



IMAGE – POHUTUKAWAS AND FREEDOM CAMPING IN NZ – SEEING RED.

# All Points Bulletin December 2016



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### 2016 Wrap Up

Where we live in the Manawatu we are still waiting for that run of sunshine filled, hot days. We hope that you are having a bit more luck wherever you are.

The last couple of months have definitely been interesting. On one hand, we have had some significant earthquakes (with possibly more to come) and on the other hand, there have been considerable mixed messages from councils and other authorities on 'freedom camping' issues. In our household having camping experience, equipment and supplies was an advantage during the 2004 Manawatu floods. We haven't had to experience a significant earthquake yet but believe that our planning and camping skills will be of benefit.

Discussion between members, in particular on our group chat page has been both lively, productive and at times topical and heated. Typing a conversation into social media is somewhat impersonal and conflicts can easily arise. From this we all learn and often we have to step back and consider new viewpoints. In this All Points Bulletin we will have one or two contributions that express different views.

All Points Camping NZ was established primarily to represent campers in NZ (family and active campers) who are being pushed out of the NZ camping scene by restrictive councils and organisations. Balanced and fair representation is important and on two fronts – the committee appointed to review the Self Containment Standard and the

Tourism Industry Association Responsible Camping Forum, NZ family and active campers have NOT been represented. We have been in discussion with the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Standards NZ (MBIE) and are working towards having representation on these matters.

Your viewpoints and suggestions help to direct the path and actions that we take on ensuring our rights, to camp sustainably and affordably in NZ. We want our camping voice recognised and the actions we take to get the best deal for NZ campers to be acknowledged. It shouldn't matter whether you have a tent or a flash camper as long as we are camping responsibly.

Our upcoming events are a great opportunity to meet with other members and chat about these issues. This issue lists a variety of events and hopefully there is something for everyone.

Gary Stoneley.



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<https://www.facebook.com/totarareserve1/>



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Whanganui's Vintage Weekend is not to be missed. We plan to be there.

Home Programme Tickets Gallery Accommodation Contact

VINTAGE WEEKEND  
We'll Be Back 21-23 January 2017



An inclusive camping event from All Points Camping

Come and Camp with us. For a fantastic weekend of family, fun and frivolity.

(Details still being finalised)

## Wanganui Vintage Weekend 20/01/17

A fun camping weekend at a location to die for and



family friendly prices. Tents and campers welcome.

Registration required.

Join us at Wanganui Intermediate School for a fun weekend. Priced for families at \$8.00 and adult per night, discounted to \$6.00 per night for financial members.

You will have access to showers, toilets and limited kitchen facilities. Hey, if you are into music, why not bring along the instruments. Enjoy the pool (adult supervision required) and tennis court. Crank up the BBQ's and best of all... head on down Victoria Avenue to the weekend street parties and events, maybe dress up in vintage clothing.

With a wide range of restaurants, cafes and supermarkets within walking distance this is an opportunity not to be missed. Once we have a better idea of numbers attending we will develop some onsite activities To register for this fun, affordable and family vintage themed weekend go to

<http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/wanganui-vintage-weekend>

## Wairarapa Country Music Festival

Another great weekend that is camper friendly. Yes! you can also pitch a tent.



All Points Camping will be there – will you?

The full line-up - Joining the Topp Twins on stage, and back by popular demand, is Eddie Low. Eddie wowed audiences at our 2016 event, and we can't wait to see him perform again. Also appearing will be the Toner Sisters, Glen Moffatt, Sue Dyson, Molly G Paige, and Murray McMichael. <http://www.tauherenikau.co.nz/country-music-festival>

## .Ohakea Camp Out – RNZAF 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Air Tattoo

A once in a lifetime opportunity to camp within walking distance of the Ohakea Air



Base and enjoy the atmosphere of the air show with a ringside seat. Tents welcome. \$13.00 adults per night, children free. This All Points Camping event will be held at the private Harrisville Speedway with access to Toilets and function room. **Registration required at** <http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/ohakea-camp-out-feb-24-2017>.

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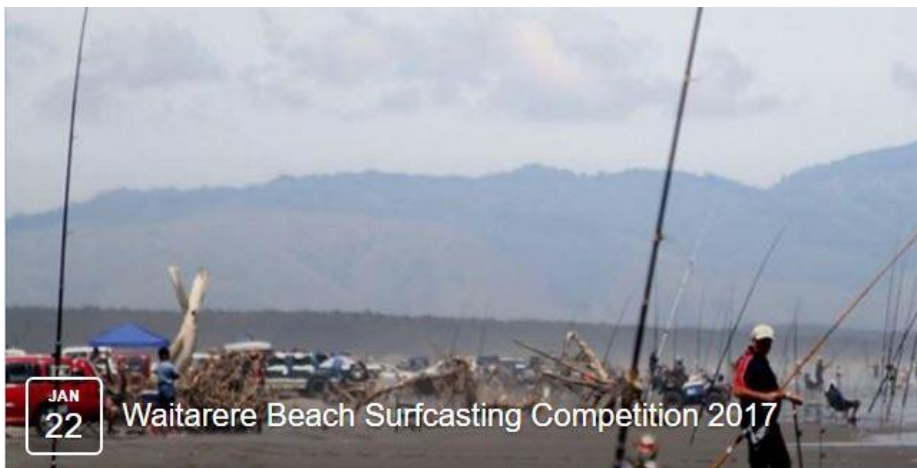
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## IS Your District Camper Friendly or Just Motorhome Friendly?

All Points Camping NZ needs your help to develop a 'Statement of Position' on freedom camping.

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Or join with us at one of our events this Summer.  
<http://www.allpointscampingnz.org/events>

The NZMCA (Motor Caravan Association) is a national organisation that has been actively working to clarify the requirements for sustainable camping. While we might not always agree with arguments that are put forward and proposed changes we need to recognise that we are all working towards making camping sustainable for the future.

All Points Camping's inclusive principle is in that we represent all campers. Camping in NZ including freedom camping is not just those with self-contained vehicles but also families and active campers who use tents and trailer campers.

We all have to start somewhere and most campers start camping in their youth. Often with the barest of facilities. It is from this that we develop practical survival skills, something that could be very useful at any time.



## The **Self Containment Standard** is up for review.

Recently one of our members contacted Standards NZ and was advised that there was no plan to review the standard at this time.

At the same time several drafts of a new unauthorized standard were published and assertively promoted by a private organisation as the 'new standard' and this has now been taken to the next step.

The end result of this is that at the request of the NZMCA a standards committee was convened and an amended Self Containment Standard has been drafted and the public is invited to comment.

"The committee was created via reaching out to a number of different parties associated with this industry who nominated members to be put forward for committee membership.

The draft for the proposed amendment to NZS 5465:2001 *Self containment of motor caravans and caravans* has now been released for public consultation. The consultation period is open from today until February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

This process allows all interested parties to review the proposed changes and submit any comments through the link below"

<https://shop.standards.govt.nz/default.htm?action=browseDrafts&draftTypeId=1&mod=drafts>

*Was the committee a balanced representation of those impacted by this standard? The short answer is no.*

The committee comprises:  
Caravanning Camping NZ Inc (CCNZ)  
Department of Conservation  
Holiday Parks Association  
Local Government  
Ministry for the Environment  
New Zealand Motor Caravan Association (NZMCA)  
New Zealand Transport Agency  
Recreational Vehicle Industry of New Zealand (RVINZ)  
Rental Vehicle Association  
Tourism Industry Aotearoa

Department of Internal Affairs  
Action Manufacturing (Tourism Holdings)

**All Points Camping NZ will be making submissions on this proposed amended standard.**

A key issue at the moment is that the Self Containment Standard is being used as tool by local authorities to restrict campers to specific areas or to exclude some forms of responsible camping vehicle.

This is at odds with NZ's Freedom Camping legislation. This action

### WRITERS AND PUBLICISTS WANTED

**HELP! We need** some great writers and publicists to help us take All Points camping to the next level.

If you are passionate about camping, enjoy talking to other campers and businesses we would like to hear from you.

Would you like to write short articles (blogs) about your camping travels and experiences, write reviews on campsites or just express your opinion?

We will be making submissions to local authorities, asking them to consider all NZ campers including our mokopuna. If you would like to help with this – we need you.

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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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## MEMBERS VOICE

*For All Points Camping NZ to be able to advocate and make valid and responsible submissions that represent NZ campers, it is important that we listen to and consider many opposing opinions. It can be a passionate topic.*

**The opinions expressed in this newsletter do not necessarily represent the opinions of the All Points Camping NZ team.**

with the countries where it IS legal to pitch a tent and sleep under the stars. These include countries like Sweden, Norway, Ireland, Estonia, Latvia and Spain. In these countries, it's even permitted to pitch a tent and leave it standing on the same spot for several days. Obviously, this general permission only refers to state land and not private property.

In Spain a few obstacles arise when wanting to pitch a tent. Firstly, just about every piece of land in Spain is privately owned. Secondly, especially inland, the ground consists almost entirely of rocks and sharp stones, which makes it near impossible to set up camp. And if you're really lucky enough to have discovered a spot without rocks and stones, then it's sure to be full of thorns. On the bright side, caravans are permitted an overnight stay in Spain in designated areas.

Tent Camping in Sweden's great outdoors is free, legal and encouraged. The same applies to all the Nordic countries who have a great affinity for nature. You can pretty much pitch a tent anywhere outside of town for a maximum of 2 days. A free nights stay in an otherwise expensive country is a fair compromise for most. Interestingly enough, the law holds true, only for hikers, cyclists and people who are traveling with canoes or horses. Anyone traveling by car, is out of luck. Those traveling with caravans, may at least park them in public car parks, at the end of streets and on the beach.

Wild camping in Norway is enshrined in the *Allemansretten* – every man or woman's right of public access. There are some beatific wild pitches in Norway.

In Denmark, it's a whole different ball game again. Expect to pay penalties if you stay outside campgrounds with a caravan. Camping is permitted in at least 40 approved forests. Tourist beaches there are penalties of up to 75 euros to incur, if you let yourself get caught wild camping.

I'm not surprised that there are no laws in Romania to prohibit wild camping. Almost everywhere in the nature or rural areas in Romania you can camp (tent). If you ask the locals, you'll often hear that camping is not a problem. They'll tell you that you'll have a very hard time finding an owner who'll become upset just because you've raised a tent for one night.

In France camping is officially permitted only on private land with the consent of the owner. As people in general are very friendly and especially very open to hikers and cyclists, you'll usually find a place soon enough. Along the coast, in specific protected places, such as national parks and regional nature parks (*parc naturel régional*) wild camping is prohibited here in general. The same applies to places in the immediate vicinity of sights. Not advisable to pitch directly under the Eiffel Tower – this can cost you a heady penalty of 1,500 euros if you are caught!

Poland, is not quite as strict. In the last 20 years, there hasn't been one single sentence imposed for wild camping – at least in the northern area. It's tolerated. Nevertheless, precaution is advised to staying unnoticed, who wants to risk being the first wild camper in Poland in 20 years to be fined! Asking a local farmer to camp on their pastures is a safer bet and there's still the chance of being lucky enough to be invited to lunch or a cup of tea.

Camping wherever you like in Germany is illegal. As is applicable in both Austria and Switzerland, a maximum of one night with a caravan on a serviced area is permitted. Otherwise, a one-night stay in vehicles, on designated state parking areas is permitted. Excluded are specially marked areas and nature reserves. Whether an awning or a tarp is to be deemed a tent, lies at the discretion of the local official who's discovered you.

Extra caution should be taking for wild camping in Switzerland. Fines of 10,000 euros or even more are handed out for wild camping. It is s advisable to look for a campsite early enough. Stories told of climbers and other outdoor enthusiasts of meeting up with Swiss law enforcement at 4am is something to be avoided!

Particularly stringent rules for wild campers are in the Netherlands, Hungary, Portugal, Russia, Croatia, Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria, Czech Republic and Slovakia. It is not even permitted to pitch on private land. Even rest periods with caravans in parking lots or at stop areas is prohibited in these countries.

So I guess we are not too bad here in good old New Zealand. Tent/wild/freedom camping is still legal, well for now at least.

*Contributed by Jimi Hart*



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### Freedom Camping is called Wild Camping in Europe

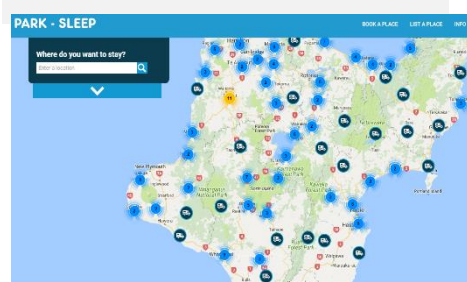
Wild camping for many has the scent of adventure. In the "civilized" wilderness of Europe - it's not permitted to just pitch a tent anywhere so here is how we in New Zealand compare.

In most European countries, wild/freedom camping is generally prohibited. However, this doesn't mean that there are no opportunities on offer for an adventure holiday in the great outdoors. Let's start first [www.allpointscampingnz.org](http://www.allpointscampingnz.org)

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## What is a Tomo?

Well, tomo is the Maori word for a ground subsidence, a sinkhole, a hole in the ground.

A tomo is generally caused by an underground waterway or stream getting a bit close to the surface and allowing the ground to subside into the waterway. From above it may just look like a small hole, even less than a metre in diameter. However, peering into the hole with the aid of a torch may reveal a cavern several metres in diameter, with water flowing through it.

### So, what's this got to do with campers ?

Well, basically if you're camping in tomo territory, and planning to dispose of human waste by burying it in a hole in the ground, then really you should think again. Whatever you bury could easily leach into an underground waterway and then travel very quickly to someone else's water collection system.

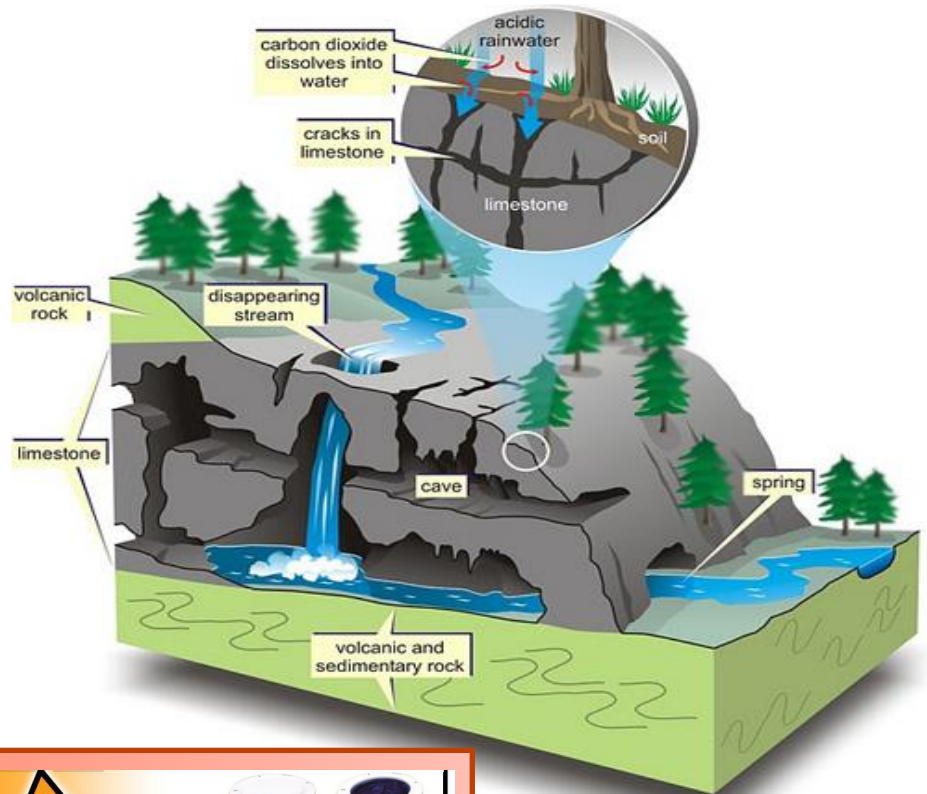
All this has been a bit of a roundabout way of promoting the idea of composting toilets for campers. A composting toilet need not be anything more complicated than a biocompostible bag in a bucket, which can then be deposited above ground in a compost bin. No mess, no fuss, no chance of grebbies entering waterways.

A search on TradeMe will reveal several camping toilets suitable for the purpose. e.g. Boom Bucket, Thunder Down Under, Camping Toilet Chair, etc. Biocompostible bags are cellulose base, not plastic, and decompose into their constituent elements, carbon, nitrogen, oxygen etc.

Cheers, Alec

[www.preppers.co.nz](http://www.preppers.co.nz)

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This very peaceful campground in Southland is a great place to stop off at. All Points Members get 25% discount. Spread the word. This is also a great venue for group

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## FEATURED CAMPS

### AHIPARA Kiwi Holiday Park

Ahipara is the adventure capital of the North with a world class surf break at Shipwreck Bay, fantastic fishing, quad bike freedom hire and tours, blo -karts, horse trekking, sandboarding, and the park is right beside an 18 hole golf course. Located 15km west of Kaitaia I-Site at the very beginning of 90 mile beach.

*While in Northland why not check out the Pikiparia Nature Reserve managed by our own Alec Kennedy at Kohukohu. You can contact Alec via facebook or by phoning 09 405540. Alec is also managing a group for those interested in Liteweight Playboy caravans.*



For those who don't get to Northland often Ahipara is a great stop off point. As a Kiwi Holiday Park All Points Camping VIP members get 10% discount off camp fees and savings on

several of the Northland tourist attractions.

<https://www.kiwiholidayparks.com/northland/ahipara-holiday-park/>

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas  
and Happy Holidays*

Have a safe and relaxing Christmas and we will see you in the New Year  
Gary and Beverley and the Team.