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Editors Corner

By Daile McCarthy

Welcome to the New Look NZ Lifestyle Camping Magazine. My Name is Daile and I have taken on the responsibility of the editing duties of this great magazine. I am a new member to the club but have spent many happy days camping over the years. I have two little girls who I am keen to get hooked into camping and can't wait to show them this wonderful country of ours.

As this is my first issue there wont be too many changes as I find my way around how things work, but please know I am excited to take this project on and while I have my own ideas I would love to hear from you all in regards to what you would like to see and read about in your magazine. I am wanting to start a Mailbag column where

you can comment on the things you have read in the magazine or if you have something you would like to share with us you can. Please send your ideas and feed back directly to editor.allpointsnz@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from you all.



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APCNZ President's Corner

By Gary Stoneley

Wow, what a crazy couple of months.

I would like to acknowledge all our member families that have been, and still are, affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. While in NZ we have been let off lightly, at this stage, this has been due to huge efforts by our government and health professionals and all the thousands of essential workers. The social, emotional and financial toll will be with us for a long time.

As we start to 'break out' of the lockdown under levels 3, 2, 1 it will take all of us working together to rebuild our community.

Running the All Points Camping Club is a big task and the APCNZ team has been using this downtime to catchup on things. This includes work on our website and reformatting our Stop and Stay listings. We still have a lot of work to do but the results will be worth it.

APCNZ has always operated on an inclusive basis and our philosophy is that all NZ campers should have equal rights to enjoy camping opportunities in NZ and receive equal support and consideration from government agencies, e.g Department of Conservation, businesses and campground operators. We should all be on equal footing.

As New Zealand rebuilds the leisure camping industry, I look forward to better engagement between the tourism industry and NZ campers. If we all work together, we will get better outcomes.

If you are actively involved in the NZ camping industry and would like to help us

rebuild a balanced and sustainable leisure camping industry, I would like to hear from you.

The All Points Camping was established on inclusive principles. The club was instrumental in developing fairer access to certified self-containment for those that need it and the developing Stop and Stay listing will be public, for all campers and hosts to benefit from.

It is essential that as we move forward from Covid-19, into a changing world, we do all we can to support NZ Businesses and their workers, including campgrounds. There will be a lot of deals but a lot of catching up to do by businesses so please don't expect too much.

As we rebuild an initially more NZ focused tourism industry, we must play our part with consideration. If you are one of those people who continually knocked overseas campers, for not contributing to our economy, perhaps it's now a good time to reflect. I hold no apology for this comment because we now have a chance to do better and build something better.

The team is now working to set up camping events for the coming months, but we are still in a bit of limbo at this time. So, stay in touch. We can't wait to break out!

Vice Presidents Comment

By Wayne Ravelich

What an interesting and very different time we find ourselves living in. I hope you are all well & safe in these trying times. The Magazine is due out at the end of this month as we come out of the 4week lockdown. The team and new editor (Daile) are all very good but can't do magic so each edition takes a couple of weeks to put together. This means that the articles within were written during lockdown, for example, I am writing this as we go into the third week, **(updated after the PMs 1 o'clock broadcast on the 16/04/2020)**

I have found that Campers fall into two groups in general. Group 1 and the largest group are those that; live at home, work and go camping/ traveling whenever they can. Group 2 is those living on the road fulltime or most of the time. Some of this group work from their mobile home, some find part-time or seasonal work and others enjoy their retirement. Within this group 2 we have those that live fulltime on the road in their only home and those that do have a bricks and mortar home to go back to when required. This time of level 4 lockdown has greatly affected us all, none more so than those of us fulltime travellers with no home base. Jo and I now fall into this subgroup but are lucky enough that we were able to travel the 900km from the Far North down to Jo's mums in Kapiti to park in her driveway, plug into power and support her.

Many were not as lucky and had nowhere to go. With different organizations and Councils closing available camping sites and herding campers into confined spaces where you paid but could not use the shared facilities. There are pros and cons between motor-camps and isolated freedom camp sites. Different local bodies had different solutions to this level 4 situation, with so much false information on social media no one knew what they could or could not do or where they could camp for the 4 weeks. The Ministry of Health had already stated that you CAN isolate in a self-contained vehicle.

Looking to the future we as a National Camping Organization need to work with Government & Local Bodies to formulate a single NATIONAL plan that works for all concerned if a situation like this arises again. That way everybody knows what they can do and where they can do it. This would go along way towards sorting a National camping plan, so all regions have the same camping rules. At present the camping rules change every 20km down the road. This



EVENTS. All our club events, the 3 Easter camps etc had to be cancelled. You knew that anyway. When we come out of lockdown, it will be to a different world. Some will not have a job to go back to, some will find their job has changed. We may still have travel restriction. There will be changes affecting us all. The Club is now looking at how we as a camping club can help and support our members and families. We are working on hosting camps as soon as possible to provide venues that we can gather, relax, catchup and get back to some semblance of normal.

With the just announced rules for Level 3, gatherings will still not be permitted, therefore any camps will unfortunately have to wait until Level 2. We will keep you posted on social media.

Membership, in these difficult & changing times, if your membership is due for renewal please pay as we need your support so we can support you. If due to this current crisis you find it difficult to renew your membership, don't panic, let me know and I am sure we can sort something.

If we keep safe, stay in our bubble, keep active (mind and body), don't believe everything on social media, we WILL get through this and be able to catch up around the campfire.

Take care,

Wayne Ravelich

APCNZ Vice President

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Vice President: Wayne Ravelich
Secretary: Beverley Stoneley
Treasurer: Alan Knight
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Ross Bennett, Vicky Holden,
Murray Third, Jo Ravelich, Wayne Searle,
Lindy Searle. Peter Spicer.

Co-opted Members: Murray Brown,
Alex Hastie (DOC Liaison Advisor)

Membership fees: APCNZ membership fees as from 1 July 2019 are \$30.00 for renewals and \$35.00 for new memberships.

Events: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic all club events through to the end of May have been cancelled. At this stage we do not know if we will be able to hold weekend group camps when we move to Level 2 and will possibly not know until at least the 11th May when the Government will review and advise on the next steps.

2020 APCNZ Club AGM – due to Covid-19 this has been postponed to September, 2020. We will advise the date as soon as we are able to confirm the venue.

CampFest 2021 – This be held on the weekend of 6 March 2021 at the Bulls domain. CampFest will be based around the inclusive philosophy of the All Points Camping Club and include market and craft

stalls, workshops, competitions, music and trade stands. The venue is quite large and we invite expressions of interest from other camping groups, musicians and aligned businesses. The event will be underwritten and managed by Route 54 Ltd (email fun@route54.org). It is expected that a promotional website and exhibitor's information will be available from July (post Covid-19)

Kimbolton Sculpture Festival - Sadly this amazing weekend event had to be cancelled for 2020 but has been rescheduled for the last weekend in March 2021 We will be there and will be hosting camping on site for the weekend.

Labour Weekend Break Away
Friday 23rd till Monday 26 October.

Wentworth Valley Camp, open to all members and non-members. More details will follow once we reach Level 2.

If you have ideas for a camping event or are involved with another club or organisation that would like to promote an event please contact the APCNZ team at info@allpointscampingnz.org

Regional Support Groups:

There are now 4 Regional support groups operating for members of the All Points Camping Club of NZ. Any financial member of APCNZ can join and make new contacts, organise camping related events and discuss issues and ideas. Members can access and join the groups through their pages on social media at the following website addresses.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/APCNZWaikato>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/APCNZcentral>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/APCNZSouthIsland>

All financial APCNZ members should be able to access the member only pages of our website and the member contact list. Regional Support Groups can use this list to contact other members. Due to privacy requirements the member contact register only lists details for

those members that have authorised this

www.allpointscampingnz.org/members

Kiwi Holiday Parks Cards:

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Campers Network – Stop and Stay:

Our free listing of **recommended and discounted camps, business and private stops is growing rapidly**. This will be updated further over the winter months and can be accessed at www.stopandstaynz.org with an updated copy of the listings emailed out to all hosts and APCNZ members monthly.

To list or recommend a Stop and Stay campsite, park over property or interesting day stop please complete the online form:

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DIY Tips and Tricks

By Wayne Ravelich

I never go anywhere without a few tools. Now that Jo and I are living fulltime in our 30-year-old 8tmr bus, having the right tools with us to fix those little things that can occur is even more important.

As a retired tradesman (Sparky) I have a general idea on how to use the tools. We are all different in our skill sets. I have engineering friends who can fix things blindfolded and other friends that don't know what end of a hammer to hold. Whatever your skill set, you should carry a few basic tools whether you live on the road or away on holiday in your caravan or camper.

Even if you can't fix the problem, someone around you might be able to, if they had a tool. I carry three large toolboxes and a couple of socket sets so can fix most things at the roadside. A little bit of overkill, you don't need that many tools to survive.

You get what you pay for. \$2 shops stock these tools but for better quality go to the hardware, Super Cheap Auto or Repco, we get a club discount at Repco.

The Multi-Meter,

My Fluke77 meter is 35years old and cost me \$700 back then. You don't need one that good. The above stores sell multi-meters, a \$20 meter will be fine. Depending on your skill set or Uncle Google you can test most things. If something electrical stops, testing the fuse with a meter is the best place to start.

NOTE OF WARNING: your battery power, either 12 or 24 volts is relatively safe. The mains 240V is NOT. Check mains fuses only! If there is still a problem, get a sparky. Multi-Meters are easy to use and if used properly very safe. READ the INSTRUCTIONS that come with it or find some on Uncle Google.

Last note: If you think the problem is beyond your skillset to fix call an expert. There is nothing worse for the expert to arrive to fix something only to discover it has been played with first. You will get charged "**Fiddle Tax**". The best tool we have is our Brain, use it first.

Happy travels and camping. Murphy's Law, if you have the tools you won't need them.

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Multi Meter

<i>Hammer</i>	Either claw or ball-pein & rubber mallet for pegs.
<i>Pliers</i>	Standard, long nose and side cutting
<i>Screwdrivers</i>	Phillips 1 big and 1 small. Flat blade 1 big and 1 small.
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Missing the Rhythm of Freedom Life

By Tracey Gibb



Freedom Living

I've been living fulltime in Pollyanna, my house-truck that I spent a year rebuilding on my own, since September last year in Hawkes Bay.

I've had THE best summer, staying close to the seaside, keeping cool, taking some much

needed me time after a rollercoaster year where I'd had anxiety and depression rear it's ugly head.

The seaside air and rhythm of the sea has had a calming, uplifting effect on my being able to stay present and live in the moment! I've gone right back to the basics, living minimal, keeping life simple and extremely content with what I have achieved.

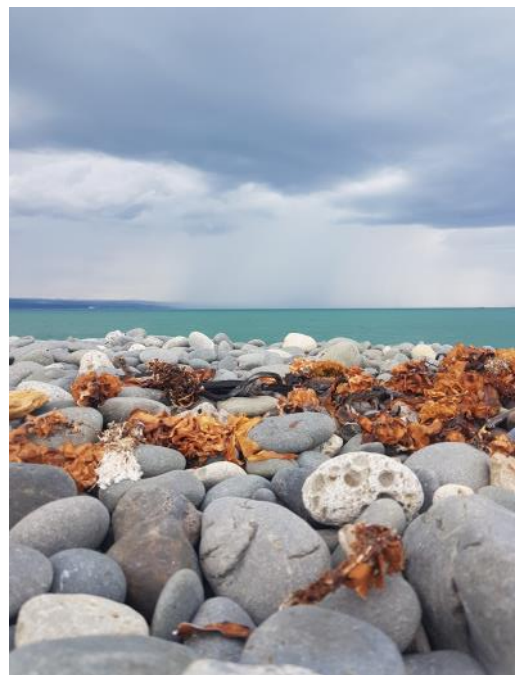
The Saturday before lockdown my son came to town for the night, leaving his beautiful recently rescued huntaway with me to babysit. She was supposedly spayed and vaccinated which was a porky tale for sure, as a few weeks after he picked her up we realised she was pregnant! We had no real idea how far on she was but were guessing she had a week or so to go as she wasn't large and we could just feel pups moving.

Now Pollyanna's house box is just over 4m long so a large huntaway and my little dog who aren't particularly great mates and two adults requires a great deal of negotiation for personal space!

At 6 am in the morning I wake to the crying of a puppy and I flew out of bed to find Nala had given birth to the first pup in my little dog's bed! An amazing feat in itself! The next 3 hours was spent cleaning up and reorganizing the truck as 7 puppies were delivered! All healthy and well!

As a protective Mum, the energy changed quickly and my little dog became public enemy number 1 of the new Mum. We couldn't shift Mum and pups straight away as it would be too stressful so a plan was made to send my dog home with my son and I'd follow the following day after giving Nala time to recover.

Puppies in a basket and Nala as co-pilot I travelled to Norsewood the following day with little stress really other than Nala squealing with delight when we got close to home.



Missing the Rhythm of Freedom Life cont.

I thought I'd stay for a few days, build a cosy whelping box and a large enclosure outside for when they were older and ready for outdoor fun.

And then the country turned upside down and we were 24 hours from lockdown! A quick decision was made that I'd hunker down here on the farm for the 4 weeks. I'm very grateful I had a simple solution for being able to stay put!

So far during lockdown I've primed my cab ready for spray painting, stripped the truck out to do a good clean taking advantage of being plugged in to power. I've stacked firewood, gardened and completed general visiting Mum duties. All is well.

What I have really become aware of though is that I miss the rhythm of moving on and changing my scenery! My rhythm of shifting every 3rd day to another favourite spot has ended for now and I really miss the feeling when you see the sea and smell the fresh air and always feel like everything is good in the world! Or the spot tucked under a beautiful tree where I can shelter from the sun. It has once again filled me with gratitude that we can be self contained and freedom camp in NZ in beautiful spots with stunning views that some people have paid big bucks to live with these views in homes. I'm grateful for the light hearted chats between freedom campers where you say hi, talk about the weather etc but don't get in to each other lives! This has been a big factor for me in getting through my anxiety as it's easy to isolate and lose confidence. I have been able to have personal space while still staying connected to community in a light

hearted, no pressure way. I've become more confident and less anxious as time has gone by. Being able to freedom camp has done wonders for my mental health and also fills me with gratitude on a daily basis. Being free is teaching me so many skills and soothing my soul.

I can't wait to be in the rhythm of changing my scenery again soon and smelling that sweet sea air! Oh the craving for it! Hopefully without succumbing to keeping a cute puppy that will chew up all my hard work of rebuilding Pollyanna!



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Ashburton Motorhome Show

By Beverly Stoneley

In late February we headed to the South Island on a road trip promoting the [All Points Camping Club](#). Our first night was spent at [Ngatittoa Domain](#), a freedom camping spot at Mana. We were lucky enough to find a flat spot to park up for the night, as arriving at around 6pm there weren't many spots left.

When preparing dinner 4 young men turned up with boards and kites to do a bit of surfing. Wow is the main reaction here. The speed these things can do is pretty mind blowing, and their skills were just amazing. The height they were able to get off the water, just wow. The wind had come up and we were in for a wet and windy night. The van wheezing and groaning in one corner. Might need a bit of detective work to find out where the noise is coming from, but eventually we got some sleep.

The weather forecast for our ferry crossing wasn't great. I'm not a great sailor, but we were so lucky. There was only a slight swell, out between the islands, while in the harbour and in the sounds the sea was smooth.

Once off the ferry we drove down to Kaikoura to [Donegal House](#), which was our first stop of the South Island part of our trip. The work done on the road down to here has been huge and will be a real asset to the local tourism of the area. Last year when down here we noticed the seals to be mainly in one spot, but now they appear to be more spread out. I guess it's a small sign of recovery to the area.

Just before we headed off for dinner the rain started. I was sitting in the van writing this listening to the rain on the roof. We woke the following morning to find the heavy rain, we had had during the night had eased off to just drizzle, and there was snow on the hills that wasn't there yesterday.



Ngatittoa Domain



Picton

After a quick breakfast we hooked on and headed into Kaikoura. We were fortunate to use our KHP discount card and get a site at the [Alpine Pacific Kiwi Holiday Park](#) there, and able to park up well before the normal check in time. Once parked we went for a short walk into the town centre. There is an interesting mix of cafes, bars and retail shopping.

After getting groceries and having lunch we took the car out to the peninsula and walked out on the sea bed that had been pushed up in the earthquake. We then took the path up the hill at Point Kean to the lookout. The view today was pretty good including being able to see some of the kayak tours out in the bay. From there we went out to South Bay, checking out a couple of the freedom camping spots on the way. Out in South Bay, there are large areas of the seabed that have been raised up due to the earthquake. The new wharf that's been built for the whale watching etc is quite impressive. You can still see areas where the old wharf was.

In the morning Gary had a meeting at Kaikoura District Council to talk about camping and self containment issues. The Council has been working hard to manage freedom camping but has reduced coastal camping access to local residents in the process.

We left Kaikoura heading towards Christchurch, stopping a couple of times along the coast to explore areas pushed up by the earthquakes. I am still amazed at the sheer force that caused this to happen. We also stopped at the [Peketa Holiday Park](#) for a coffee with Kim Belham one of our members who has been working there. She has a lovely spot to be living and working.

We stopped for lunch in Cheviot and made a quick decision to drive out to Gore Bay to check out that area as we had never been out there before. We had a quick look at the 2 camp grounds out there but decided that they were just a little bit exposed for our liking. There was quite a stiff wind off the beach so wouldn't have been very pleasant.



Kite Surfer



Ashburton Motorhome Show cont.

We ended heading to [Spencer Beach Holiday Park](#) on the outskirts of Christchurch. This holiday park is enormous, with several of the facilities being new. We were allocated a site but advised if we didn't want that one when we got to it, to just choose another one in the pod. After dinner we drove the short distance to what we had been told was a safe swimming beach. Because of the wind, there were no swimmers on this evening. There is a large recreation area between the holiday park and the beach which looks really well utilised.

The next morning, we travelled into town for a fantastic breakfast at [Drexels](#), a spot of retail therapy (winter clothing for the cooler months coming up), and Gary made a visit to one business concerning self-containment.

We then headed out to [Orana Wildlife Centre](#) and spent a good 3 hours there, arriving just in time to hand feed the Giraffes. Wow, it was so, so cool to be able to get so close to these animals and to be able to hand feed them. It was a real surprise how strong their tongue was even though we were told to hold onto the sticks firmly. We took the shuttle which runs around the park to get an idea of the layout and make a decision what animals we really wanted to see. We were in time to hand feed animals in the Farmyard section, saw mum rhino fending off her not so little son who wanted mum's attention, the Cheetah running towards the viewing platform, and later the lions being fed. What a great way to spend the day.



Orana Park . Feeding the Giraffes



All set for the Motorhome Show



Traditional Fresh Ice Cream

Next morning, we hooked on and moved to the [Christchurch Kiwi Holiday Park](#), closer to the city centre, for an early check in. This made getting into town for the day easier and made getting on the road to Ashburton the next day much easier. After parking the car in town, we headed to Cathedral Square. Here we made a spur of the moment decision to purchase tickets for the [Tram](#). This was a great way to get around the central city stopping at many attractions with a very informative commentary along the way. We got off at the art gallery, the arts centre and the museum which is next to the Botanical Gardens. It's great to see how some of the beautiful old buildings that were damaged in the quake have been restored back to their former glory.

The new buildings in the retail area are looking great, but there are still a large number of empty building sites and a number of building still to be demolished, but we noticed a real change compared to 12 months ago when we were last here. The Cathedral is still looking very sad, but hopefully one day this too will be restored with a start having been made on it.

Thursday morning we travelled to Ashburton for the South Island Motorhome Show. It was an interesting trip, as our Navman decided to take us on a bit of a tiki tour along some back roads to trying to avoid some large roadworks, adding quite a bit of time to the trip. We certainly saw some of the countryside we wouldn't have seen otherwise In Ashburton we parked up at my cousin's place for the night. It's always great to catch up with family.

The next afternoon we headed off to the [Motorhome show](#). Once we had the van parked it was off to start getting our site ready for tomorrow. Putting up the gazebo in the strong wind was a real challenge, with me being lifted off the ground whilst holding on to it. But once the guy ropes were pegged down it was secure.

Not long after arriving, I saw John the LED man. He came over to the van and replaced the fluorescent light over the bench, the light in the bathroom, and upgraded the lights down the centre of the van. Wow what a huge difference it makes to have some decent lighting when not on power. Sometime after 5 we got together with some of the other members for a bit of a late happy hour. .

Day one of the Ashburton motor home show busy with a good number of people visiting the stand. One of our members Gary Hitchcock kindly had his charcoal BBQ going and provided marshmallows for toasting. I know these were a great hit with several people who probably ate more than they should have.

Most of us on the stand got to have a good look around the show, taking advantage of some of the show specials. We ourselves invested in a hitch lock, which I am sure is going to give us a bit of peace of mind when the van is parked up. Sunday at the show was much quieter than Saturday, with a lot of the stalls packing up at 2pm. We were packed up fairly quickly and, on the road, around 3pm heading to Fairlie for the night.

To be continued next issue.



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Northland

By Lynn Bennett

Toward the end of February Wayne & Jo Ravelich, Ross & myself and Tammy our Dog embarked on a month of tripping around Northland. Because of the water restrictions up north both vehicles carried excess water. On 27th Feb late afternoon we all set off and parked up at Mercer for the night. It was a great free camping spot.



The Girls triumph



Mercer

Then on the Thursday we travelled as far as Henderson for a night as Ross and I had a funeral to attend. There we caught up with another traveller Mary Reid was great catching up with her. On the Friday we left Henderson and found our way to Shelly Beach North Head on the Kaipara. This is a beautiful place to stop with only a small camping area but beautiful views.



Shelly Beach

A couple of days later we made our way to Ruawai where we stayed with family and got to go fishing. We had a boy's versus girls fishing competition which I am happy to say the Girls won and this is where Jo Hocking caught her first ever legal snapper.

From Ruawai we made our way to The Hokianga for a couple of nights. We explored Rawene which is a beautiful little town with lots of churches and lovely nik-nak shops, then a couple of days later Ross and I left Wayne and Jo and caught the Ferry from Rawene to go to Panguru where we visited the Statue of Dame Whina Cooper and then we made our way to Ahipara where we stayed. The Ahipara holiday park is another wonderful stopping over place with lovely clean facilities.



Dame Whina Cooper

Northland cont.

Ross and I explored this area, while there we explored Shipwreck bay which Tammy loved chasing the waves then drove along 90mile beach and made a visit to Gumdiggers park. Here we saw the large holes and tunnels in the ground that were dug by miners near the tree roots to gather Kauri gum and a large Kauri tree that has been left as it fell about 120,000 year ago and found in 2011. Wayne and Jo caught us up there about 4 days later.



Shipwreck Bay, Ahipara

From Ahipara we all travelled towards Houhora to stay at Wagener's Holiday Park another great spot to stay. We spent a couple of days travelling up staying at freedom camp spots around Kaitaia and Awanui. Once we got to Wagener's we stayed a few days and made a day trip to Cape Reinga. This is a must do. We were lucky as one of the security guards was happy to watch Tammy for us, as dogs are not allowed down to the lighthouse. The walk down had amazing views luckily it was not too hot as it was a hike down and back. At one part of our trip to the cape we were able to see both sides of the Island how lucky we are to live in paradise.



Cape Reinga Lighthouse

From here we travelled to doubtless Bay and visited Coca cola lake and this did look like coke although you were advised not to let dogs into the water because of the toxic algae. We stayed on the beach front where Wayne continued fishing. Ross and I departed again the next day and headed to Paihia. On our way we visited Taipa Matthews Vintage collection a place worth visiting with old dentist chairs (shudder), classic old cars and many memories.

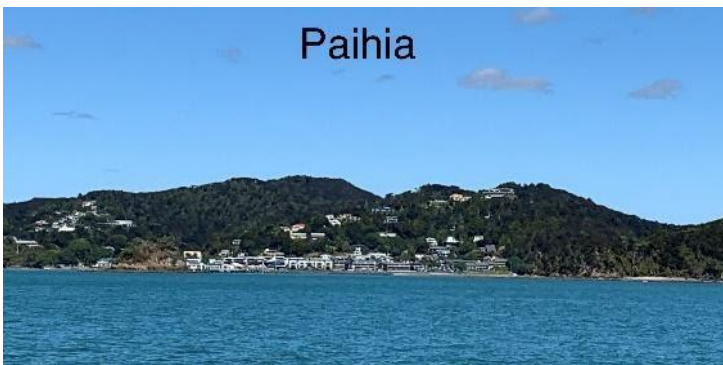


Cape Reinga

We stayed for a week in Paihia enjoying the scenery and looking around this area. We stayed at Bay of Islands caravan park nestled among the Olive trees the owner is lovely and has offered All Points Campers 10% discount. We spent a day visiting Kerikeri going to the stone store and wandering around the Kerikeri township. Even visiting Countdown for a few grocery items and hello there was nothing to be got, not a single potato, onion or meat this being due to Covid 19 and panic buying. On the way back we stopped at Haruru falls, they were quite disappointing as the water flow was minimal due to lack of rain. The next day we travelled to Russell on the ferry and spent the morning wandering around Russell.

After our week of Paihia we headed to Whananaki, we were the only ones at this camp ground due to level 2-3 restrictions of Covid 19. We then travelled from here to Mangawhai Heads thinking of stopping there for a few days. We stopped at the heads for lunch then heard the news that we were going into lockdown. On hearing this we cut short our break to head home but we will be definitely heading back there to finish off our trip.

But all in all, I would have to say that we are very lucky in New Zealand to have such a beautiful country.



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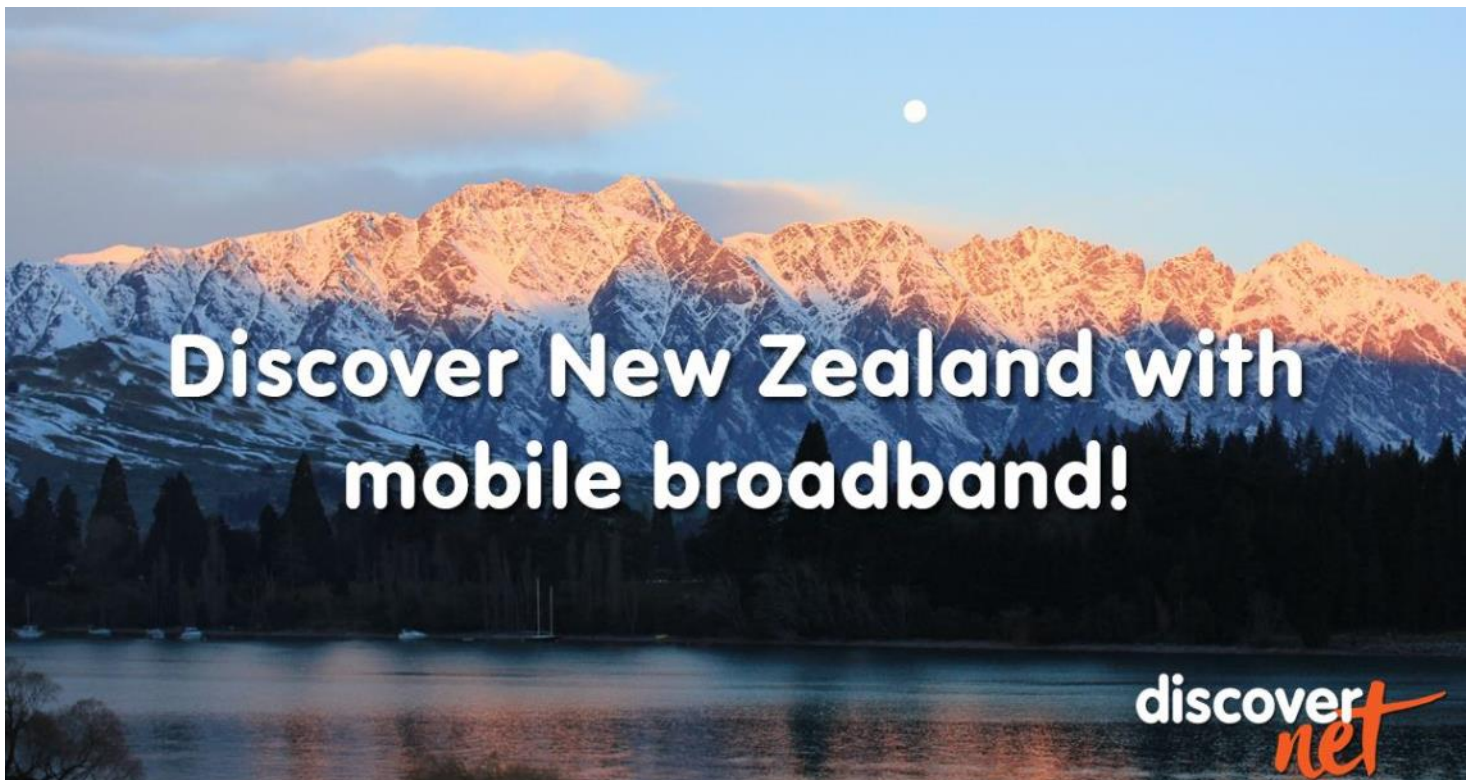
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NZLC believe that every person camping in NZ has a responsibility for our environment and that certified Self Containment of campervans and motor caravans is a step towards achieving sustainable camping. Any person may approach our testing officers for a self-containment check, advice or installation. You do not need to be a member of any organisation.

Have a converted van / campervan, Pop Top Camper, Slide on or rooftop camper?

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How much does it cost?

NZ Lifestyle Camping charges \$40.00 processing / issue fee. Or join APCNZ with a combined fee for self-containment and membership benefits of \$55.00. 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?

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The Seven Principles of Leave No Trace

► PLAN AHEAD AND PREPARE

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► TRAVEL AND CAMP ON DURABLE GROUND

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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

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