



NUDVAN NAVIGATOR



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Hi All from the new (Acting) President,

At the AGM on the 9th April at Katikati, we did not have a quorum due to a lack of numbers, 25% membership was needed out of 105 Members but only which 22 attended.

We discussed all the issues with the result of the "election" of Stan G - President, John R - Vice President, Naomi D - Newsletter, Christine B - Secretary and Correspondence, Committee - Alison M, Roger D, Russell C and John R as acting Treasurer (as Gayl and Roger C have stepped down).

All items including minutes from 2010 AGM, the president's report, treasurer's, subs, correspondence, election of officers and committee will be discussed at a special general meeting to be held in November at the Christmas rally.

After the meeting we had a wonderful meal thanks to Roger C, Alison M and John R for a great job. On Sunday, morning tea was had followed by a game of golf with ten players and the winners of Bonky the bear were Noel and Marilyn, our newest members (just joined that weekend). Well done and welcome to NUDVAN.

Stan G

PIHA PROGRESS

Friday June 17- Sunday 19 (longer if you choose to stay on or arrive early)

Piha is....black sand, wild surf, beach walks, sunsets, noises of nature, fishing, Lion Rock climb. Piha... Domain Motor Camp is the venue (www.pihabeach.co.nz)... with powered and non-powered sites, Beach huts (anyone to share?). If you are an RSA member, perhaps you can negotiate a Saturday night meal for us? Otherwise we may be able to book into The Bowling Club for nosh. Piha does offer other interests - art gallery, canyoning, surfing. On the way you can POP into Henderson's Tui Glen (and use your Gold Card for train and bus journeys), stop in Titirangi for the views. On the way home, you could even tour the Manukau beaches from Whatipu to Ambury Park (Mangere). Because it will be winter, this rally makes no pretence that we will be able to get our gear off...who knows, a long walk on a fine day might enable it. It is simply a place for us to gather and enjoy where we are.

I do need to know what kind of site you need.....prices are power \$15 per night per adult, non-power \$12pp -- with NZMCA membership only \$10pp. If we can all park together, it would add to the occasion. Beach huts pricing includes a bond, so ask me. And I would like to know if we can organise a 'meal out'...numbers please. If you phone me, please leave a contact number should I need to get in touch...email contact would simply be a Reply to yours!

Alison

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Tramping in the Tongariro area

During 2010 Ruth said it was time to do something on her 'bucket list'. A trip to the Central Plateau area was settled upon and in particular a tramp on the Tongariro Crossing as a must do.

Things were put in place and an open invitation was sent out to several clubs that may be interested, the response was pretty good in all, we had replies from about 15 people in all. As time went on I had an accident during a tandem parachute jump that left me with a broken leg and a badly damaged ankle, never mind it was my left ankle and our camper is an automatic so no problem I can still drive and Ruth can do the walks.



The date for the trip had been set for mid Feb. We were on track until the third week in Jan. When Ruth's heart decided to throw a bit of a wobbly, a couple of weeks later she is out of hospital with a new pacemaker fitted and also with the instructions that she was not to walk The Tongariro Crossing.

Time was getting on and we felt it was too late to cancel the trip and although my ankle was not right I still should make the trip over the Crossing.

Weather dictated which day we would do the Crossing and we decided that we would do The Taranaki Falls Walk the day before to limber up, this is an easy walk and also very scenic it really is a photographers delight and well worth doing. Some of us did the walk nude and some topless we had no problems and the weather was good.

On the big day 10 of us met at Mangatapopo at 7am at the start of the Tongariro Crossing a fine day was looming and after about an hour 7 of us felt it was warm enough to take our clothes off and continue the Crossing nude. It wasn't long before the many other users of the Crossing caught us up there were a few comments of course but none adverse. Many more overseas people than locals were on the track that day and it made for good humoured banter and good times along the way even when several overseas girls wanted to have photos with us and we said that if you stick around us long enough you have to join us nude, alas none joined us nude, but they didn't run away either. The weather was kind to us that day and we only put tops on when we stopped for lunch at the top, the tops came off again as soon as we started down.

The Tongariro Crossing Has a great reputation with lots of challenges difficult rock climbs, slippery sections and fantastic views. We all had a great time and several asked to be included in the next adventure. A shame only 4 NUDVAN members including ourselves were present.



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Rallies 2011

May	28-29	Parakai Hot Pools
June	17-19	Piha (more info in newsletter)
July	9-10	WOS Mid winter swim & Meal
August	20-21	Indoor Sports & Dress up night @KNP
September	17-18	Rotota Sports Challenge
October	21-24	BOP Labour Weekend
November	19-20	AONC Christmas meal and Special General Meeting

At the time of going to press we do not have all the details for the August rally. These will be sent out by email but if you are NOT on email and would like more details, please phone or text one of the committee – see contact details below.

We would like to thank Ray White Tokoroa for the continued sponsorship of photocopying our newsletters. It is much appreciated.

