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Welcome to our 2nd edition

“The Winter edition”

Well that 3 months went quickly, and we are into our second great edition of our magazine for all campers. We would like to thank all contributors to this edition, for their blogs, short and long, and for all those lovely photos. Great to see what other people get up to even in the winter months. To other clubs that wish to join our magazine feel free to drop us a line, a blog, a photo, list of your events, better camping tips, in fact anything camping related is welcome.

There is not a lot going on in winter or is there?

All Points Camping NZ have had their AGM and has become an incorporated society with a trading arm

NZ Lifestyle Camping. There was Kimbolton Sculpture Festival even a meet and greet camp in the South Island.

Spring is on the way and we are looking for your stories, tips and recipes, and any events that may be of interest to fellow campers just email editor.allpointsnz@gmail.com

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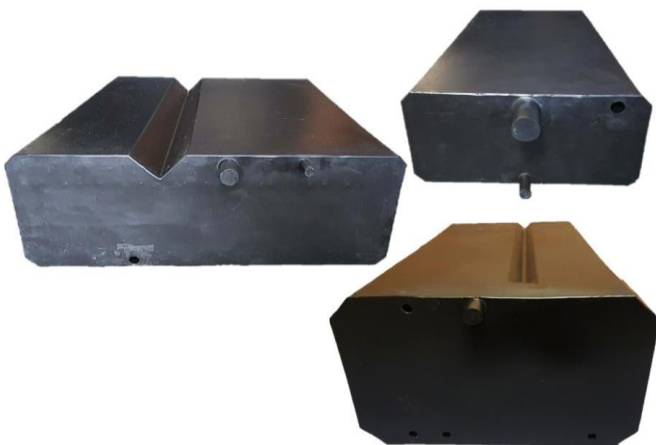
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Kimbolton Sculpture Festival

By Vicky Holden

Oh, wow what a surprise! My first thoughts about going was “not interested in the sculptures. Just going to meet up with friends in All Points Camping club”

Just arrive, park up or put your tent where you want to camp.



Tyrone, the ReTyred Horse

Local Yokel winner and People’s Choice by Sculptor - Regan Cooper of Ashhurst



Winner Haast Eagle (Pouakai) by Kimbolton mechanic Terry Hawkins Using all types of tools.



We had all types of accommodation arrive. It was great.

We even had a solar Pool. Well the kids had fun around it.

When we arrived on the Friday we were allowed to go and have a sneaky look while they were setting up & no crowds.



It was sooooo amazing & totally not what I was thinking. It was sculptures using anything found on a farm or recycled. What an imagination people had!

These are just a few of the amazing things people dreamed up



And I loved this cow!



There was also a market selling everything from candles to corrugated iron sculptures

Yummy fudge, Ice-cream with real fruit, chocolates, jams & spreads. So much to taste & they all had samples ☺

They also had a fantastic vintage car display. Here are just a few



Then it was Saturday night & happy hour which lasted several hours around the bonfire. Thanks to the guys getting it ready.

Toasting marshmallows & hot chocolate or wine with great friends was a fun night.

When we first arrived, we knew a few of the people, by the time we left, we had loads of new friends. What a fantastic & fun weekend.



See you in 2019 – 6th April

Easter at the Beach 2018

Foxton

By Beverley Stoneley

Although the forecast weather wasn't great we had a fantastic turnout for the long weekend. We had lots of people come and go over the weekend, including a good number of children.

The facilities at the school were great for a big group with the hall, toilets, kitchen and a shower being available. Sadly for 2 families a trip to A & E was required due to their young ladies falling off the playground and breaking arms. We hope they have made a full recovery from this.

Friday evening, we got the BBQs out and cooked as a group, sausages and bread with salads were enjoyed by the group for dinner.

Quite a few of us sat outside until fairly late enjoying the view of the moon rising through the clouds.

On the Saturday evening some of us went to the show at the Foxton Little Theatre. The show was really good. Congratulations to the cast and supporting crew on a very entertaining show.

Sunday saw most people off to the Easter Fair. As usual this was a great event raising funds for local charities. The range of stalls was extensive, with huge crowds attending.

We were very lucky to have been given a huge Snapper that Wayne baked for us in the school oven, with potatoes. Others supplied salads and we enjoyed a great shared meal. The leftover fish was made into patties the following day for happy hour.

Monday morning was pack up time. Thanks to all that helped with the clean-up of the kitchen, hall and bathrooms. This is always appreciated by the committee, as it's not the most fun part of the weekend.

We also saw what a great club this is with quite a bit of problem solving done over the weekend. People always prepared to have a look at a problem with vehicles, and either solve the problem, or at least get the vehicle mobile enough to get it to a professional.



This includes but isn't limited to; Alternators, Starters, Fuel pumps, iDRIVE throttle enhancers, Automotive Sensors (Oxygen, Crank, Cam etc), Hard parts, Distributors, coils, Off-road recovery Gear (HULK brand), Diagnostic assistance (Vehicle scanning)

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South Island meet and greet Queens Birthday weekend.

Jo and I spent Thursday night at Ngati Toa Domain just North of Wellington ready for an early start to catch the Bluebridge Ferry South Friday morning. Up at 5am only to receive a txt from Bluebridge saying the sailing was going to be delayed 2 and a half hours. At least it was still sailing. We finally arrived in Picton at 1.30pm, got fresh supplies and headed to Kaikoura for fuel. Lots of road works but the road is open and not a bad drive even in our new house bus.

South of Kaikoura we turned inland for Culverden and The Balmoral Reserve. For us North Islanders it was a bit chilly! I believe that the whole country had a cold snap or worse for the start of Winter. We arrived at the campsite at about 8pm to a very warm welcome and roaring fire courtesy of Wayne and Lindy. I was a little disappointed with the turnout for the first South Island event. As it happened we had a couple of foundation members camped just down from us and four including a CSC testing officer arrived for a visit and chat on Saturday. Another member from Canterbury arrived Sunday for coffee and biscuits, he brought the biscuits.



A mid-sized camper got stuck in soft ground in the lower park so all hands and a 4x4 got that out. A great way to meet fellow campers.

We had the opportunity to talk to many of the campers there and promote All Points Camping and hand out brochures. It appears that APCNZ is not well known in the South Island, something we need to address.

Talking with those that did attend it seems very likely that this will be the first of many APCNZ South Island camps. Already a number of venues have been discussed for the warmer summer months. Roll on summer it's a bit chilly for us northerners down here.

After departing Balmoral Jo and I headed further south to Ashburton to see family then North again meeting Club members and CSC testing officers along the way. Being able to put faces to names and meet new friends and fellow campers both at the Balmoral camp and while traveling has made the entire trip worthwhile and very memorable. I would like to express my gratitude to the team from Christchurch for organizing this camp and creating the starting point for many more such camps.

Wayne Ravelich
Vice President APCNZ

Discover NET Review

As you will be aware APCNZ has a discount deal with Discover Net Mobile Broadband. Since Jo and I were traveling to the South Island meet and greet camp then further down to Ashburton then up to Nelson before heading home to Levin we thought what a great opportunity to see just how good this broadband works.

The Discover NET modem plugs into a 12V DC cigarette socket, job done. There is an option for

external aerials for the more remote locations. As we were traveling on main highways this trip we only used the modem but will add the 2-aerial option for the future as we will be more off the beaten track. We found that we lost internet on the phone reception a couple of times but still had Discover NET internet even without the external aerials. With the addition of a Chromecast to the bus TV we could watch our favourite series on Netflix while having dinner.

Discover NET has several data and plan options, including month to month so you can just be connected while you are on holiday. Check out the link on the APCNZ web page for more details.

Over all we are very happy with this system. The data cost is very reasonable for mobile broadband. We will be putting this in the bus permanently when we get home.

Wayne Ravelich, Vice President

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APCNZ carries liability insurance and support to help members host events NZ wide.

Would you like to help host events in your region?

We also promote at no cost other organisations inclusive camping events.

We are so busy working through club changes from the AGM that we have not yet got all events finalised for the 2018 /19 season. Here's what we know so far.

Don't forget to write these events in your calendar

New Zealand Shake Out

18 October 2018

New Zealand ShakeOut, our national earthquake drill and tsunami hikoi, is taking place on Thursday 18 October 2018 at 9:30 am. As a camping organisation we have a role to play in educating others. Earthquake readiness, in fact any kind of natural disaster is worth preparing for. We will have more information in our September magazine. For more information go to www.shakeout.govt.nz

Labour Weekend

20 -22 October 2018

We have no events planned for this weekend yet and would like to do something a bit different. If you would like to help us set up a Spring Festival weekend we would love to hear from you. Family and fun is what it's about.

Steampunk the Thames 9th-11th

November 2018

Last year we hosted a camp at Thames South School. For 2018 we will be back there again from the 9th to 11th of November. Steampunk is amazing fun. If you are interested in building a Victorian style, Steampunk caravan please let us know.

Nelson Rotary Motorhome Show 17

November 2018

At Tahuna Beach Kiwi Holiday Park we plan on having a fun weekend. There is plenty of room for lots of campers for the weekend and we are really looking forward to this.

APCNZ's 3rd Birthday New Year 31

December 2018 – 4 January 2019

Every year at New Year we celebrate the club's birthday. Ferry Reserve near Woodville was a fantastic venue last time and for next summer perhaps somewhere with safe water, sun and basic facilities. Ideas are welcome.

Waikato Balloon Festival

20 – 24 March 2019

We have a venue for this event and plan to make it a weekend to remember. Hope to see you there.

Kimbolton Sculpture Festival Camp

5 -7 April 2019

Mark the weekend of the 6th April 2019 in your calendar. The 2018 sculpture was so successful we will be back, camping, at the festival in April 2019. Join us on the Friday and enjoy a fun and music filled day with the festival on Saturday. There will be stalls of all kinds and children's activities

For more information about the festival or to enter the rural sculpture competition please check out the festival website at www.ruralart.nz

Easter at the Beach

19th April 2019

Our inclusive Easter at the Beach was so successful in Foxton for 2018 we are looking at running this again in 2019. We may choose a different venue for 2019. Lets go North and South. Our requirements are a school, sportsground, reserve or campground with good facilities. Hall and kitchen a bonus.

Foxton Beach School received a \$700.00 contribution from the club this year and we love supporting a good cause.

North Island or South Island?

We plan to host inclusive events around the country this Summer. This means you don't have to have a certified self contained vehicle to join us. We want to encourage as many people / families as possible to go camping and develop skills that may help them in an emergency.

More information on these events will be supplied in the September magazine

or you can check out www.allpointscampingnz.org

or search for [All Points Camping](#) on Facebook

All Points Camping A.G.M

at Himatangi Beach Holiday Park

By Lyn Navin

The A.G.M for All points Camping was Held at the lovely Himatangi Beach Holiday Park on the 12th May 2018. Although the weather was at times a lot to be desired many members attended and enjoyed the weekend camp.

The A.G.M was long, with the meeting starting with the minutes of the last meeting and then the election of a new committee. Re-elected were Gary Stoneley as President, Wayne Ravelich as Vice President, Ross Bennett as Treasurer and Beverley Stoneley as Secretary and 7 new committee members elected.

During the Meeting a lot of time was taken up with the new constitution being sorted. Now this has been done and sorted and the club has since become an incorporated society.



After the meeting we had a pot luck dinner which most members attended and enjoyed. Over the compulsory convivial drinks and many tales told and thus ensuring many lively discussions had.

Many members took advantage of the short stroll to the beach or the local café. The Stoneley's were lucky enough to see a seal on the beach with their granddaughters.

On Sunday, before we all departed, there was a short discussion on self-containment for those who were interested.

The Himatangi Beach Holiday Park is a beautiful place to camp with wonderful clean facilities and very friendly owners.



Due to privacy requirements a member only area on the club website has been set up. This includes a member contact lists which members must elect to be listed on (privacy act applies).

Subscriptions have been raised to \$30.00 yearly. This was passed unanimously. This includes the 2-year Kiwi Holiday Parks Card which the club purchases for all members.

The self-containment arm of the club has been moved to NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd. APCNZ members will continue to get a preferential rate for the final processing and documentation at \$15.00 from 1 July.

Suggestions to follow up: Compiling a list of summer events, supporting club members, proxy votes for future AGMs, format, location and date of 2019 AGM, developing camping etiquette resources in multiple languages. Engaging volunteers to help organise family / youth focused camps.

APCNZ MEMBERS – Important Notice

Subs – From 1 July APCNZ member subscriptions increase from \$25.00 to \$30.00 annually.

Renew your subscription by 31 July by payment to APCNZ BNZ Ac 02-0628-0076115-83 ref name and member number and pay only \$25.00.

Go to www.allpointscampingnz.org.apcnzmembers to access the member only pages and list on our private member contact register for events and activities.

Meet Your Team

PRESIDENT - Gary Stoneley **THE SECRETARY - Beverly Stoneley**

Gary and Beverley Stoneley have enjoyed caravanning and camping and making many friends around NZ over the past 25 years. They are both passionate about seeing all NZ campers get a fair deal and in their spare time manage base camp for the All Points Camping Club of NZ and its self-containment partner NZ Lifestyle Camping. Gary and Beverley have 4 adult children and are proud to have their roots in Manawatu, rural NZ.



VICE PRESIDENT - Wayne Ravelich

I'm Wayne Ravelich and have been camping since I was a child in the 60s. Mainly in tents hunting and fishing and the North Island then on many motorbike trips for a couple of decades exploring our country. When married with kids of our own the 3 room Great Outdoors tent provided many holidays. I progressed to a 4x4 camper van then a pop top trailer (pictured on the cover of the first issue), now we have a house bus being a work in progress before we hit the road full time. I am proud to be in my second term as Vice President of a great camping Organization/ Club. I hope to be able to promote and help grow this club as I strongly believe in the club and the future of responsible camping in New Zealand for future generations.



TREASURER - Ross Bennett **COMMITTEE – Lyn Navin**

We have been with All points Camping for the last 3 years and we are proud to be part of this great organisation. We both have grown up families. We recently upgraded from a trailer tent to a caravan and now that Ross has retired from work, we hope to travel and see more of this great country of ours.



We also have a wee dog (Tammy) who loves to go camping with us. This is Ross's 2nd term as Treasurer for the Club and we love being able to promote a club that promotes camping for all.

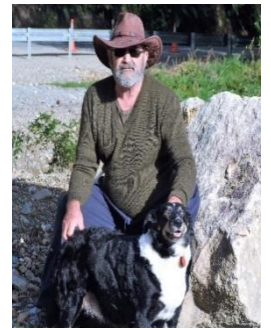
COMMITTEE – Jo Hocking

I'm Jo Hocking partner of Wayne Ravelich (Vice President) of all points camping and mother of 2 girls and 1 grandson. I love to camp and fish and just get out there as a child we had a caravan and would spend all our holidays away camping and enjoying the great outdoors. I have met some wonderful people while away camping & am looking forward to becoming more involved with our club.



COMMITTEE – Wayne Searle

I'm Wayne, live in Christchurch, now retired and travel a lot. I belong to some Army Organizations and am involved with organizing a reunion to be held in Waiouru. My other background is Cooking, running the Hospitality venues at a Major Golf Course and as Chef/Manager of the Kitchens at an International Airport. Why am I involved with All Points camping? I like the ethics and goals, I enjoy travelling but I do not overly enjoy the regimentation I see in some organizations, as an adjunct, my cousin Colinette we share a house here, she is as involved as myself with any functions we perform for APC, in this respect we are a team, cheers



COMMITTEE – Murray Brown

I'm Murray (Muzz). I was co-opted on to the APC committee in 2017. My partner Diane (Di) and I own and operate Motueka Vehicle Testing Station in Motueka, Tasman Bay. I was appointed last year to check and certify CSC vehicles. We have been extremely busy over the past summer months doing every type of vehicle. We absolutely love helping overseas tourists and local travellers alike. Di has sat her self-containment compliance for CSC and passed with flying colours. Di and I are both locals. Born and bred. We think we live in the best part of the country. So, if any of you APC members are in town. Pop in and see us. We don't bite. My hobbies are muscle cars (proud owner of a mint 1977 Pontiac Trans Am). Caravanning, Naturism, E-Biking and just doing our own thing.



COMMITTEE - Vicki Holden

I'm Vicki and am pleased to be on the All Points Camping Committee and I am your local representative for the Northland Area. My Husband Rex and I like to travel and enjoy meet new people.



I enjoy getting out in our motor home and doing scrapbooking in my spare time. I look forward to meeting you at one of our All Points Camps

COMMITTEE - Bronny Milne

The kids have flown the coop, now I have the freedom to pursue my love for being on the road and seeing our beautiful country. So far this has involved a stint on a gypsy fair in a 1970s caravan with peace signs and flowers etc all over it, then progressed to a Nissan Civilian 7m bus which we toured the South Island in, and at present a Jayco Sterling Caravan.



I am pleased to be on the committee for All Points Camping to help wherever I can. I am very passionate about Freedom

Camping Rights for all and am currently lobbying for public involvement in the "Working Party" to get our voices heard. Watch this space 101.....

I look forward to writing articles on our travels and researching interest articles to go in the newsletter and magazine.

COMMITTEE – Charles Edwards

I joined APC approx. 18 months ago and when we had to move out of our house we toured around the country in a pop-up camper and to the AGM where I volunteered to edit the newsletter which



has now turned into this magazine. I am passionate about fair play for all people and feel we are very over regulated in many of our day to day activities. Freedom to camp in most places must be preserved but we, as a club, must encourage responsibility to not making a mess and therefore encountering more regulations. My interests are Theatre, Sailing, Beach combing, Naturism, relaxing with my wife Eileen, and travelling around New Zealand.

COMMITTEE – Alex Hastie Parks and Reserve Advisor

-John Woodhead Self Containment support

The constitution for the All Points Camping Club of New Zealand Incorporated was accepted by the Companies Office on 7 June 2018. The constitution can be accessed via the Companies Office website or club members can access it at www.allpointscampingnz.org/apcnzmembers

The following is a brief overview of a few key parts of the new constitution.

Rules 1,2 – Name and business.

Rule 3 - Objects – Promotion of the interests of the members and other individuals and families in relation to camping in NZ.

Rule 4 - Interpretation (key words e.g. membership unit) Refer to appendix for a full listing.

Rule 5 - Membership

- All financial members of APCNZ as at 1 June 2018 are considered members of the Incorporated Society. If a member's subscription is overdue for 3 months after the due date they will need to reapply for membership.
- Any member who brings the club into disrepute may have their membership and privileges revoked.

Rule 6 - Committee. Allows for the appointment of Area Representatives

Rule 7 - Annual subscriptions are due annually on the anniversary of the joining date

Rule 8 - Funds can be applied in multiple ways to promote camping opportunities in NZ, borrowing restrictions etc.

Rule 9 - Meetings

Rule 10 - Voting by electronic means, show of hands and ballot allowed.

Rule 11- Social media. Behaviour on and management of online forums.

Rules 12, 13,14 Winding up, variation of rules etc.

To view or download a full copy of the constitution go to www.allpointscampingnz.org/apcnzmembers

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www.mirandaholidaypark.co.nz



Flat Hills Café and Tourist Park

Situated on State Highway One in the Northern Rangitikei this is a main café /break stop for buses heading North and South. The rustic café has a huge range of food and beverage option and a large farm themed outdoor activity area for families and group. There is also a maze for those who often find themselves lost. Nestled under the hills the Tourist Park has cabins and camp sites. If heading south and with time on your hands, we recommend turning east off the main highway and heading through northern Manawatu. This will take you through the beautiful countryside with the most amazing views.

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



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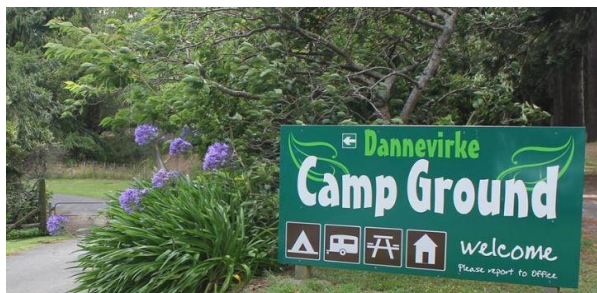
Himatangi Beach

Holiday Park

Winner of multiple hospitality awards this camp situated on the west coast of the North island is only 90 minutes from Wellington on a good day. The flat beach goes for miles and it is great place to go surfcasting or take the Kontiki too.

Another family friendly camp that just keeps getting better.

www.himatangi-beach-holiday-park.co.nz



Dannevirke Holiday Park

Situated in a quiet tree lined reserve within walking distance of the Dannevirke town centre this is a fantastic place to relax.

It is a great place to shelter when winds are strong and there is heated pool just next door. Dannevirke is steeped in Scandinavian history from the first settlers who came to fell the large swathes of Totara. <http://www.dannevirkeholidaypark.co.nz/>

Remember to tell the camps you are an APCNZ member and show your membership card if asked.



NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd - Self Containment Issuing Authority

The All Points Camping Club has partnered with NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd (NZLC) to help develop a fair and sustainable camping industry in NZ.

NZ Lifestyle Camping Ltd has taken over the self-containment arm of the club and will be developing an improved support program for self-containment testing officers throughout NZ and provide fairer access to certified self-containment by NZ campers.

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?
Pop Top Camper, Slide on or rooftop camper?

If your vehicle meets the requirements we will certify it.
Each vehicle and conversion is considered individually.

We do not have a vehicle exclusion list

- But you must have sufficient room to adequately use the toilet inside the vehicle 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 charges \$30.00 processing fee. The testing officer may / will charge you for their service and any materials they need to make your vehicle comply.
- Or join APCNZ with a combined fee for self-containment and membership benefits of \$45.00 from 1 July 2018.

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

- Our network of qualified testing officers is continually growing. The 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.



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

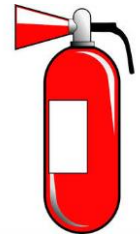
We are seeking individuals or business operators with trade related skills who are interested in becoming in becoming a self-containment testing officer. If you can follow and apply a legal standard you should find this easy. In many cases this will compliment an existing business.

Email admin@nzlifestylecamping.com

HINTS FOR CAMPING

Here are a few hints that members have put in for camping that you might find useful:

1. Save all important documents to a USB stick for safe keeping
2. Pack of playing cards
3. Instead of bags of ice use ice-cream containers from Chilly bins they last longer
4. Solar fairy lights on the guy ropes to mark their position at night. Also, solar garden lights to mark the stake positions.
5. A Torch, full gas bottle and a basic first aid kit.
6. Ropes and string
7. Fire extinguisher
8. Carry two toilet cassettes
9. Note Pad and pen
10. Make a note of everything you need or have run out of or anything that needs attention before next outing... really helpful
11. Don't use a garden hose to fill the drinking water, Use a food grade hose. Bunnings sell a blue hose that's suitable
12. Small tool box of tools
13. A box of Matches in a water proof container



These are just a few useful tips and if you have any others please share them for the next edition.



Phillip at Tackle Tactics could be considered a fishing expert. "NZ's leading supplier of quality Surfcasting & Fishing gear." Check out their website and mail order store.

<http://www.tackletactics.co.nz/> or pop into their store in Foxton. Anything you need for Fishing - Phillip Kettle is the man to ask.

THE JONESES ADVENTURES & SHENANIGANS

By Bronny Milne

I was asked to write a blog on our recent journey and include the highs and lows of it all so let me introduce the characters (and they are all characters for sure), in this true story using their nicknames.

First there is us, Mr and Mrs Jones, and our little dog Muss, then our good friend and fellow traveller, Mr Brown. Now Mr Jones and Mr Brown have a liking of winding each other up as you will see further on.

Then there is Mr Freedomville and his dog Mo, Susan, Mr and Mrs Cardean and their little dog Turbo, all who now live on the road fulltime.

Then we met up with Santa and Peggy Bundy who, like us and Mr Brown aren't living full time on the road but enjoy plenty of excursions around New Zealand as time permits.

We set off on a one-week trip in our new caravan and tow wagon for a recky to sort out anything that needed fixing or changing.....arriving home six weeks later.

Our Journey started, at Hawkes Bay Naturist Club, where we park the caravan on our site there. We noticed we were low on power and the solar panels didn't seem to be charging well. "Never mind, muddle on we said. "Mr Jones decided I needed a little car for running around home so off to Napier we went, and Mr Jones bought a little Suzuki Swift, (love this car). Mr Brown text us asking where we were and said he was at Clifton Road Reserve out of

Napier, so we decided to join him there.

In the afternoon, Mr Jones waited till Mr Brown was inside his camper on the phone to someone, when he threw half a bag of bread on his camper roof which saw the seagulls arrive in hoards to devour, what a racket they made. Mr Brown was not amused and came running out of his camper to check what the hell the noise was.



Anyway, karma got us back when the next morning, the BMW SUV Mr Jones bought with the caravan, wouldn't start, dead as a doornail. It seems the system of the power back feeds into the SUV if you leave the trailer lights plugged in. Who would have guessed.

So, after grovelling to Mr Brown for his jumper leads, because Mr Jones forgot to put his in, they set about looking for the beamer battery to no avail, so a quick search on google found it (Mr Jones swore he would never use google because he wouldn't need it, having old school skills) we used the little Suzuki and started her up. Right, that's the beamer going again but of course this had wiped out all our power in caravan too.



A small amount of charge went in as we drove on to our next stop which was the Erikson NZMCA camp in Meeanee so that Mr Jones and Mr Brown could go to speedway with friends. I stayed at the caravan babysitting the dog and reading magazines by torchlight when the solar run out.

Our next stop along the way was Tikokino freedom camping spot for one night and then on to Waipukurau to buy a generator (which Mr Jones swore he would never buy or need). Oh, how much humble pie can one eat on this journey!

From Waipukurau we moved on to Anzac Park, Norsewood, for a couple of days, where the generator was used to top up the batteries.

By this stage we decided we may as well stay on the road until the AGM for ALL POINTS CAMPING which was coming up in Himatangi, and we couldn't take the caravan home as Mr Jones didn't reckon it would fit up our driveway.

Our next stop was a couple of days at Ferry Reserve just out of Woodville. Then over the saddle we went and travelled through to Timona Park, Feilding where we were joined by Susan, Mr and Mrs Cardean and their little dog Turbo, and Mr Freedomville and his dog Mo, all fulltime on the road. campers.

Three days there and we all decided to travel in convoy to Almadale Reserve, just out of Feilding.

Once set up we lit a fire and toasted marshmallows.



Next day we all travelled to Bartletts Ford, just North of Kimbolton for a few days while we waited to go to Kimbolton sculpture festival with APC. What a fantastic freedom camping site. Again, a fire was lit in one of the fire pits there. No marshmallows this time but Mr Jones decided to be a responsible camper and picked up a plastic bag of rubbish someone had left and threw it on the fire without checking inside it. Two small gas canisters exploded causing quite a fright all round. These fires are becoming a theme of this journey.

After three awesome days there we arrived at the farmers paddock for the All Points Camping camp for the Kimbolton Sculpture Festival. Mr Jones and Mr Brown put up the flags for APC and we asked the farmer if we could light a fire, he agreed and dropped some wood to us the next morning. Many campers, tents, caravans, buses and even a house truck joined us for a fantastic weekend.

Mr Jones and Mr Brown were up to their usual antics chasing each other around with a shovel with cow dung on. And there was the photo taken of Mr Jones practicing self-containment in a see-through toilet tent and porta potty.

From there our convoy headed back to Timona Park and were joined by Santa and Peggy Bundy in their camper who got stuck trying to park. Mr Jones unhooked the beamer and towed them out and they parked closer to us.

From here Mr Brown went home for a few days, Mr and Mrs Cardean stayed on in Feilding; Mr Freedomville headed north, and Susan headed to Levin.

We met up with Santa and Peggy Bundy at Foxton Beach and stayed a



couple of nights there, then they had to go to New Plymouth.

Back to just us, we then stayed a couple of nights at the Foxton Boat ramp, watching people fishing, then we headed to the dump station opposite the Mobil at the Foxton Squash Club Grounds and were joined later that day by Mr Brown.

Mr Jones had the idea of giving Mr Brown a 'parking infringement notice'. This was handwritten by him and placed under Mr Browns



windscreen wiper, stating he must pay a \$200 parking infringement fee to the caravan next to him or risk his tyres being let down. We all saw the humour in this but didn't expect the uproar it caused when Mr Brown posted it on Facebook. People took it seriously recommending he call the police etc.

Our next stop on the journey was Tangimoana by the boat ramp, where we joined up with Santa and Peggy Bundy again too. Mr Jones found some concrete and made a fire surround out of it and we had a fire going there for the three days we were there. Our friend Ewok, a house truck friend of ours came to the rescue and sorted the wiring on the caravan after i was sent to pick up a smart charger at Repco in Feilding. Full solar and battery power restored at last. Then it was off to Himatangi for APC AGM for the weekend, shared with great company as always.

After this weekend came to an end it was sad to leave our new friends Peggy Bundy and Santa as we finally headed home back to Dannevegas with no more issues.

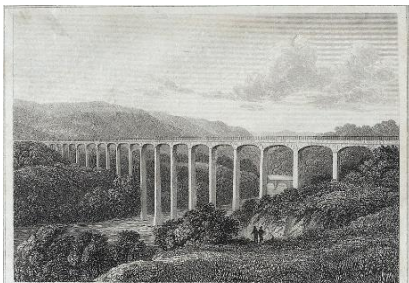
I would like to thank Mr Brown and Santa for continually giving Mr Jones plenty of great banter along the way and Peggy Bundy for a great friendship formed.

Great trip with many laughs, new and old friends combined, a few pranks and a couple of mishaps along the way. After all, that's how the best journeys go isn't it catch you on the next trip.

Something a little different.

Motor homing with a difference!

If you have the opportunity to travel to Britain try the canals for a very relaxing holiday. Travelling along at approx. 5kms an hour you experience life in the slow lane. But as with, roads with pot holes, canals can have sandbars so one does have to be careful. Driving a 60ft narrow boat takes a little planning as one can not turn around for many a mile and you may need to send your partner ahead to see if the one way bridges are free to go through or even traversing The **Pontcysyllte Aqueduct** on the [Llangollen Canal](#) across the [River Dee](#) in north east [Wales](#) can be a challenge as you look down to the river 40 metres below you



The bridge is 336 yd (307 m) long, 12 ft (3.7 m) wide and 5 ft 3 in (1.60 m) deep.^[6] It consists of a [cast iron](#) trough supported 126 ft (38 m) above the river on iron arched ribs carried on eighteen hollow masonry piers (pillars). Each of the 18 spans is 53 ft (16 m) wide.



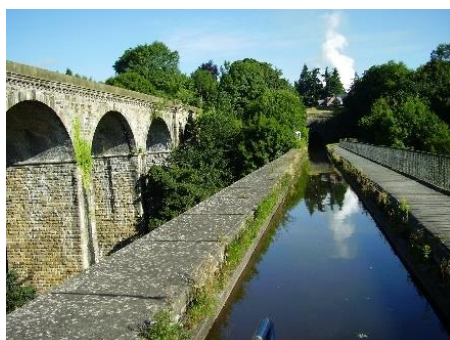
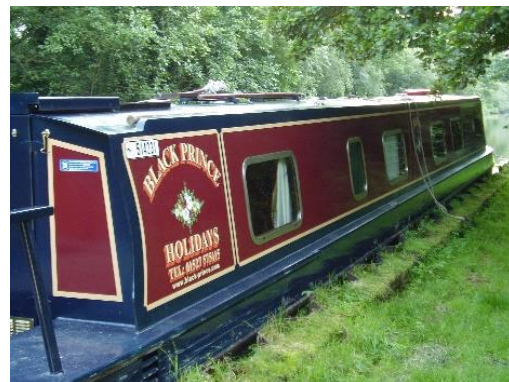
The trough sides rise only about 6 inches (15 cm) above the water level, less than the depth of freeboard of an empty narrow boat, so the helmsman of the boat has no visual protection from the impression of being at the edge of an abyss.

We started off at Chirk Marina in Wrexham Wales by picking up our home for next few days (a 16-metre narrow boat). We had a five-minute tuition on

how to drive this monster as we left the marina and the tutor left us to tackle the Llangollen canal, weaving through the awesome welsh countryside, through tunnels under lift up bridges, and across the Pontcysyllte aqueduct floating 40 metres above the River Dee. Wow what great engineers they had 200 years ago!



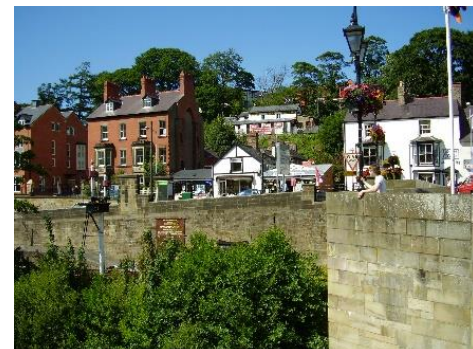
As we crossed the aqueduct some walkers offered to take a photo of us driving across and as the pace was less than a brisk walk (in the days before selfie sticks! 😊) it was a great capture.



Beginning of the Chirk Aqueduct



Halfway across



End of the line Llangollen

A Great holiday, just not long enough time. Allow as much time as you can afford to travel England, Wales and Scotland by canals at a slow pace, stop wherever, rest awhile, enjoy the local canal side pubs along the way.



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Toitū te whenua

Mission

To promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation.

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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