

Waikawau Bush Camp: 9th - 16th February 2018

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Ken needs towing



Damp camp



5sss in the wet

Waikawau DOC camp is a magnificent setting. The beach is beautiful and we had a lovely grassy site. The weather forecast was dismal so a few were put off but most of the crew arrived by Friday and set up in the rain. This was the theme for the next 5 days! The ground was boggy and some changes of site were required. Some fridges and batteries found it a little hard to cope and the powered sites were a welcome refuge. ICFR are a resilient lot! From Friday to Tuesday there were get togethers held under tarpaulins and in vans along with fishing, reading and walking in the rain and brief happy circles when a gap in the rain was found. This meant we were able to enjoy ourselves despite the weather.



Wet weather activities



Move over Ron!



Singalong



Shared dinner



Waikawau Beach



Camp site



On the beach

Wednesday dawned with blue skies and dinner was a happy shared occasion followed by singing accompanied by Rob Brangwin's guitar. Thursday we car pooled and went to Tangiora Kiwi resort for a superb lunch. There were progressive departures during the week and the rest left on Friday for the Whitianga rally



Lunch at Tangiora Resort



Pigeon drop 5sss

David's Scout Song

It rained on Monday and it rained on Tuesday
And it rained on Wednesday too,
It was wet on Thursday and it poured all Friday
And it rained on Saturday too,
And along came Sunday and we thought that's one day,
When it certainly wouldn't rain,
But it poured all Sunday and along came Monday
And it started all over again!
Rain, rain go away,
Please, please go away,
Can't you find another playground?
This has been our plight,
Morning, noon and night.
What a week this camp has been!



Organiser Jean gives instructions



President Kevin cooks up a storm



Moving after Ken's rutting!