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Introduction

Welcome to issue 4 of the NZ Lifestyle Camping Magazine, the Autumn edition.

This magazine has been put together by volunteers who are passionate about getting out and about camping across New Zealand. We hope you enjoy reading this and invite you to share it with any other persons or organisations interested in camping in NZ.

The magazine is the official magazine of the All Points Camping Club of NZ but is available to 'all' camping related clubs and supporters in NZ to get your news out.

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www.nzlifestylecamping.com

We are looking for your stories, tips and recipes, and events that may be of interest to other campers.

All Points Camping Club News – President's corner



Hi everyone and welcome to all our new club members. I hope you enjoy this issue of our magazine. It has been put together by volunteers and each quarter it just gets bigger.

It has been a very busy few months for the APCNZ team. It has been fantastic to see our South Island membership base growing and events happening. While we would like to run more camping events, nationally these can only happen when other people / club members take a lead. The Club's public liability insurance is there to help minimise the risk to our members when hosting an event. This can be an advantage when securing venues.

I would like to especially thank the Waterhouse, Searle and Bennett families for helping to set up and host camps over the Summer. Since the last issue of the magazine Bev and I have been involved with the Thames Steam Punk Camp, Nelson Motorhome Show, New Year – 3rd Birthday Camp, Vinegar Hill Camp, Ashburton Motorhome Show and the Ashley Gorge Camp. We missed the Balloon Festival camp but are looking forward to the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival and Easter Camp at Foxton Beach. We have also had the wonderful opportunity to meet with many other members and interested parties on our travels around NZ. The passion that we see in others, towards building camping opportunities for all campers, gives us the motivation to continue to push for a fair and sustainable camping industry for all NZ campers.

While it is now getting darker in the mornings and evenings, we still seem to be getting some rather hot days. One of the things we have learnt about camping in NZ over the past 25 years is that the weather is often generally quiet, mild and great for camping right through to May. While much of our society is ruled by school holidays and statutory holidays there is a large portion of our population that will carry on camping and travelling right through the winter period. But then there are occasionally devastating events like the tremendous storm and flooding along the West Coast. These events definitely remind us of the power of nature.

One thing that has been very noticeable on our travels is the huge difference in how different districts manage camping. Some districts seem have good management systems that work for all, whereas others are struggling. As a growing organisation we can use our voice to put across our viewpoints and work with authorities and agencies to build better camping infrastructure.

APCNZ operates as an inclusive camping organisation. Our members encompass many religions, cultures, income groups and many different modes of camping. We are saddened by the recent tragedy of the Mosque killings in Christchurch. There is no place for hate on our country and in our club. This tragedy has been devastating for so many people and the effects will be felt in our society for a long time. We wish to acknowledge this for any of our members that have been affected.

April and May will be very busy months for our club with two events and the club AGM. The All Points Camping Club was developed to provide support for all campers, not just our members. Your thoughts and suggestions on how we can better support NZ campers as we head into the AGM are important. A letter will shortly be sent out to all financial members regarding the AGM

Your financial membership subscription helps us to manage and build the club and plan future initiatives. For every new membership a sizeable portion is paid to Kiwi Holiday Parks as part of our discount promotion. After the cost of printed materials, processing, technology costs and promotional material, we do not have a lot of funds to work with. Please help us do more by paying your annual membership subs.

In this issue of the magazine there are several new businesses that we are working with. We are continuing to work with other businesses and organisations to bring you the best deals we can. We ask that when possible you support our business partners.

Take care and have fun everyone.

Gary Stoneley,
President, All Points Camping Club of NZ

See you at the AGM

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As we hit the end of the club's financial year at 31 March, APCNZ committee members have been busy issuing subscription renewal invoices for January through to March. April invoices are now being issued

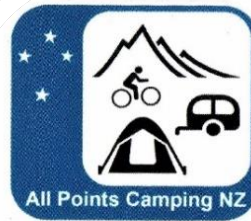
-If you joined APCNZ before May 2018 your subs are now due.

-We have kept the subs at a low rate of \$30.00. (May increase after the AGM)

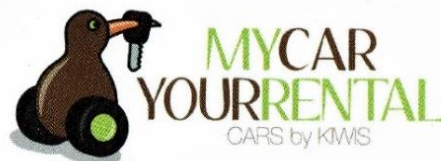
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Holiday Park Recommendations Wanted

There are a large variety of camping styles in our All Points Camping Club. From tents, vans caravans, motor homes, house trucks, buses and some I haven't thought of. Our members enjoy a mix of freedom camping at parks, reserves, beaches etc with many preferring to stay at Holiday Parks for reasons including use of facilities and security. Then there are those campers like me that use a mixture of the two, Freedom camping in some lovely remote spots for a few days then staying at a holiday park for a day or two to use the facilities and have a longer shower with room to move.

If you have stayed at a particularly good holiday park, we would like to hear about it.

Our club is now seeking recommendations from members of their recommended holiday parks. It may be one that you have used that has great facilities and helpful, friendly staff. We are particularly interested in camps that have family friendly pricing.

Over the past three years APCNZ has had a good joint relationship with Kiwi Holiday Parks, and our members get a discount when using their camps. While we are keen to continue our relationship with the Kiwi Holiday Parks, we believe in promoting other NZ camps that are recommended by our members, for the benefit of our members and other campers.

Following suggestions from our members, we are now building a New Zealand wide All Points Camping Club 'Recommended Camp Register' containing some of the countries smaller, privately run and remote holiday parks. We want to know from members what camp grounds you would "tell a friend" about or use again. These camps may or may not offer discount to All Points Camping Club members.

The club already currently has a small number of holiday parks that support the club and offer discounts to our members. Holiday parks recommended by our members will be looked at and approached by Club Management to see if we can arrange a mutually beneficial partnership, where the club promotes the holiday park through our national membership, magazine and social media, while in return our club members get a discount when staying. To achieve this we need your help, so send us your top recommendations. www.123formbuilder.com/form-4710632/APCNZ-Recommended-Holiday-Park

Wayne Ravelich

Vice President,
All Points Camping Club of NZ.

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Dog Friendly Camps and Stopovers

Our fellow campers have recommended the following camps as being dog friendly: -



Other than Wikicamps New Zealand or the Campermate app here are a few suggestions from Ross and I and other campers for dog friendly camp spots/grounds around the New Zealand.



It is strongly suggested you ring the camp ground and check out their rules and regulations before going. Many camp grounds have peak periods where no dogs are allowed and some camps have rules as to the dog being on a leash at all times: It's also worth checking out the [Pets Can Come Too](#) website. Many [Kiwi Holiday Parks](#) are now dog friendly. If an APCNZ member use your KHP card to get a 15% discount.

If you know of any other dog friendly camps please let me know or make a recommendation online at www.123formbuilder.com/form-4710632/APCNZ-Recommended-Holiday-Park

Thanks, Lyn Bennett

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	Ohakune Top 10 Holiday Park		https://top10.co.nz/ohakune-top-10-holiday-park
	Whanganui Seaside Holiday Park		https://wanganuiholiday.co.nz/
	Mangaweka Camp		www.mangaweka.co.nz
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Whakatane:	Murphy's Campground Matata		http://www.murphysholidaycamp.co.nz/
	Ohope Top 10 Holiday Park		www.ohopebeach.co.nz
Coromandel:	Wentworth Valley Camping DOC Camp		www.wentworthvalleycamp.co.nz
Gisborne	A&P Showground Makaraka		www.gisborneshow.co.nz/motor-camp
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Nelson	Marahau		www.marahaubeachcamp.co.nz
	Ashley Gorge Kiwi Holiday Park		

Recommended articles:

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/stuff-nation/assignments/places-to-take-your-dog-on-holiday/13055316/Pet-friendly-campsites-in-the-Bay-of-Plenty>

<https://thecuriouskiwi.co.nz/freecamping.html>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Many thanks to those that took the time to write in asking for Views on Self Containment:

"Hi there just want to give my thoughts on self-containment.

I really disagree with any vehicle having the blue sticker as it isn't the camper / van that's the problem it is the person camping.

I can't understand why half of these camps state self-containment when there is a toilet there.

I am sick of being segregated because we didn't have the sticker yet were fully self-contained.

Being a hunting fishing family, we also support responsible campers' group as that's what it's all about.

My family often pitches a tent or the swag but no blue sticker on them and I want this lifestyle to carry on as it has until a certain group got their hands onto it.

That's how I feel."

C L

"I want non self-contained certified vans to be decriminalised. A lot of us have other needs for our vehicles (transporting mountain bikes in my case) and don't have the space for a "legitimate" van build.

I'm still a tidy kiwi and never leave a mess. I use public bathrooms and pack out what I pack in. I don't like being scared of waking up to a \$200 ish fine just because my van doesn't tick all the boxes. I have a chem toilet but it stays in the corner out of the way and unused."

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Choose Plan

Thames Steampunk Festival 2018

By Beverley Stoneley

This was the second year that the club has held a camping event in to coincide with this festival. Last year we had a small number of campers, but this year the number attending has grown considerably.



Thames South School is extremely welcoming to our group and we really appreciate this. The facilities available are good with access to toilets, showers and kitchen, meaning we have campers in tents, caravans and motorhomes.

The school is extremely well maintained and a lovely venue for weekends like this, with one of the original classrooms still on the site.

When we arrived Friday afternoon, we had barely completed the formalities with obtaining the key etc, when the first of our people started rolling in the gate and started setting up for the weekend.

After a short happy hour, many headed off into town in costume for the first of the events happening over the weekend.

Friday night saw us being blown around a bit and some heavy rain. The family staying in the tent

had a bit of a rough night and got a little wet, but soon had things drying on the fence in the morning.

Many of our campers are involved with the organized activities in town over the weekend, and they have some amazing costumes for the different activities happening over the weekend.

There were concerts, balls, music halls, markets and other activities happening all around town during the weekend.

The retailers in town certainly get behind the weekend, with themed displays in the shop windows and on the footpath outside their stores.



On Saturday morning we headed into town for the parade. There were a huge number of people in town, both locals and visitors, all there to watch the spectacle. We are really impressed and inspired with last year's parade. But this year was so much more. The numbers participating have grown, and the costumes are so varied, bigger and more imaginative than last year.

Following the parade there was a market on the main street, along with displays and other events happening around town including a couple of bands playing at different locations.

Sunday morning another market day was held down by the waterfront, with the stall holders selling all kinds of Steampunk themed goods, in addition to the pimp my pet competition. The miniature railway was also operating as well. There was plenty for all.



**See you at Thames
in November 2019 !**



New Year & Wellington Anniversary Camps

By Wayne Ravelich

On the road again. Heading from Levin over the hill and down through the Wairarapa. The bus with the new clutch is running great. We are being followed by a family friend with her 70s retro caravan and our almost 4year old grandson in tow. This will be young Reubens first camping trip. The APCNZ 3rd birthday & New Year camp is being held just out of Tauherenikau, between Featherston and Greytown. Our wonderful hosts Jo Neilson and partner met us at the gate and directed us to the site to join those that had already arrived. A warning about GPS when you are in a larger vehicle, I won't mention any names but two couples attending the camp came from up North and when arriving in Waikanae got directed over the Akatarawa hill road. Those of us from the lower part of the North island KNOW that road and it's not suitable for long vehicles. Well their car & caravan & the bus made it through somehow and got to the camp intact.

Jo Neilson moved her horse float/ camper over which provided a hot shower for those wanting one. A good variety of campers attended including, buses, motorhomes, caravans and tents. A good time was had by all there and we owe Jo Neilson a huge thanks for providing the venue.



After a shared BBQ new years eve dinner and a few drinks, I hit the sack and missed seeing the new year in, must be getting old. The next day, dawned warm and sunny a good start to the year. We had a bit of a gathering mid-morning to celebrate the clubs 3rd birthday and partake of the birthday cake that Jo Ravelich made for the occasion. Around noon Jo and I left for Ocean Beach to fit in a bit of fishing before heading home for work.

Ocean Beach is south of Featherston West of Lake Wairarapa and Lake Ferry. A very nice quiet place with a few beach houses and good fishing. We parked up just off the beach for the night and to feed the local sharks because that is all I was able to catch. Still well worth the trip, the sunset was amazing. If you want facilities head down the other side to Lake Ferry or even Ngawi, both great places and suitable for larger motorhomes. Time to go home, Roll on Wellington.

We finished work at midday on the Friday, Parked the van and pointed the bus North west. I had been told of a camp site in the southern Taranaki right on the beach front. Waiinu Beach did not let us down. What a great site, Toilets, a dump station, children's playground, lots and lots of space even a free BBQ for campers. There is a small charge for camping there, charged per site not per person so very affordable for a family. At only 150km from home we will be back even just for a weekend break. Both Waiinu beach and the camp ground up the road by Waverley are on the South Taranaki Council web site for more information. The wind came up and changed direction over night and made fishing rather unpleasant so Vinegar Hill here we come.



A quick trip back to Whanganui then Marton, out onto State Hwy 1, North just passed Huntersville hang a right down the hill and hello Vinegar Hill Camp. It was not hard to find the All Points camping Group as Gary had put the large APC banner up. Although I prefer coastal camping for the fishing this inland site is very nice with the Rangitikei river flowing beside the camp site. The camp has toilets and cold showers. Camp rules include no fires and during summer no dogs, was interesting to see about half the campers had a fire and most had dogs. The dogs were very well behaved even better than some of the campers. At \$9 per person per night considering the facilities I personally thought it was a bit steep. Interesting to see campers arrive during the day stay overnight and leave in the morning before the Council Lady comes around about 9am to collect the fees. It was good to see lots of family groups camped with the kids out playing and swimming. Being down in the valley the camp is well sheltered from the wind as we discovered when we left on the Monday. I'm glad we took St Hwy 1 back to Levin with the wind pushing the bus sideways while Gary and Bev had a fight with the wind towing their caravan back to Feilding via the Vinegar road which is, in places, rather exposed. When is the next camp down this end of the island? That would be Kimbolton Sculpture Festival and 2 weeks later the Easter camp at Foxton beach School in April, but that is a story for the next magazine.



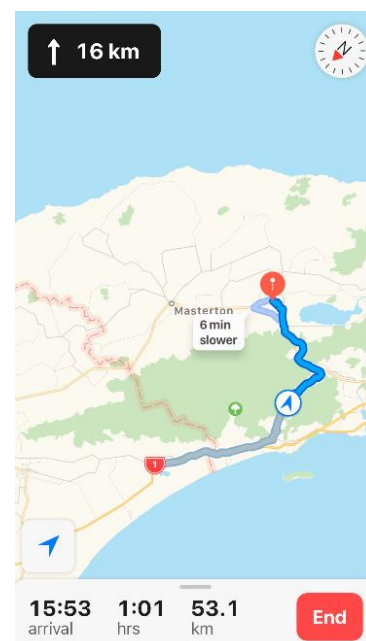
Be Aware of the Akatarawa's

By Lyn Bennett

On leaving home on Boxing Day to make our way to Tauherenikau for the All Points Camping New Year's birthday camp, we travelled down through the middle of the Island staying a night at Ohakune then on to Duddings Lake for a couple of nights. We then travelled on to Tauherenikau stopping at Levin



for a bite of Lunch and to put Flossy (nick name for GPS) on to guide us on the road to the camp. From Waikanae Flossy took us across the ranges over the Akatarawa's road, little did we know this road is NOT for the faint-hearted.



This road is a goat track (partly Gravel) suitable only for cars not semi long vehicles. Although to give credit there was a small sign at the start saying not suitable for long vehicles and we didn't consider our small caravan and car long nor the yellow bus behind us. But this road was not without its challenges. Passing another car coming the other way took a bit of manoeuvring back and forth but on the whole, the other drivers were considerate. The road was very windy and narrow in most parts with a sheer drop on the side. With many blind corners and having a bus behind us Ross would toot the horn to alert oncoming traffic.

I believe this road has many beautiful scenic points that I didn't see because needless to say the seat was gripped with white knuckles showing and not much knitting got done as I usually knit stock for my Freckles business when travelling. Not many photos taken either THAT will be the first and last time I go on that road but if you are up for some adventure then take a trip over the Akatarawa's.

We eventually made it to camp with many others there surprised we had gone that way as they wouldn't have as they knew better.



FISHYMOON

By Wayne Ravelich

Jo and I got married on the Wednesday in November and I suggested that the fishing competition we would be attending for the eighth year on the Saturday night in Ngawi on the south Wairarapa coast would be our Honeymoon. That went down well and was nicknamed The, FISHYMOON. We set off Thursday from Levin and spent the first night at my daughters in Palmy North just down the road from the Hospital as I had a 7.00am MRI appointment.

Friday dawned fine and clear, MRI done we fired up the bus and headed for The Saddle road, Woodville then South. The best laid plans etc. The Saddle is not a bad road but we got stuck behind a very WIDE load at between 8 & 12km/hour. The clutch in our 30-year-old bus was not impressed to say the least. We crawled into Woodville just making it to "The Woodville Auto Centre". Allister was working under a car on the hoist, we explained the situation, Jo pointed out that we were on our honeymoon. Allister said he could fix it but not today although he would have a quick look. 20 minutes later after climbing under the back of the bus with me playing with the clutch peddle, Allister decided the clutch adjustment was way out so he reset the adjustment. The clutch plate was shot and would need to be replaced very soon but we were back on the road.

We cannot thank Woodville Auto Centre and Allister enough. If you get stuck on that side of the hill near Woodville, I recommend that you give Allister a call.

We drove down to Pahiatua and stopped at a café for lunch. The clutch was working ok, not great but working. We decided that Ngawi was too far and too remote if the clutch failed again so to plan B.

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With no plan B we made one up on the run, not running too fast with a dodgy clutch but we headed back to Woodville and the very nice Ferry Reserve for the night. A nice spot beside the Manawatu river before it runs through the now closed gorge. The road is closed not the river. As our bus is not amphibious, we would have to venture back over the saddle road. Made it, the clutch held up as did my nerves. Back in Palmerston North we spent the next night at a friend's place just south of town before heading home to the cat and what we thought would be a horrendous charge to get the clutch replaced.

Jo and I called in to see the team at Central Automotive Services in Levin. I have been taking trucks to these guys for about the last 10years and they always do a good job, fingers crossed they could repair our bus. Twenty minutes later we had a good idea of the cost of parts & labour. With a smile on my face I went to get the old girl (the bus not Jo).

When I dropped the bus off Tuesday morning Centrals large workshop and yard was full of commercial vehicles and the odd camper. As these trucks are the drivers living, I mentioned to Ian that we are not in a hurry. I got a call on the Monday saying Job Done come and get it, with a price that made both Jo and I smile even more. I left work early collected Jo and went and paid. As I still had a delivery to do in the work

van, we would collect the bus in the morning. Ian asked for the keys back as all campers are parked inside the locked workshop overnight as an added security measure. Great service again, clutch replaced, flywheel machined and a leaking seal replaced.

When I arrived next morning two other campers were being worked on over 1 of the many pits.

The team here at Central Automotive Services are working on more and more campers and know what they are doing. I drove home knowing our new clutch would outlast the old bus.

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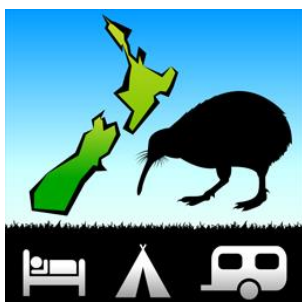
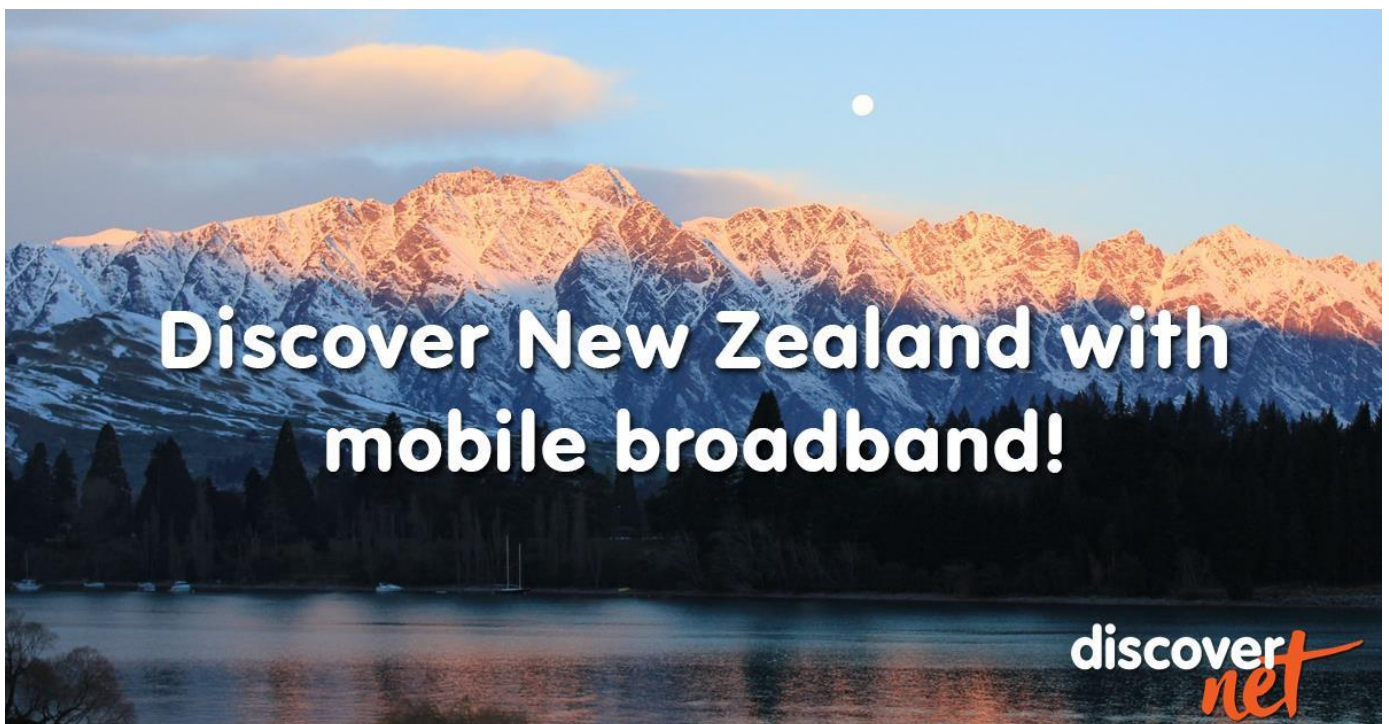
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Hi All from the South Island.

Wherever we go we talk to people about our organization, (the All Points Camping Club) what it involves, the benefits and what our experiences are... that is one way we can increase our profile and have a lot more fun with more people, families and travelling companions.

Between 18 - 21 October 2018 we took the Lady's Kennel and Kaniere Belle (Van and Pop-top) to the Royal New Zealand Artillery Association AGM in Dunedin. We stayed in the Dunedin Holiday Park & Motels in St Kilda. Gary and Beverley Stoneley stayed there on their recent journey round the South Island.



In November we went to The Empire at Ross and stayed in the cabins for Armistice Day in Hokitika. See Photo

We took the "Belle" to Ross for New Years. We had a great time and met up with some of Wayne's relations. Wayne played the lagerphone, the fool and the Drums....and had a great time. See photo

In February we met up with Gary and Angel Hitchcock and one other member for a weekend of 25 - 27 January 2019. We also caught up with Gary and Beverley Stoneley at the Ashburton Motorhome Show 16 - 17 Feb 2019. It was a neat weekend.



We have just come back from Ashley Gorge Holiday Park and Reserve. LJ - Larry Waterhouse - had suggested that we meet here and what a fantastic weekend we had. There were total of 18 people - members and friends who attended this weekend. There were also 5 travelling companions. The dogs all had fun in each other's company.

We are going to Ross again for St Patrick's day.

Looking to get together again soon.

Wayne and Lindy - South Island Reps.



Photos Below:- Features at Dunedin Kiwi Holiday Park



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From Linsey Bennington



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How to easily set up a full camping electrical system for less than the price of a campervan battery...

I wanted to show how I set up a cheap and easy to install campervan electrical system in my Toyota Alphard weekend van. A typical campervan battery alone is upwards of \$400, but I managed to install a full set up including lights, shower and ventilation fan for a fraction of that cost. This won't work for everyone, but if you only plan to be off grid and not driving for just a couple of days at a time then this will work great.

Battery Pack - \$130

The first thing you'll need is a battery. I chose a vehicle jump pack with cigarette socket and built in compressor pump, light, and voltage meter. These are really handy to have, and mine has been used as the main camper battery in my van for over a year (and also to jump start several vehicles!). Ensure this is secured somewhere in the van, with access to a 12V cigarette socket to charge whilst driving (I keep mine fastened behind the front passenger seat). Warehouse currently sell a 17 AH (amp hour) battery pack for \$129, and whilst 17AH is not a lot, its more than enough to power the gadgets below for many hours. To give you an example, this will run the lights shown below for at least 10 hours, or will fully charge a smartphone about 3 times (because it's a lead acid battery, you can only use half the capacity – around 9AH). If you are looking to charge smartphones and tablets I suggest getting a small lithium ion battery pack - charge this whilst you drive too, and use it for phones etc.



Wiring - \$20



Get hold of some 12V car cigarette socket extensions and run these from the battery pack to where you need the power. AliExpress is a good place to source these (especially with long cables) if you can wait weeks for them to arrive, otherwise most auto shops sell them.

Lights - \$20

Many camping retailers now sell these 12v (cigarette socket) or 5v (USB) LED bulbs. Try Bivouac, or Aliexpress if you can wait for shipping. The light output is great – go for warm white and about 7W or 9W. Two is plenty for a small van, and these will run for hours from even a small battery pack



Ventilation - \$5

Warehouse currently sell these fans for \$5! You'll need a USB adapter, or cigarette socket adapter with USB ports as above. These are great for when its warm, or to cut down on condensation (point towards a slightly open window – don't forget to put some mesh over the window to avoid mozzies and sand flies)



Shower - \$40

Many camping places sell these 12V showers for around \$40 (mine was from Supercheap Auto). Combined with a bucket (\$2) and solar shower bag (\$9 - warehouse) can provide a warm and portable shower. For the price these really are great – Perfect for washing sand off at the beach.

I also use mine as the tap for the sink in my van. The flow rate is adjustable in the shower head, and it can be set low enough to not spray everywhere, even in a small sink.



Vacuum Cleaner \$20

Perfect for quickly cleaning up, although a dustpan and brush is probably just as effective... Really useful to keep floors clean in a small van.



Fridge \$100

This is an item I wouldn't recommend be used with a small battery pack. These draw over 4 amps, so the battery pack above will be dead in just a couple of hours. However, these are perfect as a cool box, and are great if you only plug in whilst driving.

Kettle \$25

As with the fridge above, these are likely to drain the battery pack quickly, but they are great if you are regularly driving. Most auto shops sell these (try Supercheap Auto).

There you have it! Everything you need for a comfortable off grid camping trip for just a couple of hundred dollars. Let me know if you find any other useful gadgets.

Cheers, Paul

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Surf Casting Basics

by Steve Devine

Many families camp near the beach and would like to take up fishing but are not too sure where to start. What rod do we buy? What hooks do we need? What bait do we use...? Also fishing is an activity where having your line in the water for as long as possible makes a huge difference. Therefore it's important to keep enthusiasm up and by having a few simple aspects organised the whole experience is more pleasant, less messy, more comfortable and the family will stay focused for longer and are more likely to catch something.

Rod & Reel

I would suggest going to a hunting & fishing type shop for the rod and reel as they will always have special packages that will be a similar price to the discount stores and you will get the best advice. You will need:

- 4m/12ft rod minimum with a matched spinning reel. Package about \$100 - \$150 spooled with line.



- Line needs to be about 10 - 15 k/20 - 30lb. While the top fishers use lighter line, the heavier line lasts longer in the sand, shingle, rocks and weed.



- Get a cheap rod holder as well. This is very important. It keeps the line in place above the surf, stops the rod from falling over and it can be left for hours while you go away for dinner etc.

Sinkers



- Simple torpedo/bullet shape sinkers are best as they will hold in the sand yet still pull through weed and rocks.

- A selection of 2 to 4 ounce. The lighter ones are for calm water, heavier ones for rough water.

Hooks

There are 2 main styles:

- Circle/self - hooking for tough/simple bait like squid to leave out for hours.

- Long shank (length of hook) for tying a more attractive bait like small pilchard or mussel tied on with elastic cotton. You need to fish these baits with your rod in your hand as a decent fish will take the softer bait in one gulp.

- 2/0 – 5/0 size of hook. If getting bites but losing bait go down a size.

- Always make sure the hook is well clear of the bait – in other words make sure the bait is not covering up the hook.



Rigs

Generally the ledger/dropper rig is the most common one used with either hook type. It is easy to tie and catches most fish. The sinker is on the bottom, and the hook is on a short dropper line about half a metre high to keep it away from the crabs. More specialised rigs can be easily tied that have the line slide through the sinker which are used for picky/shy fish (e.g. bigger snapper) or the bottom dwelling fish (e.g. gurnard).

Buy some swivels and clips. This is so you can pre make rigs with different size hooks/bait ready to clip on to save time.

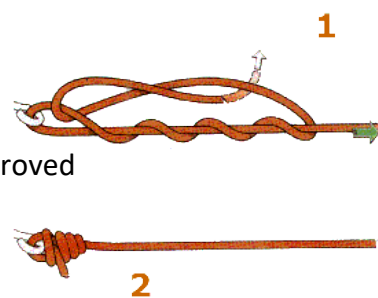


Or you can buy pre-made ledger flasher rigs. While they cost several dollars each they create a bit more movement for fish to see with their skirts (brightly coloured plastic bits), beads and reflective patches. They also are strong, well made and save a lot of time and they keep enthusiasm up if you are regularly losing your gear due to the rocks and weed.

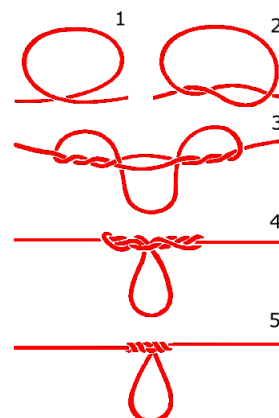


Knots if making your own rigs up

The main reason there are so many knots is to join different size lines, improve breaking strain on thin line or let a hook float more naturally. Generally this doesn't matter so much for new fishers. A knot such as an improved blood knot for the sinker and any general knots are easy to tie and have a high breaking strain.



For the hook dropper loop a simple overhand type knot can be used to get started, however it will reduce the breaking strain of the line significantly. Therefore it is best to learn how to tie a dropper loop properly if you aren't using pre made flashers.



Bait

Squid is cheap, easy and stays on for hours. More attractive baits are frozen fish packs such as trevally, frozen pilchards, caught fish strips or fresh mussel. However the softer baits like pilchards and mussel need to be tied on to cast with elastic cotton purchased from a fishing shop or warehouse. Bait can be bought from any large service station. Fresh mussel comes from the supermarket (green lip) or wharf piles (blue lip).



The better baits are definitely more appealing to fish however good quality soft plastic baits are also an option as they will work as well as squid in many cases particularly if the fish can see the bait. Plastic baits are reusable, less smelly and the container will last for years - no need to keep on buying bait which sits around the camp. I have a container which is many years old in my van for quick fishing. Buy it in a container so it doesn't leak.

Another popular option is a spinning lure for kahawai. This imitates a bait fish skipping across the surface.



Locations

If you are fishing on sand, then the best place will be in the hollows and churned up water just behind the breakers. If you are near reef/rocks, try to aim for the channels that fish use for travel or next to the reef as you will get constant snags if you cast on directly on the reef and rocks.



Times

The best times are usually incoming tide (fresh, clear water and nutrients), evening (most fish feed or are more active in the evening chasing the bait fish), rising barometer (weather getting better). The Maori fishing calendar also includes king tides, moon movement etc. which many swear by as well. However the most important point is to get your hook in the water.

Local knowledge

Try to gain some local knowledge about the most common fish caught. For example around Wellington the best fishing can be in the evening for moki but they will only take baits like mussel. Also fish have different mouth sizes. A 1/0 hook might catch a nice tarakihi but that hook is too small for a decent blue cod which has a larger mouth.

How to cast

It is a good idea to have a look at a YouTube clip demonstrating casting, however the general procedure is to open the bail arm of the reel and feed the line through the guides and attach your rig. Close the bail arm and wind up gently until the rig is hanging down clearing the guide at the tip. Press the line against the rod shaft with your finger and open the bail arm. Smoothly manoeuvre the rod so it is behind you. Sharply arch the rod over your head releasing your finger once the rod is facing the sea. If the cast is decent wait for a second or two for the sinker to hit the water and then snap the bail arm on. This will lock the line. Quickly wind any slack line up.

Setting the hook

Fish take bait differently. Some species take a big slurp, others make the rod tip chatter. You will also observe small pickers. When you feel the time is right as the same fish is hanging around attacking the bait sharply lift the rod which will hopefully set the hook. Keep the line tight and smoothly wind the line in trying to keep the line above weed and rocks. Keep the tension up all the time as many fish will be able to spit the hook out once the line is slack due to a direction change.

Once Caught

Check that your fish is the correct size using a regulation chart freely available from any outdoor place or a down loaded app. Hold with a rag and undo the hook with a hook remover or pliers as teeth and spikes can be very sharp. Use a sharp screw driver between the eyes to kill the fish or put the fish back in the water.

Where possible (particularly with kahawai) gut the fish to get as much of the blood out as possible, scrape the scales off, then keep cool. I prefer to leave fish for the next day to settle and it saves the rush particularly as you probably have dinner planned anyway. If you aren't in a situation to fillet it, just fill it with onion slices, lemon, herbs, salt and pepper, wrap in tin foil then bake for 15 minutes on medium heat in a bbq or similar. Or rub with brown sugar and salt then smoke in the bbq with flavoured wood chips in a small smoker box for a similar time.

If you have any questions or are interested in what I get up to feel free to contact me through Facebook. I also have a YouTube channel with videos of off-road access to the more remote parts of the Wellington region (search Steve Devine). There is an article in the first New Zealand Lifestyle Camping issue on page 24 showcasing the van camping I do throughout the region

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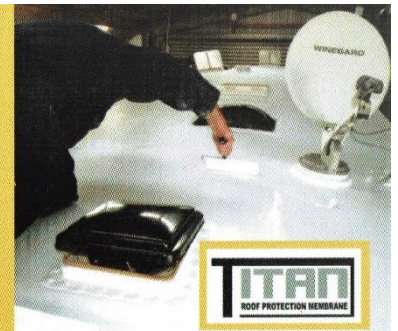


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Charging devices at camp

By Jacques Dumas

I thought I would tell you about our experience with keeping devices charged up at camp. We generally don't take tablets and laptops with on camp, so it is usually just phones. We sometimes stay at DOC sites, so we prefer to not plug in to power and have picked our gear to work on gas or 12V.

We use a 20W 6V flexible solar panel (similar to the one in the picture) with two outputs to charge power banks during the day, and at night we use the power banks to charge the devices. The solar panel cost around \$50 and we normally just chuck that on the roof of the tent or on the dashboard of the car if you are concerned about security.



The power banks we bought off AliExpress and are in fact just bare cases without batteries, and

you can get a decent one for less than \$10.

The batteries that are used in the power banks are 18650 3.7V batteries, and are easily obtainable (I got mine from old laptops batteries, those are generally far better quality than the ones you can get from Trade me)

For rainy or cloudy days, we can charge the devices from the 12V battery pack that we use for the lights, or in the car's cigarette lighter socket. The power banks actually charge more than one device, so we find that we don't always have charge them up every day. You get different types of power banks, we have 2 with the usual 2.1 amp and 1.0-amp sockets, and then we have a newer QC 3.0 power bank that can charge between 5V and 1

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Check out the Event listing online on our facebook page www.facebook.com/events/389396564960472/ or register at <http://123formbuilder.com/form-3264726/2019-Kimbolton-Sculpture-Festival-Camper-Registration> (Camping Friday to Sunday costs \$5.00 per unit per night. Festival entry \$5.00 per adult, children free.)

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Ashley Gorge is the venue of the APCNZ, South island Camp on 1 March 2019. APCNZ, Kiwi Holiday Parks member discount applies. www.agkhp.co.nz



Miranda Holiday Park – Bay of Plenty

Situated on the coast road to Thames Miranda Holiday Park has everything you need for a relaxing stop. The hot mineral pool is perfect for ending the day. The camp is very well equipped with excellent facilities. It is well managed with considerable investment in sustainable practices and waste management. There are campsites and cabins to suit all needs, a pet - friendly area and activities for children. This camp is definitely one you must visit. If you are heading to or from the Coromandel and want to be within

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www.mirandaholidaypark.co.nz

Flat Hills Café and Tourist Park - Rangitikei

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<http://www.dannevirkeholidaypark.co.nz/>

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A great place to try your hand at surfcasting or just chill and walk along the beach or relax in the stream. The modern facilities are maintained to a very high standard. Camp store and takeaways. www.kaupokonui.co.nz



Orchard View Camp Kinloch - Waikato

Situated about 16 minutes from central Taupo and close to Kinloch this rural camp / homestay is a fantastic location to rest up. Families and travellers are made very welcome. For non power rural camping this camp operated by a club member [Mrsc Oakes](#) (Christine and Clive).

P.S Boris the Poll Dorset is adorable. 10% off for APCNZ members
www.kinlochhomestay.co.nz

Amber Kiwi Holiday Park – Christchurch

This pristine camp is another one of the jewels in the Kiwi Holiday Parks network. Situated an easy distance from central Christchurch and the airport this camp is a busy and popular place to stop over. The facilities are excellently maintained. This camp is used by many tourists as a 'last night' stopover for van cleanouts etc. Surplus travel equipment and supplies are donated to other guests or local charities. – Keeping the Kiwi Host spirit alive. www.amberpark.co.nz



Greymouth Kiwi Holiday Park



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NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd Self Containment Issuing Authority

NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd manages a certified self-containment network throughout NZ and oversees a large network of competent testing officers. These include professional businesses and individuals who believe in fair application of the self containment standard NZS 5465:2001. All testing officers are required to correctly and fairly apply the standard. NZLC is committed to

supporting testing officers and campers, ensuring that the self containment standard is administered fairly in accordance with the standard.

Note: We are getting enquiries from NZMCA members with small converted campers, where that organisation has refused to issue documentation for the vehicle, after it has already been passed by a testing officer. Testing officers are welcome to send their documentation to csc@nzlifestylecamping.com for processing and issue in accordance with the standard.

- Any person or business may approach our testing officers for self containment. You do not need to be a member of any organisation.
- NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd believes in and encourages sustainable and responsible camping.
- We believe that every person camping in NZ has a responsibility for our environment and that certified self containment of campervans and motor caravans is a step towards achieving sustainable camping.
- We believe that all NZ campers with vehicles that meet the self-containment requirements should be able to get their vehicle certified. Campers, our friendly and conscientious testing officers will help you to get your vehicle certified for self-containment.

Have a converted van / campervan?

If your vehicle meets the requirements we will certify it.

Pop Top Camper, Slide on or rooftop camper?

Each vehicle and conversion is considered individually.

There is no vehicle exclusion list *under the standard* for certified self contained vehicles.

But the vehicle interior must be designed and fit for habitation, and you must have sufficient room to adequately use the toilet inside the vehicle when required or we will not approve it.

You don't want to join an organisation just to get self-containment?

You do not have to join an organisation to get self-containment but joining does have benefits.

How much does it cost?

NZ Lifestyle Camping currently charges \$30.00 processing / issue fee. Or join APCNZ with a combined fee for self-containment and membership benefits of \$45.00. Note: processing fee is increasing to \$40.00 from 01/07/19. The testing officer may / will charge you for their service and any materials they need to make your vehicle comply.

Where can I get this done and how long will it take?

Our network of qualified testing officers is continually growing. The Self Containment Check may take around 30 minutes or more depending on what is required. Once the completed checklist is received by NZLC it usually takes 4 to 5 working days for the final processing and delivery. This can take longer subject to information requirements, holidays and delivery delays.



If you are interested in becoming a self containment testing officer with

NZLC please register on the APCNZ website or contact via admin@nzlifestylecamping.com .

For further information on getting your vehicle certified for self-containment go to www.allpointscampingnz.org/get-certified or www.nzlifestylecamping.com

Self Containment Testing Officers with NZ Lifestyle Camping

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At NZ Lifestyle Camping we love the initiative of our testing officers being shown. Thanks Phil K.

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Background

Leave No Trace (LNT) New Zealand seeks to educate and challenge the New Zealand public and visitors on how and why to minimise their environmental impacts while enjoying natural and cultural heritage areas.

LNT language is used internationally and aims to develop people's environmental ethics. Rather than a set of rules, LNT promotes ethical choices through a framework of seven principles.

The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace

► PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

Plan ahead by considering your goals and those of your group. Know before you go- get local information, skills and gear you need to make your trip a success.

► TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE GROUND

Some areas are more fragile than others. Choose to camp and travel on the most durable surface you can, the best ones are tracks, gravel, snow and most grasses. Impacts on fragile natural features caused by travel and camping can take many years to heal.

► DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Pack it in, pack it out. As users of the outdoors we all have a responsibility to clean up after ourselves. Rubbish and toilet waste are unsightly and can introduce unwanted organisms into the environment. Lead by example, if you see rubbish, pick it up.

► LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND

People visit natural areas for many reasons; such as exploring nature's mysteries and surprises. When we leave natural objects and artifacts as we found them, we pass the gift of discovery on to those who follow. Many sites of spiritual and cultural significance to Māori are interwoven with the natural environment.

► MINIMISE THE EFFECTS OF FIRE

Local regulations and conditions change depending on time of year and location. Lightweight stoves, fire pans and mounds mean campfires are no longer essential for cooking or comfort. Wildfires are often caused by carelessness and the natural appearance of many recreation sites has been damaged by campfires, visual scarring and stripping vegetation for firewood.

► RESPECT WILDLIFE AND FARM ANIMALS

Know when animals are particularly vulnerable, such as breeding times, and change your behaviour with them by observing from a distance. Avoid feeding animals either deliberately or accidentally by leaving food or rubbish lying around. Farming is a big part of New Zealand's culture and economy, know how to move through farms without disturbing farm animals.

► BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHERS

We all go into the outdoors for different reasons, so we must share. Think about others, respect their activities and what they might be trying to get out of their recreational experience.

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