



NUDVAN NAVIGATOR



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Last Event

NUDVAN Christmas and Sports Challenge 18th November 2017 at Counties Sun Club

Report written by Dave of NZN

The weather gods held back the rain, but it still wasn't quite warm enough for club uniform when New Zealand Naturists (NZN) combined with Counties Club to challenge Nudvan for the shield.

Games consisting of Darts, Petanque, Kubb, Horse shoe throw and Frisbee-golf kept all of the teams entertained (and frustrated) throughout the afternoon. Some hardy souls, along with the kids of course, had even ventured to brave the cold pool.

Happy hour was followed by a banquet of delicious foods brought in by everyone for the pot luck dinner and a scrumptious desert that was supplied by Nudvan.

Santa's little helper handed out Christmas gifts from under the tree, that was then followed by a 'Creative craft challenge' held in the club rooms. The night gently drifted by, sitting beside the wonderful warm brazier fire telling yarns and drinking.

The next morning was welcomed in with the wonderful aromas of coffee, bacon, sausages, hash browns, fried tomatoes and scrambled eggs, all kindly supplied by the Nudvan crew.

Thank you Counties club and Nudvan members, for putting on such a wonderful weekend. In the end it was Counties club who won back the shield, so watch this space for 2018.

Upcoming Events

The annual National NZNF Rally is to be held at Te Marua Park Wellington (WSC) from 28th December 2017 to 3 January 2018. The theme this year is Pioneer Village so just dig out your grandparents clothes of the 20's and 30's. The rally will be fun and is well worth attending. If you wish to attend the rally please register as soon as possible, YES it's too late to be in for the "Early Bird" registration draw! If you wish to find out more about the rally you can look on www.wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or registration forms are available from registrations@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz.

Then it will be the NUDVAN Safari 2018, led by Tony and Dianne.

For some time members have expressed an interest in a Safari based on the Coromandel. This area has previously been by-passed due to the lack of freedom parking. So this Safari

will use NZMCA sites on most nights. This of course means that you must be a member of NZMCA. The Safari will be a drop in – drop out, so come for what you can, if you are not able to come for the total Safari. We do need numbers as in some cases we have to make bookings. So please let the Secretary know if you are joining the Safari.

Email nudvan@gonatural.co.nz.

Below are the current details, they are however not “set in concrete”. Please check nearer the time in case we have to make any changes.

Starting in Coromandel town on Friday 9th February at the Driving Creek Railway. They have a BBQ at the top of the hill in their lookout. Bring your own food, watch the sunset, and the glow-worms on the train down. Train departs at 19.00. Cost \$50 pp and we overnight in their car park for free. Toilets available.

Saturday 10th those that missed the BBQ last night, can experience the train and we then head out to Colville and the Otautu Bay Farm Camp. NZMCA 1935. Lat 36.61164 Lon 175.44618 Tele 078666801 \$15pn pp

Sunday 11th on to Port Jackson, NZMCA 1923, Lat 36.48405 Lon 175.34171 About 23ks, for those who are not enjoying the road it's best to stay at last night's. The north end of the camp is preferable and we may get a chance to swim in uniform. Tele 078666932 \$13 pp pn

Monday 12th on to Fletcher Bay, NZMCA 1920, Lat 36.47774 Lon 175.39078 the road does not get better and **larger vehicles would be unable to get across the fords**. One is concrete and not much trouble the next is really a drain and is steep entering and leaving. Swimming in uniform is possible. Tele 078666685 \$13 pp pn. The walk to Stony Bay starts here, and is a 3 ½ hour walk each way. Three Ks along the path is a turn off to Malonie Bay, totally private and ideal for us.

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th Spent at Waikawau Bay, NZMCA 1932, Lat36.60531 Lon 175.53487 Tele 078661106, \$13 pp pn and \$16 pp pn powered sites. Two days here to allow some campers to go north, if they wish.

To Port Charles and thence to Stony Bay, NZMCA 1926. Lat 36.51252 Lon 175.42266 Tele 078666822 \$13 pp pn.

Thursday 15th and Friday 16th back through Coromandel town and take SH25 towards Kuaotunu / Whitianga. The left hand turnoff to Whangapoua and New Chums Beach is next, however, there are no camp sites and only two freedom camping spots.

On to Kuaotunu Camp ground. Located at 33 Bluff Road, NZMCA 2012. Lat 36.72827 Lon 175.70441 Tele 078665628 \$???. The beach is good but not in our uniform, so, after checking in(maybe next day) drive further towards Whitianga until Blackjack Road appears on the left, follow this road over the hill to Otama Beach, parking for the day only. Good feed at Lukes Kitchen. Walk half way along the beach, only dunes and the Mercuries, we have walked the beach in uniform many times, no problem.

Saturday 17th Whitianga. Three freedom parking spots on Buffalo Beach, three more in the town car park and of course the NZMCA 2038 Lat 36.83081 Lon175.68591. Site just out of town. I suggest we meet there. A good time to restock at the supermarkets and on Saturday there is a farmers market in town.

Sunday 18th End of Safari at Katikati not strictly on the Coromandel but a good place to get into uniform and wind down. \$19 pp pn off power, \$22 pp pn on power.

But wait there's more – A Stay Put Rally 16 – 18 March 2018
Back to that wonderful hideaway on the stream near Whangamata. A weekend of R and R

And Finally
NUDVAN AGM will be held on Saturday 21st April 2018 at Katikati. Please mark the date in your dairies to keep it free. Make your booking direct with Katikati.

Cheers for now
John & Christine