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Editors Corner

By Daile McCarthy

Well I managed to get my first magazine out and here I am working on the next one. I must of done something right 🍌

Summer is on its way and I am sure I'm not the only one looking forward to getting out there and exploring our wonderful country. In fact I know there are some hardy people out there who have braved the cooler temps already and managed to enjoy a couple of weekend breakaways. Catch up with what the Waikato branch have been doing on page 12.

Magazines like this do not just happen. There are a lot people doing all sorts of things in the background . With the All Points Camping Club growing in numbers and area groups getting organised it would be great if I could have a page for each regional group. A place to show what you've been up to and to showcase some of the amazing places in our beautiful country. So for the next issue please I would love to have an article from each area telling us what you've been doing.

All copy and feed back can be sent to me at editor.allpointsnz@gmail.com and please include photos. Lots of photos.

I hope you enjoy this issue as it has information about camps and festivals that are coming up. And don't forget the AGM is happening at the end of August.



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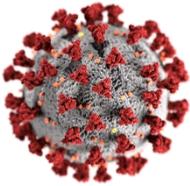




APCNZ President's Corner

News and Views from around the campfire

By Gary Stoneley



Covid -19 really sucks.

As we head into Spring and more kiwi campers start travelling our beautiful country its important we are taking responsibility for the health and safety of ourselves and others. Keeping a track of where you have been and when, downloading and using Covid tracking apps and following basic hygiene is now more important than ever. NZ has been lucky to date but we have been warned that community transmission is coming. Now is not the time to be complacent. Download the government [Health Ministry tracing app](#) from



New Zealand's national camping club is turning 5 at New Years. So it's going to be party, party, party.

The All Points Camping Club of NZ was established as an inclusive camping club to support and represent all types of camper in NZ. The first 5 years have gone really fast and we will be celebrating.

Details are still being finalised but we plan to make it a New Year and Birthday celebration to remember.

The North island venue to hold the 5th Birthday / New Year camp will be held at Broadlands, 17km North of Taupo from the 27th December to 4th January.

This will be a pop in rally / family camp.

Further details to be advised.



Department of Conservation
Te Papa Atawhai

The Department of Conservation has many affordable campsites on conservation land around NZ. The APCNZ

team has been in discussion with DOC with the aim to make Camping on conservation land more affordable for NZ families. We all want to see more NZ families getting the opportunity to get out and enjoy nature.

We are looking forward to seeing what is new from DOC for this coming Summer.

Sadly, the Covid-19 Recession is here. 2020 has been a challenging year and NZ'ers have avoided the worst of the social and financial effects of this outbreak so far. Yes, the tourism industry is hurting and the Government has poured millions of dollars into the economy to mitigate the financial fallout. This can only go so far. As more and more businesses struggle they are faced with delaying projects, laying off staff and closing down operations, this filters down to all parts of our society, with spending down. People naturally become more cautious and frugal.

Ironically some regions / district councils that are desperate for tourism revenue do not show respect for the travelling camping community.

One of the most important things we can do is support friends, families and workmates who are dealing with this fallout. It is a time to appreciate what we have, value family and friendships and to support those businesses we can.

Getting out and enjoying our fantastic country is a great pick me up. We are pretty lucky really. So lets go camping.

APCNZ Vice Presidents Comment

The Future of Camping in NZ is Looking Bright

After Covid-19 the future of camping in this wonderful land is looking bright and is going to be vastly different for a while. With the borders being closed to non-nationals, we will not have the influx of Foreign Tourists. Unfortunately, these Tourists in their vans and tents get the blame for most of our camping issues. This in most cases is unjust, it is a case of the few spoiling it for the many and we are not above blame.

There are just as many Kiwi campers and day trippers that behave irresponsibly as the few visitors that misbehave. It will be interesting to see how "NOT having tourists" will affect our camping areas and the local perception of freedom campers in particular, and all campers in general.

There is a noticeable increase in New Zealanders taking up camping to see and travel New Zealand. With the deals being offered by camper rental companies, people that have never camped are now taking the opportunity of cheaper campers and hitting the road for the first time. I saw a middle-aged couple in the Warehouse buying a range of camping gear, including cookers, lights, camping pots and other items. First-time campers. Camping can be more affordable than most other forms of travel. We now have the opportunity to explore a less crowded New Zealand.

The All Points Camping Club of NZ also has a bright future. A steady growth in membership helps the club grow and achieve more for our members and NZ camping. As a club, we are looking at having more Area Representatives to better support our members. The club AGM is the last weekend of August, the 28th to 30th at Sanson in the Manawatu. It takes time and a lot of effort to get some things done. For example, one of our committee members Alex Hastie has for the past **two and a half years** been dealing with The Department of Conservation on several issues related to camping. Due to his and other's efforts we can now see light at the end of that tunnel.

With the growth in members and the fact that we want to do more for NZ campers, the workload of the committee will increase accordingly. The introduction, "shortly" of our new club membership register program will make life easier in some areas. Send-

ing notifications, newsletters, and this magazine out to members will be so much easier and faster. We as a club require dedicated Committee members and Area Reps that are prepared to put in the time and effort to grow the club and support our members. I personally would like to see a lot more club local events and camps around the country. This can be achieved by us all working together. Nominations for Committee and Area Reps have been called for.

If you are a financial member and are prepared to put some time and effort into supporting your club and our fellow members, please put your name forward. There is a lot of work behind the scenes for the club and camping in NZ that most people will never know about. It is this and our visible efforts that grow and support camping in NZ. We as a club need your input to better support our members. Without you "the members" we as a club would not exist.

Wayne Ravelich APCNZ Vice President

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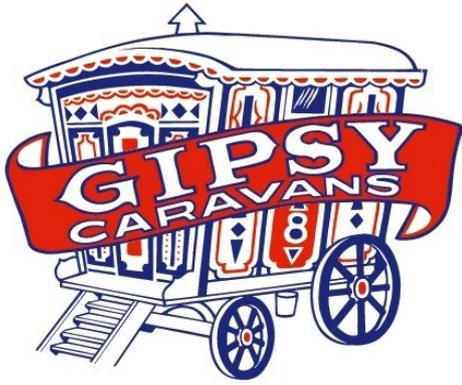
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News and Events

The All Points Camping Club AGM

is coming up on the weekend of the
28th, 29th & 30th of August.

The site at Sanson Hall, Manawatu has plenty of parking with large vehicle access, a dump station, grassed area for tents and the usual hall facilities. Following the 1:30pm AGM meeting on the Saturday, we will have a shared afternoon tea, Social Time and Pot Luck dinner.

Father's Day Picnic

Sunday 6th September from 11:00am.

Ngatitua Domain, Paremata. A casual Fun day by the water for a picnic. Bring the Family, a picnic lunch and even your fishing rod. Children's playground. Open to all club members and prospective members. Drive to the camping site by the water and look for the APCNZ club Flag.

Kawerau weekend Family Camp

September 25th from 2pm to the 28th

We invite you to join with our national camping club for a weekend of fun at the Konnect Training and Events Centre in NZ's timber town.

Wentworth Valley Camp

Labour Weekend, October 23rd – 26th

Bring the family and relax this Labour Weekend at the beautiful [Wentworth Valley DoC campground](#). Nestled in the Coromandel bush and only 15 minutes drive from Whangamata, this weekend event is organised by the Waikato branch of APCNZ. An All Points Camping Club member rate applies. Pets must be under control.

Bookings essential either through the camp, email NikiFlanagan@outlook.com or contact Lyn Bennett on 0273750448. The Whangamata Lions market will be operating on Saturday.

Foxton Beach Family Camp

Labour Weekend, October 23rd – 26th

Held at Foxton Beach School this affordable family camp is in walking distance to the local estuary and beach. No charge for children attending this weekend camp with their family. The famous Foxton Spring Fair is happening in the town on the Sunday.

Thames Steampunk Festival Camp

6 – 8 November

at Thames South School. This year's camp will be hosted by Bay of Plenty Caravan Club. Past attendees who wish to attend this camp should contact Gary Stoneley on 027 2469778 for further information

All Points Camping Club 5th Birthday celebration.

New Years

The North Island celebration for this event is planned to be held at Broadlands over the week 27th December to 4th January. Campers are invited to join us throughout this period.

Bring the family or entertainment. Pets on leads permitted, farm property. Details to be finalised.

Auckland Anniversary Weekend

January 29 – 1 February

Auckland Anniversary weekend at Wentworth Valley

Camp Fest

Weekend 6th & 7th of March 2021.

At the Bulls Domain. This weekend will have stalls, workshops, entertainment, and lots more. Camping for ALL and Dog friendly venue. Not that far away now so mark it on your calendar.

For further information on these inclusive, family friendly camping events and more go to www.allpointscampingnz.org or <https://www.facebook.com/AllPointsNZ>



This applies to any event with a camping component

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

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DIY Tips and Tricks

By Wayne Ravelich

Panic Alarm:

There has been some talk online lately about having a panic alarm in your caravan or Motorhome. This is not a silly idea especially for those of us in advanced years or for those traveling alone. To have a panic alarm professionally installed could cost an arm and both legs but would be worth it for piece of mind if you are unable to do it yourself.

There are many options when it come to panic alarms. The cheapest and easiest to install is a simple battery-operated personal alarm unit with a remote push button. If you regularly park close to others, this could be all you need. Light & sound keeps nasties away or scares them away. Sound informs others of a problem and light to indicate where the problem is.

Basically, all you need for a panic alarm is a siren or horn, a flashing light, and a switch to turn it on. In a motorhome (and I include vans, buses, house trucks, anything that you drive in this) you can use the vehicles hazard lights and horn if you wish. In a caravan you need to add lights and siren.

Parts

Firstly the sound. A standard car horn works ok, it makes noise. A siren is better as it makes a noise that is indicative of a problem. Both cost about the same.



Siren

The light. Using the vehicle hazard lights works great as it shows all around the vehicle but unless you really know what you are doing it is harder to connect to. A separate flashing/strobing light is easy to install and not expensive for under \$30. Jaycar have a 120db siren and blue strobe, all in one unit for under \$25.

The Switch needs to be accessible at all times and within easy reach from the bed. Two types of switch are available, a push button switch or a toggle switch. The push button switch must be a push on/ push off type. If you knock something on-to the push switch your alarm goes on. A toggle switch can have the added "missile launch Protective cover" from Jaycar added to prevent accidental firing of the alarm. If you intend to use the vehicles hazard lights and horn, the switch will need to be a DPDT, double pole/double throw type to keep the lights and horn separate or your horn will go with the indicators, not a good look in town.



Toggle Switch



Push Button

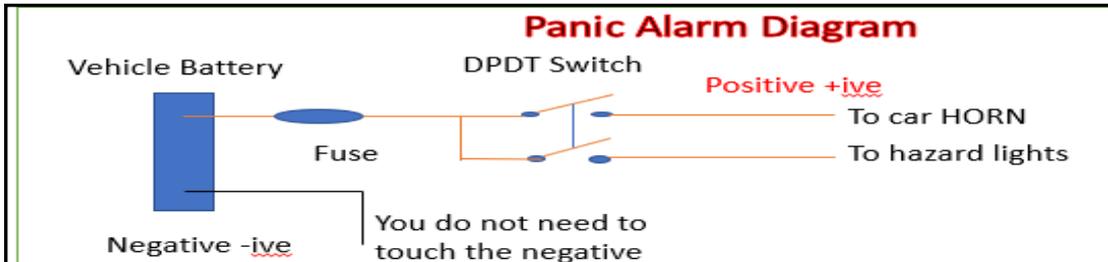
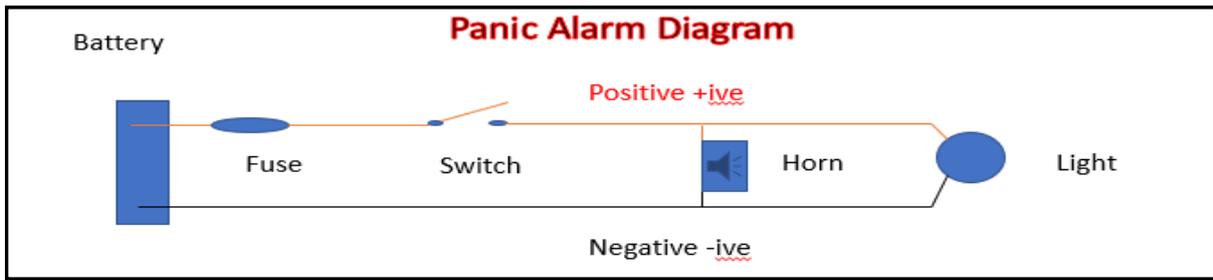
Assembly, The first fun part. How it works, the power comes from the battery **+ive** through a fuse to the switch, from the other side of the switch to the Horn **+ive** then to the light **+ive**. From the light **-ive** back to the horn **-ive** and then to the battery **-ive**, easy, see diagram. Then the real fun, try it!



Strobe & Siren



Strobe



Water, Water Everywhere.

More and more people are now drinking Bottled water, especially when camping. I am of an age that we, back in the day would drink out of the garden hose. That is no-longer recommended. We now spend huge Money on "Food Grade Hose" just to fill the water tank in our campers, forgetting that the pipes suppling the water are possibly older than I am.



Water Filter

To get clean water at our sink, handbasin or shower we can filter the water. Firstly, and the most effective way is to add a FILTER to your system between the water tank and the pump. This can cost from \$50 to \$200 for the filter unit then you need to install it or pay someone to do it for you.



Water Filter

The next option is to filter the water before it gets to your tank. Anyone can do this; it is cheap and easy. Put an inline Filter on your hose. These filters come from RD1, now NZ Farm source or most hardware stores and range in price from \$6 to \$10. First cut the hose, heat the ends with hot water, push hose onto the filter ends and use hose clamps to finish. Job done. You now have clean water going into your tank.



Inline Filter

Waikato Branch APCNZ

By Lyn Bennett

Welcome to the first Waikato Branch Blog.

We have had a fairly busy the last few months. Firstly, Ross and I checked out AJ's Park for a few days at Queens birthday weekend. What a wonderful place to park up, right by Karapiro Lake.

AJ's costs you \$5 per night per person and you have to be self-contained. As this was an impromptu camp, we put it out there that we were going to be there if you wish to join us. We had a couple of takers and several



Meet and Greet at the Foundation Bar



AJ's Park Lake Karapiro

coming for a day visit and coffee on the Sunday.

We were reasonably lucky with the weather, with a little rain at night. We had taken our trusty Gas Heater (these can be Bought at Equip camping Hamilton) and now several other members own one.



(These must be used in a ventilated space due to the carbon monoxide given off.)

Then on the 27th of June we held our yearly Meet and Greet at the Foundation Bar at Te Awa. We had a lovely time again this year, with

great food, great wine and awesome company and meeting a few new members. As usual Ross and I offered our lawn for people to park up on. With Gary (President) and Bev Stoneley making the journey up from Feilding. We are looking to holding again next year.

And finally, we held of first ever Mid-Winter Xmas Camp at AJ's. Alan from AJ's manage to get us the ski club hall which made a lovely venue. We had a great turn out of Vans, 13 in all, and with people travelling from as far away as Dargaville and the South Is to attend. Thursday night was really really cold with -2degrees in the morning (Friday) with ice inside and outside the windows, but it turned out the be a beautiful day. With campers coming in to stay. Saturday night was a potluck dinner, with Mary Reid and I hosting games.



AJ's kindly donated some free nights' accommodation vouchers as prizes. The night was a great success with good food, wine and lots of laughter and secret Santa. On Sunday night for those hardy souls that stayed another night we had a BBQ of sausages and bread with more wine and chatter. There are lots more photos on The Waikato Page APCNZ Facebook page. Thank you to all those that attended and assisted with the Sunday clean up as it is you that make the camps a success.



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APCNZ Nelson Creek Camp

By Beverly Stoneley

As we were heading to Cromwell the next day, we wanted to get a bit of a head start on the trip and this seemed a good place. The camp here at [Fairlie](#) is quite small and is set among some quite large trees. It was a nice quiet location to rest after a few busy days.

Next morning, we were on the road, heading to Cromwell. We had been down this way the previous year and recognised some of the places as we passed them, but they did look a little different coming from the other direction. When we arrived in Cromwell, we checked into the [Top 10 Holiday Park](#). We had been told that the park was closing, and they confirmed us that they would be there for 1 more season and the area is being developed for housing. The surrounding area had roading in, and services on, with some housing going up. Its sad to see facilities like this closed due to the housing demand.

Queenstown seemed to be incredibly busy traffic wise. We had been caught up in the early morning rush on our way through to Kingston, and it had eased a bit by the time we got back. There is a new shopping area to the north of town, where we had lunch, then our mission was to find a Spotlight store. We left the main shopping area and drove around the back of the airport, to what appears to be the main shopping area.

We later went back down to the lake front just as the [TSS Earnslaw](#) was leaving the jetty. It's surprising how fast it moves through the water. While we were at one of the bars on the water's edge, we watched what at first appeared in the distance to be a jet ski, but no it was some sort craft that travelled for short distances under the water before popping up again. Once it was moored, we could see it was in the shape of a shark.

Back at Cromwell we spent another night at the Holiday park before heading off towards Haast in the late morning. This part was another interesting trip. At Haast we decided to go a bit further and would look for somewhere to stay the night later. As we came to the very long single lane bridge leaving Haast the flashing road open sign took our attention, but we missed the sign stating how many kms it was to the next petrol station.

On the way we stopped at Knights Point lookout. Getting out of the vehicle was running the gauntlet with the sandflies. They were there in their 1000s and even invited all their distant relatives along. After taking a few quick photos we got back in the vehicle to avoid being bitten. It was funny watching people trying to fend off the sandflies. A little later in the afternoon we arrived [at Lake Paringa Campsite](#) intending to stay the night. It was here that we realised that we were not going to have enough petrol to get us to the next petrol station. We then made the decision to go back the 40kms to Haast to fill up with fuel. (With about 10 ks of fuel left in the tank). We then made the decision to spend the night at the [Haast River Holiday Park](#).



The Old Precinct Cromwell

The next morning, we were up early for a trip to Kingston to see a new testing officer. This turned out to be an eventful trip with a large rock chipping our newly repaired windscreen. Once back in Queenstown we managed to find Novus, but they were very busy and not able to do the repair that day but gave us a band aid to put on the chip meantime.

West Coast

We left Haast quite early in the morning, usually we are not up and organised so early. Travelling towards Hokitika, it was pretty cool to see the dew in the spider webs on the trees beside the highway. It made the trees look a bit like they were covered in a light dusting of snow, being all white and shiny.

We stopped at Ross for coffee before continuing to Hokitika where we checked into the new [Hokitika Kiwi Holiday Park](#) there. Being a new facility, everything was all clean, and fresh. Their playground for the little people is huge, and well set up, with fencing to keep the little people safe. After dinner we drove down to the river mouth to watch the sun go down. This was a popular spot with many people there doing the same as us.



Hokitika River Mouth at sunset

Upon returning to camp, we sat outside to watch the space shuttle go over. Our neighbours for the night, from Oregon USA, had told us about it earlier in the day. It's surprising how fast it's travelling and soon disappeared.

In the morning we made a quick trip to the supermarket before heading towards Greymouth. We walked along the Main Street and were surprised at the number of empty buildings. Businesses had either closed or moved to another part of town.

Leaving Greymouth towards Nelson creek there were a number of historic places marked on the side of the

road. Because of the length of caravan we tow, getting into many of these to check them out was not possible. Maybe another time.

APCNZ Nelson Creek weekend Camp

[Nelson Creek Reserve](#) is a nice and well set up camping area. There are some facilities here, toilets, washing up area, recycling station, BBQ tables and fire pits for the campfires, and of course loads of sand flies.



Nelson Creek Reserve

Saturday morning most of us met up at the large picnic area in the middle of the camp for a bit of a discussion as to what was around the camp. Some of us decided to go for a walk along the shorter track. This was a very interesting walk, through 2 short tunnels, and over a fairly long swing bridge.

Once over the bridge and onto [Department of Conservation land](#) there are 2 options for walks, we took the shorter one. We saw several different species of bird, with one fantail putting in quite a show for us. It's an interesting place, but you have to follow the tracks, as there are 100s of trenches that were dug by the Chinese gold diggers. Many of these are very deep, and some with branches heading off in different directions. The trenches are not very wide, and the working conditions would have been very cramped. Some of the trenches would be around 5 metres deep, and possibly no wider than 30 cm or so. Part way around we visited the Colls Dam and took the opportunity for some photos of the group.

When we returned to camp, we had a visit from a family from the Gloriavale community who donated us some fresh baked buns, and bags of peaches. The buns were delicious, as were the peaches and much appreciated

Sunday morning, we were up and, on the road, early. Nelson creek is a venue suited for all types of campers, and I am sure many of us will visit again. Thanks, Murray Brown, for suggesting and organising the venue.



The Brave Explorers

Blenheim – Spring Creek

From Nelson Creek, we headed towards Blenheim. At about Fenwick we pulled over to decide where we would spend out last night in the South Island. [Spring Creek Holiday Park](#) won. We were so lucky to be parked right beside where the eels are.

There are also ducks, Pukeko and a good-sized pet rainbow trout here. It's nice to be parked with such easy access to see these. The trout was way faster than the ducks when it came to eating the bread I had intended for the ducks. Those ducks just didn't stand a chance. The eels didn't show a lot of interest in the bread and missed out on some sausage as the trout also grabbed most of that. From Spring Creek it was only a 30 minute drive through to Picton for the trip back home the next day, giving us plenty of time to explore before getting on the Straitsman for the trip home.

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Quiz

- 1) Which of the NZ's volcanos erupted in 2012?
- 2) What year was the Death Penalty for murder abolished in NZ?
- 3) What should we all leave at the end of camping?
- 4) Which All Black has the most test caps for a prop boasting 118?
- 5) Hawdon Valley is feature of which NZ Island?
- 6) True or False. Does Sir Peter Jackson have a star on the Hollywood walk of Fame?
- 7) What year did NZ change from Pounds and Pence to Dollars and Cents?
- 8) With around 850 people which Hauraki Gulf Island is NZ 4th most populous island
- 9) Which of the NZ wines is by far our most exported?
- 10) Which famous person is on the NZ \$100 note?

Answers on page 20. No cheating



STOLEN CARAVANS and CAMPERVANS

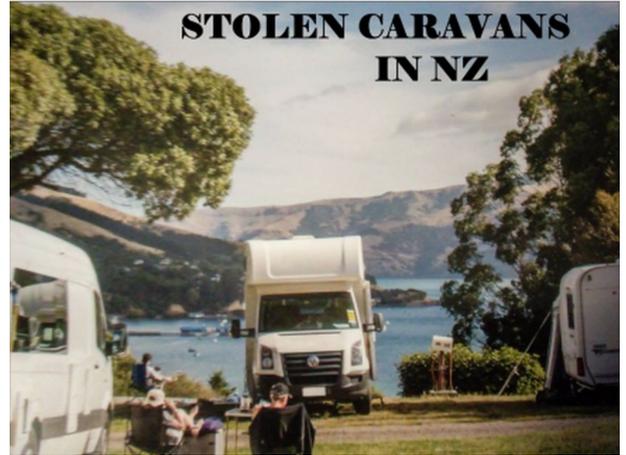
The Theft of Caravans and Motorhomes in NZ is on the increase. From trailer campers, Teardrops, Retro or modern caravans and smaller campervans through to larger converted buses and motorhomes. In this issue of the NZ Lifestyle Camping magazine we have put together some tips and information that may help you protect your asset.

For many people a caravan or motorhome is not just accommodation on wheels but a treasured possession full of memories. Let's all do what we can to protect and recover these assets as required.

The very successful Facebook group [Stolen Caravans in NZ](#) operated by Robyn Berghoffer and other social media pages have helped to make the public aware leading to the recovery of several stolen caravans and motorhomes.

Robyn has provided the following helpful tips for people concerned about theft.

1. Take decent photos of their Caravans from all angles, in clear light
2. Make sure to get images of any distinctive scratch, mark or damage
3. Have the Caravan glass marked the same as you do a motor vehicle
4. Engrave or weld onto the drawbar in welding beads, the current registration number
5. Take high quality images of any manufacturer compliance plate, decal and record their location
6. Ensure the Caravan is parked in sight of a house or camera
7. Fit a low-cost Motion Alarm as some posters have mentioned
8. If the Caravan is stationary for a long time, consider removing the Wheels & Tyres, plus the towing hitch
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News from the South

Well, winter has finally arrived and I'm still in shorts. It's usually near zero in the mornings but turns out to be a cracker day here in Motueka.

At the Motueka Vehicle Testing Station, here in Tasman Bay we have been very, very busy since lockdown. We have slowed a wee bit, but now are noticing a lot of caravans, campers and motorhomes coming in, getting ready to head away on NZ trips.

Speaking of trips, be very careful where you park up for the night, if you are the only vehicle there. Why you ask? - My son and wife were parked up at a CSC site in Whitianga, when around midnight their motor home was banged and rocked by "Locals" ordering them to get out of "their" area. Son leapt into driver's seat and drove until they got to Tauranga where they felt safe. Be safe out there and look out for each other.



Wai-Nature Naturist Park

Di and I are heading to Wai-Nature Naturist Park at Labour weekend, to warm up for summer. All APCNZ members are welcome. Please ring for a site booking.

Please note, it is a **Naturist Park**.

Self-containments are picking up again, think I've done 9 recently, mostly French, Russian and Ukraine etc. These are people who chose to stay for Lockdown as they had 'essential' orchard work.

If you are heading to our area, you are welcome to call in for a chat, a W.O.F or your CSC requirements. Travel safe Murray and Diane. Motueka, Tasman Bay.



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- 2) 1961
- 3) Footprints only
- 4) Tony Woodcock
- 5) Arthurs Pass National Park South Island
- 6) True
- 7) 10th July 1967
- 8) Great Barrier Island
- 9) Sav Blanc
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Peer to Peer Rentals

by Gary Stoneley

Have you ever thought about renting out that car or camper that's parked up?

Well we thought about it and decided to find out more and give it a go.

What can possibly go wrong?

Over the past couple of years there have been several peer to peer hire companies starting up in the NZ market. We decided to go with the NZ owned and operated My Car Your Rental which has been around for a few years and has gone from strength to strength. Other known companies that have come onto the NZ market specialising in campervans are Mighway and Share a Camper.

Why rent out your vehicle?

We can have thousands of dollars tied up in motor vehicles that are often sitting idle while at the same time many kiwis need a short term loan vehicle. The renter receives a small amount of revenue that can be used to offset vehicle costs and help towards repayments.

What's required?

The NZ government has imposed certain requirements on rental vehicle operators. These include holding a transport goods licence, vehicles having a certificate of fitness and insurance options for the consumer. Then you have to have a booking system.

As a small, independent operator these requirements seem daunting. Working through a Peer to Peer rental agency such as My Car your Rental makes this easy as the company has developed the management systems, holds the transport service licence and manages the vehicle insurance while the vehicle is rented out.

Working through My Car Your Rental we first needed to have a suitable vehicle to hire out and to develop an online profile with contact and vehicle details / photos. Getting the COF (certificate of fitness is easy using the My Car Your rental TSL number. It cost less than \$70.00. For just a few dollars more we also purchased the premium, vehicle roadside assistance through the Vehicle Testing NZ Website.

What about getting bookings and insurance?

For a person to hire the vehicle through My Car Your Rental they will need to create an online profile and be vetted. When we listed our vehicle we had the choice of charging hourly through to monthly charging rates with restrictions on driver age etc. The easy to use online calendar allows the vehicle owner to block out days or hours when the vehicle will not be available. You do not have to accept a booking and the booking system includes safeguards and contact options.

The moment your vehicle keys are passed over to the hirer and the vehicle is rented My Car Your Rental's insurance takes over. It has no impact on your personal vehicle insurance.

So are peer to peer rentals worth it?

Each person's situation is different. For the right vehicle and location there can be significant earnings. In our case we decided to explore rental opportunities in our local community and have now listed 3 vehicles. We have seen a need in our community for low cost rental vehicles and have listed our Nissan coach as available for community use. Its one way we can help the community and the risk is covered by working through My Car Your Rental.

To find out more about Peer to Peer rental of a car, campervan etc. go to www.mycaryourrental.com or contact one of the other companies working in this field. For us, supporting a NZ owned company matters.

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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.



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But the vehicle interior must be 'designed' and fit for habitation, and you must have sufficient room to adequately use the toilet inside the vehicle when required or we will not approve it. Many large people movers and small vans are designed for two people to be able to sleep in them. To be able to be certified for self containment the vehicle must have cooking facilities and meet the fresh water, waste water and toileting requirements of the NZ standard.

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?

Check the following list of qualified testing officers or go to the NZ Lifestyle Camping website. The self containment 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.

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NEW ZEALAND

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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