



All Points Bulletin March 2017

Around the Campfire

I hope everyone managed to have a great Summer and time to enjoy our fantastic country. I have just been spending a couple of days working around home catching up on tasks I didn't manage to get done over Summer. To be fair work did take a lot of my time and we did manage to have some great camping and family time, despite the weather. We can handle a bit of bad weather (it adds variety) but not being able to get away is frustrating as we chomp at the bit. In our household we suffer camping withdrawal after about two weeks.

On the All Points front it has been a very busy start to the year with four events organized, submissions put in to authorities as well as working on future developments for the club. Someone recently commented that nothing was happening but as a club the benefits come from the members being active, participating and contributing.

All Points Camping NZ is developing well as an inclusive camping club for all NZ campers, in particular supporting Kiwi families. Keeping things running smoothly can be very demanding and as the club continues to grow it will be the participation and support from members that will make it successful. A big 'thank you' to those who have supported the club to date and helped out. You make things so much easier.

Gary.

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New Year at Totara Reserve

We had a small group join with us at Totara Reserve for New Year and to celebrate our 1st Birthday. If you want to get away from city life and stay at a very well managed nature reserve, this is the place to go. Everyone else thought so as well but groups were well behaved.

It was interesting to see how organized some of the groups were, many with group signs and one with a bar.

We had been lent a good quality canvas tent for our friends and late Friday morning when I arrived the temperature was nudging 30 degrees. After setting up the caravan, awning and tent it was definitely time for a nice cold beer to recover. Having everything set up for when the others arrived did make for a relaxing evening.

It was a fantastic New Year camp and just as we were packing up to leave the rain came. The campers who stayed on made the most of it. At this stage we plan to run another New Year camp (2nd birthday) and may head back to the same spot again.

Camp prices were only \$12 for two adults non power and \$4 each extra person per night, with good facilities.



All Points Campng NZ is now in its 2nd year and things just keep getting better.

We believe sustainable and responsible camping is a right for all NZ'ers and we will work on your behalf to ensure this and bring you member benefits. Please support us by promoting All Points Camping and being a financial member. Standard membership is only \$10.00. www.allpointscampingnz.org

Whanganui Vintage Weekend

What a lovely venue Wanganui Intermediate was. Beautifully cut grass, kitchen, clean toilets and amazing showers. The fact that it was so close to town was a huge bonus, as many of the events for the Vintage weekend were within walking distance from the school.

The venue was also walking distance to supermarkets and fast food outlets.

It's a real shame the weather was so bad, but we had a few hardy souls staying with us. They ranged from a family in a large tent, a few caravans, a motorhome and a smaller tent. We met some lovely people over the weekend and I hope they enjoyed themselves.

We visited a couple of the weekend events, viewed the vintage cars in the Main Street, and then enjoyed the riverside markets on the Sunday. We also sampled some of the street music.



I also took advantage of some really great Op shop shopping with our daughter over the weekend, and found some amazing bargains. *Beverley Stoneley*

Ohakea Camp Out



Hornets

Joining All Points Camping for the first time we decided to attend the Ohakea Camp out with my Grandson Paul. Firstly we would like to thank the All Points Camping Group for a fantastic weekend and the organisation was excellent.

We arrived on the Friday we to be greeted warmly. After setting up we wandered over to Harrisville Speedway hall, where we confirmed our registration for the weekend which was followed by a happy hour/meet and greet with fellow campers, we were made to feel very welcome.

On the Saturday we wandered over to the Air show which was an easy stroll across the field. The Air Tattoo was brilliant. Even if you didn't purchase tickets and just came for the camp which was amazing. You didn't miss it as the Planes

as they flew right over head. The Saturday night we again wandered over to Harrisville Speedway hall for a happy hour after which the speedway provided us with a BBQ meal for a minimal charge. It was here my grandson Paul (12yrs) was made to feel very included with a lovely man offering to play a couple of games of 8 ball.

On the Sunday people wandered around chatting with other campers or wandering over to the air show. It was a lovely day for relaxing.

Firm friendships were made with phone numbers and contact being swapped. A lasting impression of a great camp was made and will remain in our memories forever.

Lyn Navin and Ross Bennett



Black Falcons



From the Team at All Points Camping:

We would like to thank everyone who made this weekend a success. A special thank you to Vicky and Rex who travelled down from Dargaville to help us out and Brent from Harrisville who has put so much passion and time into making the facility unique. We will be watching with interest as the venue develops and will be back – bigger and better.

Break Away Camp – (Totara Reserve)

Only four days after the Ohakea Camp we held our 1st Break Away camp at Totara Reserve, with a special invitation to families and friends of Downs syndrome youth. The weather was slightly overcast but settled for the weekend, despite a forecast of showers.

In hosting this camp we learnt a lot about adapting our activities and interacting with some fantastic children with specific needs. Several of the families that were intending to join us were unable to make it but the weekend was still very successful and has laid the foundation for future camps.

One of the intentions of this camp was to break down social barriers and the camping environment this proved a perfect situation for this. We will be looking for a team to help us start planning for the next Break Away camp. This will probably be the same time next year.



Following the camp we received this wonderful letter from one of the group.

Hi Gary, I just wanted to send a big thank you for making our weekend so special. Your dedication to organizing this weekend for families is really valued. Because it was organized and you stayed in contact with us we felt a bit more confident about our first tenting experience with our two children who have Down syndrome.

And then when we arrived, help came from you, your wife and others at the camp. Thanks so much for helping us put our tent up! And then you were so hospitable, playing with our kids, providing us with cups of tea and other stuff we had not thought to pack! What a pleasure this inclusive weekend was. One highlight for me was when our kids were zipped in their sleeping bags and heading

off to sleep, you and your wife pulled up a table and chairs, brought us tea and biscuits and joined us for a lovely evening. We don't get adult conversation very often....what a magnificent evening.

You had fun planned for the kids too: rock painting, swingball and general camping goofing off...it was so good to have others interested in our kids and keeping an eye out for them.

We met another family there with whom we have lots in common. We really look forward to seeing them again at another inclusive camp...so please, Gary, you have to do this again next year!

Thank you again for such a great experience at a beautiful, clean, organized, low cost facility. And we want to thank the other families who were there and even those who were not a part of your group. The kids were kind and included our kids in everything. A very happy weekend for our family. Well done.

Gretchen Good

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Members - With our summer events now over it is time to start to planning for future events.

If you have an idea for an event we can help you to host this.

Check out guidelines by clicking on the following link [All Points Camping Rally Guidelines](#) or email allpointsnz@gmail.com for more information.

The following is a list of proposed upcoming Events. Due to other commitments we are not holding an event for Easter 2017 but will hold an event at Easter (30 March) 2018.

- **[Taupo Music Festival](#)**. Hosted by NZ Motorhome Travel Group. Refer Advertisement on next page.
- **Top of the South 24 June 2017** – An opportunity for the Mainlanders to meet / Hanmer Springs? Nelson / Marlborough to be confirmed
- **The big freeze** – A winter camp for those who dare July / August / September

Events Continued

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- **Labour Day in the Bay, Labour Weekend .**
- **Steampunk the Thames 12 November 2017**
at Thames South School.

Join us for a fun weekend as Thames turns up the heat for the national Steampunk weekend.

- Xmas Campover
- **New Year / 2nd Birthday celebration**
- **Whanganui Vintage Weekend 20 January, 2018**
- **Break Away Camp 2018 (Feb / Mar)**



WHY NOT GET A GROUP TOGETHER and ORGANISE YOUR OWN EVENT.
Contact us for the support to do this. It just takes an opportunity and a little planning.

Taupo Music Festival Weekend is pet and tent friendly.

TAUPO MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND 29th April 2017

We had such a great time at our first Music Festival held at labour weekend, along with good feed back from customers and bands that we are going to hold another Taupo Music Festival on the 29th April so all can come and enjoy.

This will be warmer and bigger than our last festival with a new lay out of the venue.



For more information go to <http://nzmtg.co.nz/music-festivals/>

If you are heading through Marlborough why not check out the new 'Kiwi Camp' facilities block at Riverlands Road House <http://www.riverlandsroadhouse.co.nz> . Our congratulations go to Chris Wagner and his design for high tech low cost facilities. This has to be an option seriously considered by Local Authorities. To read the full article go to <http://www.stuff.co.nz/business/better-business/87297702/high-tech-ablution-block-stops-freeloading-by-freedom-campers>

Have you traveled the inland Kaikoura route yet?



We put have together this online interactive map for NZ and overseas tourists to make things a little bit easier. Setting something up like this for any district, or a special interest group or organisation doesn't take a lot of work. It's also very easy to make changes.

Check out the map at <https://www.nz-camp.site/travel-inland-kaikoura> . Contact Gary for more information on this.

Where to Go. Murchison - Nelson Lakes - Kaikoura

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JOURNEY TIMES
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Route	Estimated Journey Time	Distance
SH1 Pictou to SH10 Blenheim	25mins	28km
SH6 Blenheim to SH63 St Arnaud	1hr 25mins	103km
SH63 St Arnaud to SH6 Murchison	30mins	36km
SH6 Murchison to SH65 Savings Junction	1hr 7mins	83km
SH65 Savings Junction to SH7	1hr 5mins	84km
Häpner Tunnel		
SH7 Häpner Tunnel to SH10 Culverden	20mins	27km
SH7 Culverden to SH1 Waipara	30mins	42km
SH1 Waipara to Christchurch CBD	1hr 5mins	95km
Pictou to Christchurch	1hr 30mins	478km

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- ROAD OPEN
- ROAD OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS (See website for information)
- ROAD CLOSED
- MAIN HIGHWAYS OPEN

AMENITIES

- Information site
- State Highway Rest Areas
- Mobile Coverage
- Black Spots
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Food

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Palmerston North 59
Wellington 47
Nelson 17
New Zealand 42
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Queenstown 38
Dunedin 24
Invercargill 17

NZTA MAP

Click for latest Road Information

New Zealanders' right to Freedom Camp – the fight continues.

Writing the All Points Camping submission on for the proposed changes to the Certified Self Containment Standard for Motorhomes and Caravans was quite a challenge. This was considered an important submission to make at the principal party proposing the changes had publicly stated their intention to make freedom camping available only to Certified Self Contained vehicles. 'Raising the bar' would only see more NZ families and active campers excluded from freedom camping. The proposed amended standard is an attempt to circumvent the Freedom Camping Act.

While some councils are currently being proactive at developing positive solutions to camping issues, others such as Whangarei District Council have misused unrelated bylaws to also circumvent the Freedom Camping Act. In Whangarei's case erroneously quoting parts of unrelated Acts to try and validate their actions in excluding all tents from freedom camping anywhere in Whangarei District, this in itself breaching the intent of the Freedom Camping Act.

The All Points Camping Submissions can be found on the facebook group page under files along with relevant documentation or the CSC Standard submission at http://media.wix.com/ugd/4d565f_f21aa8bc822a48caaeabeaa84e5a7beb.pdf

All Points Camping NZ will continue to engage with and challenge those organisations that try to limit NZ families rights to camp responsibly and sustainably.



Member Benefits

As the All Points Camping Club grows we will continue to work with suppliers who support NZ campers. We encourage our members to support these businesses who in turn will support us. Please advise them that you are an All Points Camping member but do not always discounts from them. Our suppliers will usually give you the best deal they can.

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At the Whanganui Vintage Weekend camp two of our older members camped with us in an Oztent similar to the one in the image. Seeing how easily the tent was assembled and taken down was impressive. We had some pretty shocking weather that weekend and the Oztent handled it all and stayed bone dry inside. These are definitely worth checking out. If you are looking at a quality tent we seriously recommend contacting Darryl at Heatrite for more information.

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