



Photo: Taken outside Berlin's Cafe, Buller Gorge



# *All Points Bulletin September 2017*

## *Around the Campfire*

Well it's official. Winter is now over. The few weeks since our very successful club AGM at Himatangi seem to have gone super fast. I'm a summer person and as we head into Spring I'm looking forward to the sunshine and opportunities to get away for the weekends more and relax.

Our membership has grown rapidly over the past couple of months with more than 1800 group members and 130 financial members. Our membership is very diverse including families, visitors to NZ, adventure campers and some retired and living on the road. Diversity is great! No matter what mode of camping you do, or even if you just wish you could, we welcome you to our club.

We have recently come under fire from a few people for taking onboard the role of 'self containment issuing authority'. Since doing so I am pleased to say that we have helped just on 40 individuals find a friendly testing officer and get their vehicles certified. In the process we have made life easier for them, so that they feel more welcome, when camping in some of our local authority areas. We are getting a lot of positive feedback for our friendly approach which is fantastic.

We are working hard to provide the best support we can for NZ family campers. Your support of our club is important in this and you can help by sharing our posts and articles, telling friends and / or handing out flyers at events.

We are still working on our events schedule for the coming summer but it's looking pretty exciting. **Any events hosted by All Points Camping are at family friendly prices and we don't charge for children under 16.** We would love to catch up with you at some events over the summer. If you have an idea for an inclusive camping event or would like to host your own around NZ we are here to help you do that.

Gary Stoneley, Club President.

## **Welcome to your newsletter.**

*We hope you enjoy all the info that we bring to you, some of which you may have seen on our facebook page and some of which you won't. Support our advertisers and support their companies so together we can build a better camping lifestyle for all New Zealand present and future generations.*

*We love to hear your stories and your adventures, where the best places to camp are, where not to go. Whatever may tickle your fancy, so please feel free to send in your own stories and photos regarding camping New Zealand style. just send your notes, photos, etc to [editor.allpointsnz@gmail.com](mailto:editor.allpointsnz@gmail.com) they do not have to be in perfect english - we can sort that out for you!*

*Keep it light hearted and free from politics etc. we hope to evolve this newsletter for all campers of all ages*

Charles Edwards, Editor

## **Trip South to the AGM**

My wife, Eileen and I left Te Kawa, in the Waikato, on the Thursday to start a getaway weekend after a stressful 6 weeks of moving house. We had our pop up Sprite camper in tow and we were a little apprehensive, as the weather report was for some storms etc. I mean, who in their right mind, goes camping in the middle of winter with only canvas sides?

We broke our journey in Stratford, at the Kiwi Holiday Park in the centre of town, and as we had had to go through diversions and flooding decided to not use the camper but stayed in one of their newly renovated units. A great camp, with great hosts and good pricing, also handy to restaurants etc.

We arrived at Himatangi Beach Holiday Park and were offered a choice of vacant spots and as bad weather was forecast we decided to camp tucked alongside a permanent. Set up our camper and had a look around the camp which has fantastic facilities, Games room and Events lounge, even piped music in the loos!

We met some APC members for happy hour (apologies - terrible with names!!) very welcoming.

The bad weather was not so bad, wind wise, but did get a frost in the morning but as we are self contained (not certified- yet!) did not have to venture out too early, also thank goodness for power and heaters!!

On the Saturday we explored Palmerston North, (took about half an hour,) got some supplies etc and then attended the AGM and even volunteered to help out with the newsletter, as I believe many hands make light work. In the evening we had a great meal at the local RSA, great value - far too much food.

On the Sunday we had a cruisey day and walked on the beach, WOW aren't people lazy nowadays what with driving along the beach to their "spot"

We stayed at Himatangi Beach Saturday and Sunday, before proceeding across country to Napier on the Monday, ahead of the storm, to stay at another Kiwi Holiday Camp. Another story another time.

We would thoroughly recommend Himatangi Beach Holiday Park and suspect it gets pretty full in the warmer times, also The Stratford Kiwi Holiday Camp, they are certainly making some improvements and deserve our support. We hope to catch up with any members on our travels this summer. Happy Camping Hi Di Hi!!

*Charles Edwards*

## **AGM Meeting Summary**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> AGM for All Points Camping NZ was held at the Himatangi Beach Holiday Park on 29 July 2017 with a good attendance.

The following officers were elected:

President - Gary Stoneley

Vice President - Wayne Ravelich

Secretary - Beverley Stoneley

Treasurer - Lynn Navin & Ross Bennett

Newsletter Editor - Charles Edwards

After the election of officers, Gary presented Brendan Waters with Life membership and thanked him for his ongoing contribution to the club. Brendan spoke about his history with Camping. He has been camping since 1964, and has never owned a CSC vehicle.

He also spoke about his involvement with the keeping NZ, camping ground battles, and designing his camping app. [park-Sleep.com](http://park-Sleep.com) and Parking and Sleeping in New Zealand. How and where to sleep in New Zealand in your vehicle.

There have been over 500,000 views of the website in the past 12 months. This also includes Australia and Tasmania.

There was also considerable discussion in regards to CSC and responsible Camping. Bob Osborne handed out copies of the Responsible Camping survey for those attending the meeting to complete.

**Please complete the online survey - <https://solutions.org.nz/research/index.php/622191?lang=en>**

The fee APC will be charging for processing the applications was set at \$30 for non members, and \$10. 00 for APC members,. This is in addition to the fee the tester may charge.

We are interested in any inclusive camping events and are happy to promote these to the group and wider community. Don't forget that you are more than welcome to setup your own camping event.

We are planning to have a presence at the following events:

January- hoping to have Whanganui Intermediate again for the vintage weekend.

March - Down's syndrome camp to be run again.

The Wairarapa country music festival will again have tent sites available again.

We are also looking at many other events happening around the country.

*Beverley Stoneley*

### **Must Visit - Places from our travels.**

Berlin's Cafe in the Buller Gorge not only has amazing food and atmosphere but also provides camping for tents to motorhomes. It's somewhere you really must stop at if Travelling in the Tasman / West Coast area.



### **Membership - Fees and offers.**

From the AGM it was agreed that the annual membership fee would be \$25.00 per family, which is a realistic amount to cover costs and help meet the aims of the organisation and promotion costs for supporting NZ Campers. Included with this every member will automatically receive a 24 Month Kiwi Holiday Parks discount card. These will automatically be reissued every 24 months to financial members.

As a financial member of All Points Camping you will enjoy 24 months savings at Kiwi Holiday Parks around NZ as well as discounts on Bluebridge Ferry, Apollo and Ace rentals, tourist attractions and holiday parks across Australia. You can also get your vehicle and camper tested by one of our registered testing officers and we will only charge a \$10.00 processing fee (\$30.00 non members). Most testing officers charge for the test to cover their time and any costs. Please don't expect them to do this for free as they do have costs and other priorities. Their time and commitment must be valued and appreciated.

The club is supported by Star CamperCare Insurance and we encourage you to contact the team at CamperCare regarding Caravan and Motorhome Insurance.

We are continually working behind the scenes to get our members the best possible deals. We recommend when dealing with a new supplier to ask them what their best price is for an All Points Camping Member. We also recommend checking out the discounts you can get with your Kiwi Holiday Parks discount card on tourist attractions and also check on Bookme for savings.



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## Join Us at Whanganui

**Fri 29 September to Sun 1 October**  
Seaside Kiwi Holiday Park  
Castlecliff, Whanganui

### CLUB DEAL .

Everyone welcome.

\$25.00 per night with power up to 3  
adults.

<http://wanganuiholiday.co.nz/>



## Steampunk the Thames



**10 - 12 November 2017**  
at Thames South School.

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



**Camper Friendly Events. Register early. Bring your tent or camper.**

	<p><b>Fri 29 September to Sun 1 October</b>  <b>Seaside Kiwi Holiday Park</b>  <b>Castlecliff, Whanganui</b></p>	<p><b>CLUB DEAL</b> Everyone welcome.  <b>\$25.00 per night with power up to 3 adults.</b>  <a href="http://wanganuiholiday.co.nz/">http://wanganuiholiday.co.nz/</a> Contact the club if you would like to take advantage of this offer.</p>
	<p><b>2pm Sat 16 Sept - Coffee and Chat</b>  <b>Classic Events Motorhome and Leisure Show.</b> Mystery Creek, Hamilton</p>	<p>We will not be hosting a stand this year but will be there on the Saturday for a visit.  <b>General Entry Adult: \$15</b></p>
	<p><b>Fri 10 November to Sun 12 November</b>  <b>Steampunk the Thames</b>  <b>Staying at Thames South School.</b></p>	<p><b>CLUB EVENT - Family prices.</b> \$7.00 adults per night (16yrs +)  <a href="http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/steampunkthameswithapenz">http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/steampunkthameswithapenz</a></p>
	<p><b>Sat 30 December 17 to Tues 2 January</b>  <b>Celebrate New Year &amp; our 2nd Birthday.</b>  <b>Wherever you are have fun celebrating.</b></p>	<p>Venues are still to be finalised.</p>
	<p><b>Fri 12 January 18 to Sun 20 January 18</b>  <b>Wairarapa Country Music Festival</b>  <b>Tauherenikau Racecourse, Featherston</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.tauherenikau.co.nz/country-music-festival/">http://www.tauherenikau.co.nz/country-music-festival/</a></p>
	<p><b>Fri 19 January 18 to Mon 22 January 18</b>  <b>Whanganui Vintage Weekend Camp</b>  <b>at Whanganui Intermediate School</b></p>	<p>Family friendly prices. \$6.00 per adult member per night, children free With swimming pool, all weather court, hall and kitchen facilities.  <a href="http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/wanganui-vintage-weekend">http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/wanganui-vintage-weekend</a></p>
	<p><b>Fr 2 February to Sun 4 February</b>  <b>Taupo Music Festival</b>  <b>1760 Broadlands Road</b></p>	<p>Last years event was fantastic and we will again be joining with the Motorhome Travel Group for February's event. Tents welcome Find out more at <a href="http://nzmtg.co.nz/music-festivals/">http://nzmtg.co.nz/music-festivals/</a></p>

	<p><b>Fri 2 February to Sun 4 February</b>  <b>Egmont Country Music Festival</b>  <b>Clifton Rugby Sports Club, Tikorangi</b></p>	<p>A back to basics outdoor Country Music Festival  Find out more at <a href="http://www.egmontfestival.co.nz/">http://www.egmontfestival.co.nz/</a>  Take all gear / water / food etc for the weekend.</p>
	<p><b>Fri 16 February to Sun 16 February</b>  <b>Taranaki Country Music Festival</b>  <b>Waitara War Memorial Hall</b></p>	<p>Camping available at the school opposite  Find out more at <a href="http://taranakifestival.co.nz/">http://taranakifestival.co.nz/</a></p>
	<p><b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018</b>  <b>Just So Festival - Family Fun at</b>  <b>Kaitoke Regional Park, Upper Hutt.</b>  <b>Based on the highly successful UK</b>  <b>festival. Tents no charge.</b>  <b>RECOMMENDED EVENT - BOOK</b>  <b>EARLY</b></p>	<p>\$180 for an adult weekend camping ticket, and \$60 for a child's weekend camping ticket. Under 3's go free. For more information and tickets for Just So NZ 2018, visit – <a href="http://www.justsofestivalnz.org">www.justsofestivalnz.org</a>  Note; \$100 fee to park your campervan / caravan up for the weekend</p>
	<p><b>Thur 29 March 18 to Mon 2 Apr 18</b>  <b>Easter at the Beach</b>  <b>Foxton Beach School,</b></p>	<p>Family friendly prices \$7.00 adult members per night  Find out more at  <a href="http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/easter-at-the-beach">http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/easter-at-the-beach</a></p>

**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.

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

# Just So Festival

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sun 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 - Just So Festival - Kaitoke Regional Park, Upper Hutt.**

The critically acclaimed *Just So Festival* from the UK is coming to New Zealand in February 2018. The *Just So Festival* offers an array of literature, art, theatre, dance, music, comedy, circus, and creative adventures in a natural and safe setting. Underpinned by the Tribal Tournament, the most bonkers competition in the land, it takes audiences (from bumps to great grandparents) on a unique expedition of mischief and mayhem, to lands full of magical midnight feasts, curious creatures, raucous pillow fights, hidden retreats, top notch food and drink, boutique camping options and breathtaking beauty. As the founders of the festival, Sarah Bird and Rowan Hoban say, "If we don't give you goosebumps, we are not doing it right".

Now in its 8<sup>th</sup> year in the UK, and after a sell-out inaugural year in Brazil 2016, Just So Festival New Zealand is proud to take its own place in the stunning natural setting of Kaitoke Regional Park in Upper Hutt. Kaitoke Regional Park is one of only 16 parks in NZ this year to have won the prestigious International Green Flag Award, having also won it in 2013, as well as being recognised as NZ's Outstanding Park by the NZ Recreation Association; its tranquil atmosphere, with rivers you can swim in and a pristine natural rainforest, will leave the whole family relaxed and recharged.

The festival will be the only arts camping festival in New Zealand dedicated solely to children and their families. All of the performances and workshops will be accessible and interactive to all to ensure that families have the opportunity to engage together in creative ways and to just enjoy communing together as much as possible, in nature, away from the outside world.

Kaly Newman, the New Zealand Producer with an arts and events background, hails from the UK and took her own son to the UK festival in the first couple of years of its inception. Having lived in Wellington for the past three years and appreciating the kiwi outdoor lifestyle and love of creativity in the Capital, it became clear that the Just So Festival could bring much joy to families in New Zealand. She says, "*Just So Festival* is completely unique and my son and I created wonderful memories there. Now that he is a teenager, I fondly look back on that moment in time where we sung, danced, dressed up, and laughed together, enjoying the sunshine and nature and the joyous festival environment – it was the perfect way to spend our summers".

The Just So Festival NZ runs from the 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at Kaitoke Regional Park, Waterworks Road, SH2, Upper Hutt.

Tickets are \$180 for an adult weekend camping ticket, and \$60 for a child's weekend camping ticket. Under 3's go free.

For more information and tickets for Just So NZ 2018, visit – [www.justsofestivalnz.org](http://www.justsofestivalnz.org)



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## District and National Camping Issues

Leading into the elections there has been a lot of hype about freedom camping. We aren't going to get into politics here. We will wait until after the election when the grandstanding is over and we have some facts to work with before deciding what steps, if any, we should take.

Around the regions there are currently several districts that are reviewing their freedom camping bylaws. Whangarei and Dunedin appear to be moving towards a friendly, inclusive camping approach and recognising the diversity of NZ and international campers. Other districts including Taupo, Nelson, Taranaki and Tauranga are working to impose more restrictions including reducing the availability of overnight parks for motorhomes and caravans. Often it seems these changes are made without proper foresight and logic, being based more on media hype and emotive comments rather than facts.



Of particular concern is the move to park campervans dangerously close to each other. We must wonder about issues of public endangerment and if those making and enforcing these actions would be culpable and subject to prosecution in the case of injury damage.

Everyone of us can make submissions for or against proposed bylaw changes. Your submission may make a difference. Our fight will continue to be to ensure that NZ family and active campers can continue to enjoy camping throughout the country without being unfairly penalised. 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.

## Certified Self Containment

Our directory of Self Containment Testing Officers continues to grow. Information on self containment and our list of friendly testing agents can be found at <http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/get-certified>. On average we are getting 1 to 2 enquiries per day and this is expected to increase as we get closer to summer. There are still some areas in NZ where we do not have testing agents. Our self containment advisor is John Woodhead ph. 0274756108 (Taranaki). The scheme Administrator is Gary Stoneley 027 246 9778 (Manawatu). If you are thinking about becoming a CSC testing officer we would love to hear from you.

Occasionally a vehicle cannot be certified for self containment as it does not meet the requirements. In these cases we have to respect the testing officer's decision but we do work together as a team to resolve any differences of opinion.

Please support those businesses listed on our directory <http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/get-certified> that have come on board as testing agents and stepped up to make it fairer for NZ campers. We appreciate what these businesses have done and will be giving them some free promotion.

## Can you certify your trailer camper or ute based camper for self containment?

**Yes, if it meets all the requirements under NZS5465:2001.**

Trailer campers and slide-ons meet the definition of a caravan. However, the self containment standard has some specific requirements that have to be met. In particular from the latest review of the standard the toilet must be able to be used inside the vehicle by the occupants with the beds in place. Once this can be done a toilet tent may be used.

We have developed some easy to follow guidelines to help you meet the CSC requirements. Refer to the guidelines on our website or at [http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4d565f\\_9f9520760c1047e3982b8a7828cf073c.pdf](http://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/4d565f_9f9520760c1047e3982b8a7828cf073c.pdf)



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