

Anauru Bay Bush Camp 8th to 15th February 2019

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Bush Rally held at Anauru Bay 8th February to 15th February 2019



After a very active and stimulating week spent drifting down the East Coast a total of 19 vans eventually arrived at another piece of paradise. Anauru Bay Doc camp is located right next to the Pacific Ocean and which during the week we experienced in all its vagaries.

The camp ground is a very large flat and well drained site with many old

trees to provide shade and shelter. Also providing shelter is a large hedge between beach and camp which was much appreciated considering the wind prevailing all week was from the east.

On site was a large tank provided by DOC for emptying cassettes. Also a number of recycling bins and a thrice weekly rubbish collection. And fresh spring water reticulated around the camp with a number of taps conveniently located. Adjacent to the camp area is a large hillside covered in native bush with a two hour walking track.



At the first happy hour held under a lovely spreading pohutukawa tree we met Marty and Shona, the residential on site custodians, and what a wonderful couple they proved to be. Somehow they had convinced head office to enable our DOC passes to apply for the whole week when in fact we should have paid for the first three days. They had also arranged for all the services to continue for the week we were there.



Fishermen Setting Out



Wild Seas

In keeping with Ray's intentions organised activities were kept to a minimum. Unfortunately or fortunately considering on your point of view the "Scott curse" (remember Waikawau) followed us down the coast and the first four days were a bit damp. But this did not deter the more active from walking the beach, doing the walking track and generally getting out and about. Not to forgetting the fisherman who had the usual results or so we were told. The more sensible stayed in their vans or headed off to Tolaga or Tokomaru for fish and chips.

By Tuesday the sun had arrived and the wind slowly abated enough for the brave to go swimming which consisted of mainly bouncing about in the surf. Irene set up the jigsaw puzzle and the petanque kept a few occupied. Long walks along the beach to see the dotterels and terns were also popular.



Evening Entertainment Group

On Wednesday a communal evening meal was enjoyed by all and which was followed by a "concert" featuring our very own band consisting of Kevin Upton, Rob Brangwin and

Derek Vincent. To everyone's surprise they were joined by our custodian couple complete with guitar, ukulele and iPad repertoire.

For number of reasons by Wednesday people with various commitments had started to depart until by Thursday evening only the hardy or homeless remained. And by then the weather had really come right, with the sea on Friday like a mill pond.

Finally many thanks to Raymond (very ably assisted by his little fairy) for organising a most enjoyable week of rest and recuperation.



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