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Welcome to the January issue of the Deluxe RV Group Newsletter!

I wish you a Happy New Year and hope that everyone enjoyed the festive season. It's incredibly important to spend time with family and friends and the break often allows people to re-energise and prepare for another lap around the sun.

Poppy Levi and I stayed in Blenheim and enjoyed exploring Marlborough in between family catchups and felt very fortunate to have had my mum around for it all.

We noticed plenty of campers out and about and are now ready to kickstart 2024. The team at Deluxe is back at work and we wish you all a great start to the year.

Please feel free to send me pictures of your Christmas adventures in the motorhome as well as suggestions for some 2024 newsletter topics.

Enjoy the read!!!

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## **Great Weekend Destinations: Auckland**



We are moving on from the mighty Waikato to our largest city Auckland. The city offers many activities, locations and adventures and is a great weekend destination.

***"Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland is a multi-cultural urban oasis of food, music, arts and culture. It's where sparkling waters and lush landscapes meet city sophistication."***

I personally only know Auckland as a destination for work and business and have thoroughly enjoyed changing my mindset and exploring all the city has to offer to someone travelling in a RV. Enjoy the read and please feel free to send me some secret local tips if you happen to live in or near Auckland and have explored the area with your motorhome or caravan.

***"World-class shopping and phenomenal dining are never too far from harbours, islands, native bush and black-sand beaches. Go skydiving or whale watching, hike an ancient volcanic cone, taste local award-winning wine, or stargaze from the International Dark Sky Sanctuary of remote Great Barrier Island."***



"You'll find the best of both worlds in Auckland, with beautiful rainforests, parks and beaches all so close to the city centre. The Waitakere Ranges Regional Park west of the city centre has more than 250 kilometres of walking and hiking tracks through lush native rainforest, past cascading waterfalls and along a magnificent coastline. Walk through the region's largest native forest in the Hunua Ranges or explore the striking landscapes of some of Auckland's 26 regional parks, such as Duder, Shakespear, Tapapakanga or Āwhitu.

You're never far from the sea in Auckland. Bring your board to one of the black-sand surf beaches on the wild west coast – Karekare, Piha, Te Henga (Bethells), Muriwai and more. Head north to the expansive golden sands and clear waters of Tāwharanui and Pakiri. Closer to the city centre, and just a 15-minute drive from downtown Auckland, visit Mission Bay, Kohimarama or St Heliers. Enjoy a stroll along the promenade, hire a kayak or stand up paddleboard, and refuel with some fresh fish and chips by the seaside."

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/auckland/>



## Auckland's Westcoast Beaches

"Auckland's wild west is renowned for its rugged beauty; this is where the Tasman Sea's mighty surf crashes onto vast black-sand beaches.

The west is wild. Whatipu, Karekare, Piha, Te Henga (Bethells) and Muriwai beaches all have a remote, untamed beauty that's good for the soul. Although you'll feel a world away, many of these beautiful beaches are less than an hour's drive from the city centre, making them ideal day trip destinations."

Click on the link below to read the full article...

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/aucklands-west-coast-beaches/>



## Hauraki Gulf and Islands

"With over a million hectares of sparkling blue waters dotted with emerald islands, the Hauraki Gulf offers countless water activities and island adventures.

And with countless water activities and island adventures so close at hand, it's no wonder Lonely Planet named Auckland harbour and the Hauraki Gulf the best experience in New Zealand..."

Click on the link below to read the full article...

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/hauraki-gulf-and-islands/>



## Top Food Experience in Auckland and Waiheke Island

"Known as 'the city of sails', Auckland is home to waterfront restaurants, award-winning menus and bustling food hubs.

Check out some of the best restaurants, markets and eateries in Auckland and Waiheke Island.

The fairy lights of Federal Street will lure you into some of the finest restaurants in Auckland. Book a table at Huami for authentic Chinese dim sum, live crayfish and dumplings. Jam-packed of umami flavours, the Japanese inspired menus at MASU are cooked on an open charcoal grill. Take the lift to the top of the Skytower to The Sugar Club for three elegantly prepared courses or tasting menu..."

Click on the link below to read the full article...

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/food-experiences-in-auckland-and-waiheke-island/>

Suggestions on where to stay:

### A Kiwi Farmstay

Just north of Auckland city is A Kiwi Farmstay, where you'll experience traditional Kiwi farm life. Chatter around the campfire at night, feed baby goats and lambs, sheer a sheep or enjoy a horse ride. It's the perfect destination for a lovely getaway with the family.

### Whangateau Holiday Park

Whangateau Holiday Park, situated on the water's edge on Whangateau Harbour, is a peaceful and award-winning campground. With several waterfront

powered sites available, along with fishing and safe swimming nearby along the pristine Matakana and Kowhal Coast, this is one destination you must visit.

### **Orere Point TOP 10 Holiday Park**

Located about an hour from Auckland's CBD is the Orere Point TOP 10 Holiday Park. It offers affordable accommodation, including powered and non-powered sites, and is close to many regional parks and the Hunua Ranges. From here you can also access the Hot Springs and many water activities, such as kayaking.

### **Waitakere Ranges Regional Park**

Park your wheels within the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, which covers more than 16,000 hectares of native forest, waterfalls, cliffs and beautiful coastline. Stay at a basic campsite in the enchanting Pararaha Valley, which isn't far from Blacksand Beach. Bookings must be made through Auckland Council.

### **Remuera Motor Lodge and Campground**

This inner city camping ground offers affordable powered sites just minutes from Auckland's city centre. Here, you'll find a quiet, park-like setting with a swimming pool and many nearby attractions, such as spas, golf courses and beaches.

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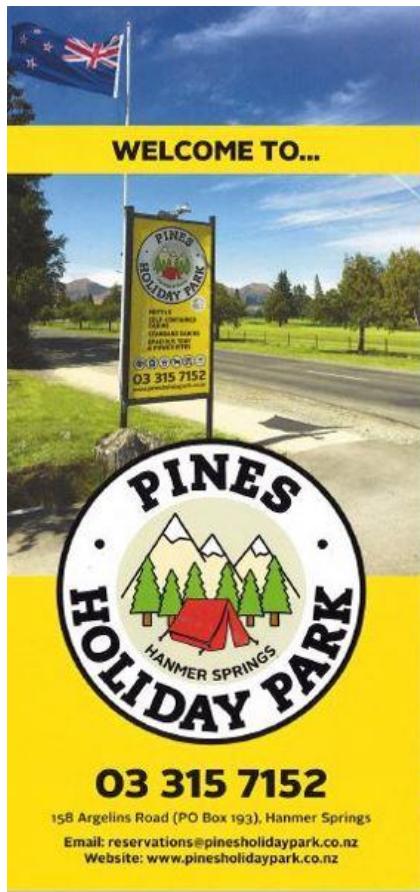
## **Staff Trip 1: Smith Family Christmas Trip / Pines Village Holiday Park**



The Smith family Christmas camping tradition continues in Hanmer Springs.

Gary and his family packed up and travelled south to Hanmer Springs for Christmas. Changing it up from last years adventures to the Nelson region they chose the Pines Holiday Park as their destination and enjoyed a relaxing Christmas camping trip.

The kids absolutely loved it, many memories were made and the feedback for the campsite was excellent.



**WELCOME TO...**

**PINES HOLIDAY PARK**  
HANMER SPRINGS

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**BASIC STANDARD CABINS**

Double bed, double bunk with a single above. Beds are made up with bottom sheet and pillowcases. Duvet on double bed. Jug, toaster, Fridge and Freeview TV. Guests will need to supply their own bedding and utensils.

**2 BEDROOM MOTEL**

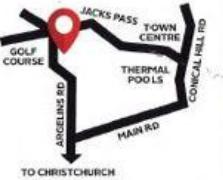
2 bedrooms, lounge/kitchen area, shower and toilet. Queen-size and single beds, breakfast-making facilities, microwave, fridge, Freeview TV and utensils for use in the communal kitchen. All bedding and towels provided.

**STUDIO MOTEL**

Queen-size and single bed with kitchen/lounge in one room. Bathroom and breakfast making facilities plus microwave, fridge, Freeview TV and utensils for use in the communal kitchen. All bedding and towels provided.

**POWERED AND UNPOWERED SITES**

Large sites. With views of the hills and access gates into the domain. Use of the communal kitchen and showers. Easy access to wheelchair toilet and shower.




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**CHECK IN:**  
**2PM**

**CHECK OUT:**  
**10AM**

"Quiet family holiday park situated just approx. 900 metres from the village centre & Thermal Reserve in Hanmer Springs. Pines Holiday Park in Hanmer Springs also offers pet friendly accommodation so you don't have to leave your loved pets at home! Please let us know if you are bringing your pet.



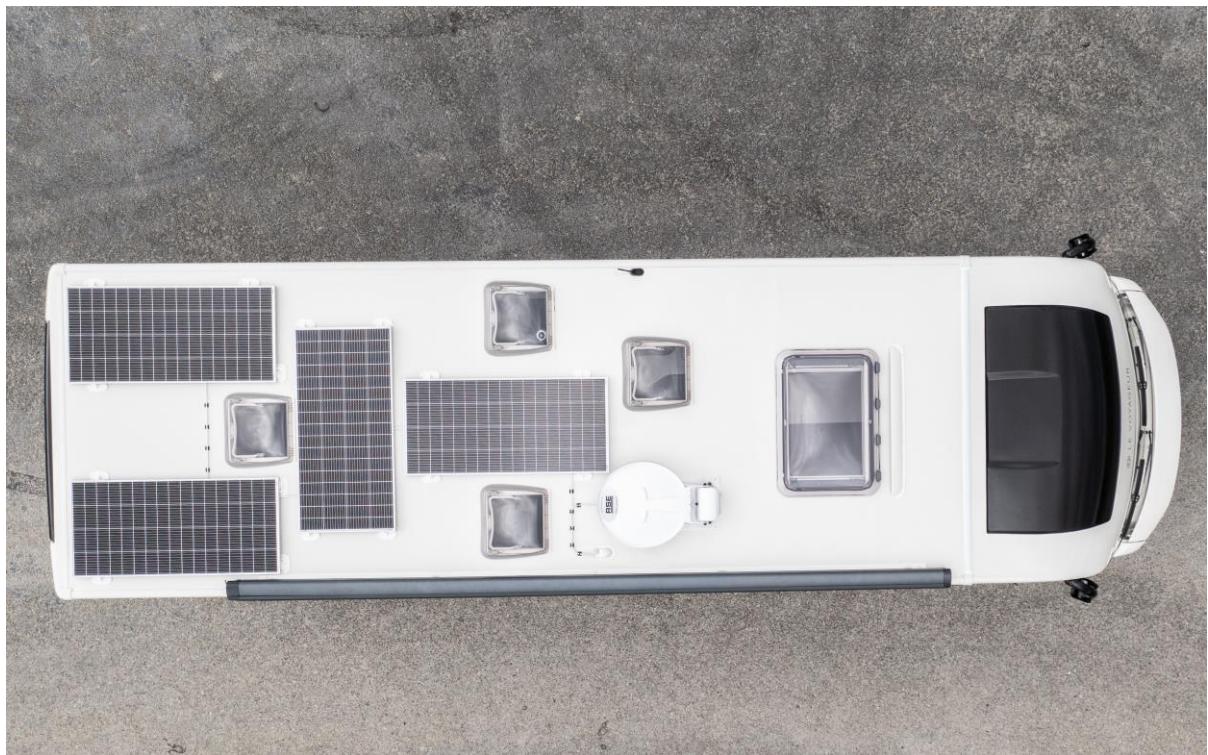


Spacious power and tent sites surrounded by native gardens are a great place to listen to the bellbirds and take in the spectacular views of the mountains. We can also help you book local activities, let our friendly staff know if you would like assistance. Winter rates apply from June and an exceptional standard of cleanliness and hygiene is guaranteed. We are located adjacent to a large playground and directly opposite the Hanmer Springs Country Club."

<https://pinesholidaypark.co.nz/>

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## How to Article: Battery and Solar Setup



The topic of energy systems fitted to motorhomes and caravans is complex and often gets discussed too late when people already own the vehicle as they start to understand the subject and their needs.

I think it's paramount to discuss options during the sales process whenever possible as your needs are specific to how you want to use the vehicle and fitting additional solar, inverters and batteries is always easier during the initial fit out process.

However, changing and upgrading your existing system on a second-hand vehicle is always an option. Click on the video below, listen to Brett's thoughts on the subject and feel free to contact us directly to discuss any further questions.



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## Staff Trip 2: Picton and Whites Bay



As we stayed in Blenheim during the festive season, we focused on day trips and exploring Marlborough's local beaches, rivers, and towns.

Picton and Whites Bay are two of our favourite day trips in the region and I am excited to share some pictures and information for both destinations. Maybe next time you travel past Blenheim, stick around for a few extra days, and explore Picton or camp out at Whites Bay. It's well worth a visit!!!



*Above: The snout trail in Picton is a short 2-3 hour coastal walk offering stunning views of the sounds and is a good choice for a quick morning hike or run.*

## Picton

Picton is a great daytrip destination from anywhere in Marlborough and offers a variety of activities to visitors. We usually start the day with a hike or a swim and return to town for food and drinks afterwards. The foreshore has a great playground for kids and the small, relaxed town offers good food and wine. What would you want more?

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/picton/>

**Below:** We started the day with a hike and were blessed with amazing weather and great views.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/feature/snout-track/>



## Whites Bay

If you are staying in Blenheim and are looking for a relaxed beach day, Whites Bay must be the best choice. The bay is located a short 20-minute drive north and offers a beautiful sandy beach, campsite, and native bush surroundings.

*"This camp has lovely scenery and is close to a surf beach at Pukatea/Whites Bay. Go walking, fishing, swimming or kayaking from here."*

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/marlborough/places/blenheim-area/things-to-do/campsites/whites-bay-campsite/>



*Above: Summer beach days at Whites Bay*

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## 2024 Pilote and Le Voyageur Motorhomes Update



We currently have multiple brand-new Pilote and Le Voyageur motorhomes in stock and arriving soon. Checkout the information below and contact us directly for any further questions.

### **Pilote and Le Voyageur Availability**

<b>Brand and Model</b>	<b>Availability Status</b>	<b>Estimated Collection</b>
Pilote Pacific P650C	In Stock Now	January 2024
Pilote Pacific P650GJ	Built In Transit	March/April 2024
Pilote Pacific P696U	Built In Transit	April 2024
Pilote Pacific P696GJ	In Transit NZ	January/February 2024
Pilote Pacific P696D	In Stock Now	January 2024
Pilote Pacific P740FC	In Stock Now	January 2024
Pilote Pacific P740FGJ	In Transit NZ	January/February 2024
2022 Pilote Galaxy G720	In Stock Now	January 2024
Pilote Galaxy G740FC	In Stock Now	January 2024
Pilote Galaxy G740FGJ	Built Awaiting Shipping	TBC
Pilote Galaxy G781FC	Built In Transit	February 2024
Pilote Galaxy G781FGJ	Built in Transit	TBC
Le Voyageur Classic 7.8CF	On Order	TBC
Le Voyageur Classic 8.5CF	In Stock Now	January 2024
2022 LV Classic 8.5CF	In Stock Now	January 2024
Le Voyageur Heritage 7.9	In Stock Now	January 2024
Le Voyageur Heritage 8.7	Built In Transit	February 2024

## 2024 Motorhome Show Update



In 2023 we exhibited at motorhome shows in Auckland, Christchurch, Hamilton, and Nelson and are now looking forward to another successful year of motorhome and caravan shows ahead. Please refer to the dates below and don't hesitate to contact us for any questions.

We are looking forward to seeing you at one of the events!!!

### Auckland

*Covi Motorhome, Caravan and Outdoor SUPERSHOW*

*15th-17th March*

## **Christchurch**

*Motorhome, Caravan and Leisure Show*

*18th-19th May*

## **Hamilton**

*Motorhome, Caravan and Leisure Show*

*22nd-24th September*

## **Nelson**

*Nelson Motorhome and Caravan Show*

*09th-10th November*

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If you have an interest in anything contained within our Newsletter then please don't hesitate to contact us, we would love to hear from you.

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