [59<sup>th</sup>] Waikato Outdoor Society



Saturday 18 May 2024 @ 1pm

1 pm	Meeting [lucky spot prize]
3 pm	Afternoon tea
4.44	Happy Hour
6ish	Pot luck tea

NB: The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 25% of full or country members rounded upwards to the nearest whole number.  
Registered, approved proxy votes count as part of meeting numbers.  
Only one proxy vote may be allocated to each attending member.

AGM Timeline.

- Date advertised in March & April newsletters.
- AGM portfolio reports due in at the Committee mtg in April.
- 28<sup>th</sup> April ~~remits~~, nominations and written proxy vote intentions due in to the secretary. A short bio & reason for standing should accompany nominations.

NB re Remits:

*The new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 requires re-registration of the updated WOS Constitution.*

*All members will have had the opportunity to submit recommendations thus remits will not be accepted at this 2024 meeting.*

The 2024 WOS Constitution and By-Laws will be ratified at this Annual General Meeting.

It will then be lodged to be registered on the Government of NZ Companies Office and Charities Commission.

The WOS Constitution is a legal document.

Page 4 of the WOS Constitution states: "This constitution is intended to be regarded as an agreement of Honour, interpreted according to the spirit as well as the letter of its provision".

See you all on Saturday 18 May @ 1pm.

And nomination time.....

Waikato Outdoor Society Committee Nomination Form due 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Position:	

Nominee Name:	
Proposer Name:	Proposer Signature:
Secunder Name:	Secunder Signature:

Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

If elected I consent to being a committee member.

I agree to uphold Section 10 of the 2024 WOS Constitution.

I certify that I am eligible for election i.e.

- I am not an undischarged bankrupt;
- I am not prohibited from being a director or promoter of a company;
- I am not disqualified from being an officer of a charitable organisation;
- I have not been convicted and sentenced for certain offending (e.g. dishonesty/offensive behaviour);
- I am not subject to banning orders;
- I can comply with any qualifications for officers contained in WOS Constitution and Bylaws.

Signature:

Date:

Please submit a short bio & expected contribution to the committee.

## Member's day out with a purpose...



The call went out and a bunch of us met at Ngaruawahia on Sunday 10 March and drove in tandem to Georgie's property for firewood gathering for the club.



After a picturesque drive through the bush, we found the property with not much trouble, and immediately got to work. Some road management was called for as we had to cross the road to get to the wood piles.

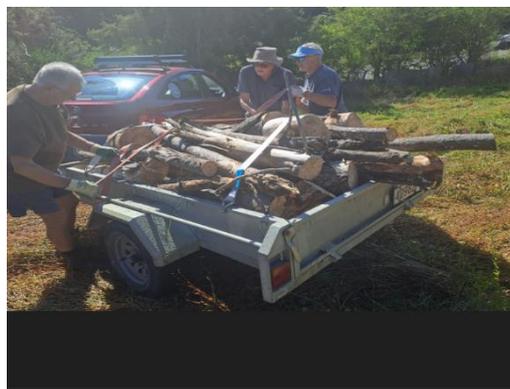


It wasn't too long before the chainsaws were fired up and the wood started coming off the production line...



A chain gang was formed

and a load was full and tied down.



Refreshments were had before a pleasant drive home and once again it looks like it's going to be a warm winter for us here at WOS.

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Back at WOS again and after a light lunch - thank you to the “stay at home members” who made this happen.

Cars were lined up ready for unloading.



Blocks for  
Splitting this way



Logs for cutting up  
this way



Job done.



But wait – there's more



Peter M had the unenviable task of cutting the logs so that they can be split into suitable sizes for our fires.

In excess of 12 members, 4 trailers, 2 flat decks and 1 van made a hard job seem easy. My guess is there would have been a few aching muscles next day, but it just proved what we often say is -

“Many hands make light work”.

Our most heartfelt thanks to those members who helped us make light work of the job at hand. Everyone pitched in and worked to their strengths, knowing that members and visitors can enjoy the benefit of this most pleasant days' outing during the winter months. Thank you

team – great effort and very much appreciated.



Peter M, Kevin and Peggy had another day just recently ringing the remaining wood, ready for splitting. Why not bring your axe to WOS next time you visit and lend a hand to split them.



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*Mad Hatters Tea party*

*Saturday 20 April at 2pm*



*Wear your best hat, and bring along your best teacups and fancy cakes/sandwiches and enjoy the fun*

*Prize for best hat*

*Prize for fanciest cup/teapot*

*See you there*

On April 10 -12 Rod & Ruth and a group of tourers from Nelson will be staying at WOS. On the Friday night there will be a dinner with some games [3 down, darts etc.] to follow. Many of you know Rod and Ruth so do come out and make them feel welcome. Friday's meal cost \$10 , please rsvp .

Heads up...WOS Rally 2025, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Feb to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb.

It has been decided by the committee that next year's Rally 2025 will see a change in the way the catering is done for the weekend.

We are looking for volunteers to be responsible for catering for each meal, i.e. dinners, lunches, breakfast, morning and afternoon teas for the weekend... This includes the preparation of the meals as well as the purchasing of food for each meal, with the costs being reimbursed for each purchase. So it's going to be several volunteers responsible for a meal, not just one person doing the lot.

So, have a think about having a go at some of the catering for a meal or two. It might give you a chance to try out some of your favourite recipes and it gives everyone a chance to enjoy the fun of the weekend.

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I don't want to appear corny but... **WOS culture is alive and well:**

Some of you may or may not know, but Peter has been battling illness of recent months and struggles to keep up with the ongoing maintenance on our cabin at WOS. We are absolutely overwhelmed and grateful for the



generosity of members of the club who selflessly give of their time to help out with many tasks that are now beyond him. The support and friendship the club offers is truly outstanding. We are aware of several members who have benefited from such generosity as well and I believe that this is WOS culture at its finest and is what makes our club a great club to be part of.

Work being carried out over the Easter break - supervision at its finest.

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**Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning:  
"Windows frozen, won't open."  
Husband texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."  
Wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."**

## Just a couple of things

Please refrain from throwing scraps of bread and food on the grounds. While it may be lovely to feed the birds, it encourages rodents.

Please refrain from cooking fish in the clubhouse kitchen

## 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.

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