



NUDVAN NAVIGATOR



April/ May 2012

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VIEW FROM THE TOP - May 2012

Hi to you all

A nice sunny weekend for our A G M but I am disappointed at the lack of people that came as we have over 90 members and we can't even get a quorum of 25 members to come.

Also the last two rallies held in Feb & March were not attended by many members.

We are having our 20th birthday in July and so hope more of you will come and enjoy our program and enjoy the catered meal with us. Also come and have your say about what you want the club to do. It is not fair on the ones who put themselves out to organise a rally for you and only about 5 vans turn out.

Thank you Ruth & Bryan for arranging and leading the Safari. Hopefully you will do another one and more members will turn up for it.

Pauline, Interim President

Word from the committee

After two AGMs without being able to gather enough members for a quorum, perhaps this is the membership's way of telling us Nudvan has had its day?

It was very disappointing, once again, to have the need to hold a Special General Meeting to ratify an AGM where those present (18) were only 6 more than the apologies. We needed only 25 financial members - and, with prospective members present, it certainly did not give a favourable impression of our club.

Your committee has made an effort to 'come up with the goods' as you suggested in the 2011 questionnaire....and even then the summer rallies/safari were attended by the few. With over 90 financial members we obviously have a healthy membership - but only a fifth are prepared to be involved in the club activities. This does make it very difficult to arrange the rallies and gatherings our constitution requires of us. Perhaps rallies are no longer a major way of getting together - if so, what else would you suggest?

Naturally, one can only come to the conclusion that most of you are members only because it keeps your NZNF Passport current cheaply.

From my perspective - as a non-van-owning member - I can support Nudvan with ideas and assistance where practicable. Skype meetings enable this and regular emails between committee tie up decisions neatly. Perhaps you can help this way? If you have any other suggestions, please let the committee know soon.

Alison Milne

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Even with the unsettled weather we managed to have a really good rally. The weather was much better than the reports lead us to believe. 7 campervans had met by Saturday morning with 3 locals arriving to spend a good part of the day with us.

It was great to be able to welcome a new couple from Auckland, 2 from Hamilton, 2 from Coromandel and the rest from northland. A part of Saturday morning was spent scavenging the camp, beach and scrub



for things to make some sort of headgear out of for the competition which was judged on Sunday morning. We had all sorts of headgear from the almost elegant to the wild, weird and wonderful. The rest of the time was spent playing patenque, horseshoe throwing, walks on the beach and getting together for morning tea and happy hours and an unusual quiz.



3 couples left to go on the safari. We decided not to go to the caves as the water was too high so will go there another time. 1st stop was the Piroa falls. We had a lovely walk through the bush to the falls, well worth it as the falls were the biggest we have seen them, even got a photo opportunity to have a photo taken in club uniform. We took a rather unusual route down to Kaiwaka, instead of going over the

Brenderwyns we went around them. Then off to Te Arai where another couple from Northland, and a potential new member joined us. The sun also joined us and we managed to have a few days enjoying the beach and taking a walk through the bush. It was lovely to have our 3 visitors joining us there for morning tea and lunch one day. Those who came really did enjoy themselves and had a good time. Thanks for supporting us.

Where were the rest of you? We understood the members wanted somewhere different to go and we tried to do that. We would like to know if it is worth putting the effort into organizing anything again, and if it is, would we get the support of more club members.

Bryan & Ruth



Rallies

Two rallies were held recently, one in Kaueranga Valley and one at Uretiti Beach. This one included a mini Safari. Both were very different, but both in beautiful spots. The one at Kaueranga Valley was very relaxing with the chance to take walks in the bush, partake of petanque or quoits or sit and relax.

At Uretiti we had games and a quiz organised and a day to scramble around to pick up anything from the beach and bush to make some sort of headgear. This was judged Sunday morning. A lot of fun was had by those participating.

The question must be asked, where were the rest of you? Questionnaires were sent out and the majority of members who answered wanted rallies to be held away from land based clubs and to go to different places. While Pauline and Neil, Bryan and I were delighted to see the members who did turn up we were also disappointed the turnout was so low.

It is not enough to say, we do not want to travel through Auckland as the motorway system is now straight through and those that did travel through did not find it a problem. We are called NUDVANners for a reason, does that reason still exist?

I really believe we need to look at ourselves and where we are heading
 I would like this read out at the AGM and the questions discussed. When people put the time and effort into organising rallies it would be good to know there will be people attending to make it worthwhile.
 Thanking you. Ruth Porter

Kauaeranga Valley Report

Arrived at Shag Stream on Friday morning. Two new members were already there. By Friday evening there was five vans altogether including four new members George & Elaine, Larry & Margaret. It was good to meet them.

We had Sun Shine all week end and some of us even got sun burnt.

Ruth & Bryan were up early each day and went on a one hour trek and back in camp before some of us were out of bed.

We played petanque and quoits. On Sunday we went for a walk to the model dam. The river was a bit cold.

A lazy weekend and chill out for most of us. The four new members went in to town on Saturday to have a look at the shops and buy some camp chairs.

Happy hour was enjoyed by all, Bryan wanting to sit in sun and rest of us in the shade.

What happened to all the members that want rallies in the wilderness? This low turn out was a disappointment to the people that organised this rally.

A Safari rally is being organised by Ruth & Bryan starting from Uretiti Beach on the Fri 9th March. Hope to see more members there.

Pauline



If you have received this newsletter and are no longer a member of the club please contact the secretary. The committee has had a large amount of changes in the last 12 months, we are unsure of who are still members. Subs are due and have been mailed out to those not at the AGM weekend. To those who are on snail mail, invoices are included in the newsletter.

Any changes of postal and/or email address can you please let the Secretary know on nudvan@gonatural.co.nz or NUDVAN Club
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NUDVAN Rallies

July 7-9 - NUDVAN's 20th Birthday celebrations at KNP. See attached flyer.

Members from other clubs are more than welcome to attend NUDVAN rallies.

National Rally

See the information on the next page about the 61st Naturist Festival 28th December 2012- 3rd January 2013. This year will be hosted by the Wellington Naturist Club.



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