

Hi Elias from the team at DeLuxe RV Group



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

Autumn is here and temperatures are slowly getting lower as well as mornings and evenings darker. This clearly indicates the end of summer and the start of a new season.

Poppy and I have been busy harvesting fruit, preserving pears and peaches and storing our summer vegetables for the colder months. I have also been waiting for the current fire ban to lift so I can finally start cutting wood for winter and prepare everything at home before taking my family to Germany for a holiday and sincerely hope we see some rain soon.

The team at Deluxe is getting ready to fly to Auckland this week and are very excited to exhibit at the Covi Supershow. Fingers crossed the show will be flooded with many people and everyone has a great weekend.

Enjoy the read and if you happen to visit the show don't forget to come and see us to say hi!!!

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## Deluxe RV Group News



The start of the year has been quiet for the Motorhome, Caravan and Leisure industry and the last 4 weeks indicated no shift in activity. Whilst it's not unusual for the yard to be less active directly before a major show, data compiled over the last quarter indicates that people are on the fence in terms of making a purchase decision.

However, that also means it's a great time to make a move and purchase a second-hand vehicle. The workshop is currently preparing a variety of pre-loved motorhomes for sale, and they are going to be priced competitively.

We are also preparing a large assortment of brand-new Pilote and Le Voyageur motorhomes and have decided despite recent price increases in shipping and logistics to hold the current 2023 price until further notice.

Gary, Matt, Daryl, and Brett are heading to the Covi Motorhome, Caravan, and Outdoor Supershow in Auckland this week.

We wish everyone a successful show!!!

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## Great Weekend Destinations: Bay of Plenty

Located about 3 hours southeast of Auckland, the Bay of Plenty is another great weekend destination especially for those living in the upper part of the north island.

I have visited the area a few times as my little sister lives in Mount Maunganui and have always enjoyed my trips. However, I am really looking forward to taking the motorhome to the bay for an extended trip and explore a little further.



*"The Bay of Plenty region is home to spectacular beaches, juicy kiwifruit and geothermal wonders.*

*When James Cook arrived in 1769, he anchored off a great bay 'full of plantations and villages' that was, he noted 'a bay of plenty'. The Bay of Plenty, New Zealand, is no less plentiful today. Around Tauranga are hectares of orchards and gardens producing everything from kiwifruit and citrus fruit to avocados. Add to this bounty the local craft beer and the plentiful fresh seafood and you just know that this is a place where you will dine well.*

*Whether you are looking for something a little adventurous, cultural or family-friendly, the Bay of Plenty offers plenty of things to do."*



### Hike Tauranga's iconic Mount Maunganui

It wouldn't be a trip to Tauranga without taking on the Mount Maunganui walk. An activity to add to your list of must-dos in Tauranga, it's the Bay of Plenty's most iconic landmark. Enjoy 360-degree panoramic views from the top, and on a clear day, visitors can see the Coromandel peninsula in the North.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/mount-maunganui/>



## Book a marine wildlife tour

Explore Tauranga's big blue backyard with Bay Explorer or Dolphin Seafaris. The sun-kissed coastline of the Bay of Plenty is frequented by dolphins, whales and orcas, and plenty of other sea life. Learn from passionate locals about the unique aquatic world that lies just off the coast.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/plan/business/dolphin-seafaris-nz-ltd-1/>



## Paddle your way around Tauranga's coastline

Book a tour or hire your own kayak and explore the coastline and inner bays of the region. KG Kayaks, East Coast Paddler, and Waimarino all offer unforgettable paddling adventures – from evening glow worm tours and SUP lessons around Mount Maunganui, to coastal adventures in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/plan/business/kg-kayaks-1/>



## Treat yourself to a scenic helicopter flight

For a once-in-a-lifetime experience, book a scenic flight with the crew at Adventure Helicopters. Let them fly you over some of the most stunning areas of the Bay of Plenty, or for something really special, book one of their food and wine or fly and drive packages.

<https://www.newzealand.com/int/plan/business/bay-explorer-1/>

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## Local Hotspot: Pollard Park



If you are looking to kill some time in Blenheim and are not interested in visiting town or a winery, Pollard Park is a great option.

Just wandering through the park with its old trees, flowers, creek and rose gardens is a joy and there is always something new to discover. Check it out next time you are in Blenheim and let me know what you think!!!

<https://eservices.marlborough.govt.nz/facilities/facility/pollard-park>



*"Located in Blenheim with access from Parker Street and McLauchlan Street.*

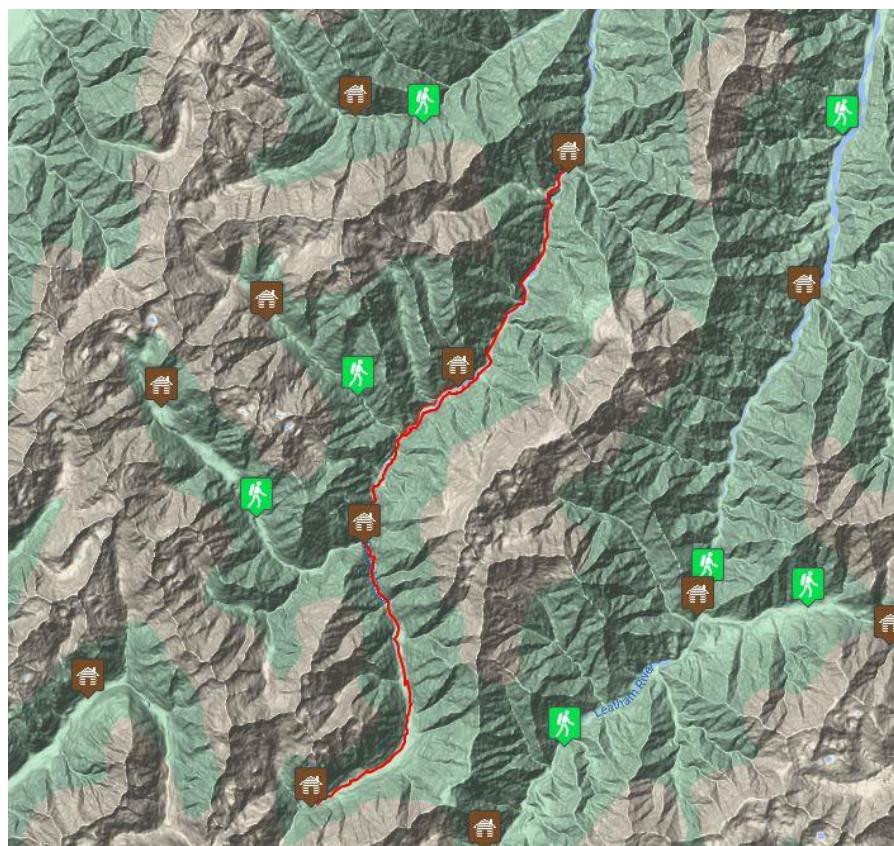
*In easy walking distance from Seymour Square via a marked walkway,  
Blenheim's premier Pollard Park is Marlborough's showcase with 24.6 ha of  
wooded parkland, meandering stream and golf course."*





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## Staff Trip 1: Branch River



Over the last couple of years, I mentioned Lake Argyle and the Hydro Canal near Blenheim in various articles as a great location to park up for a night or two, fish for trout and enjoy the surroundings.

Last weekend I finally managed to venture deep into the Branch River Valley and can only recommend the trip if you are in the area. The location is accessible with a 4wd or a mountain bike.

*Tip: Check if the road is open to the public before embarking on your journey as there has been increased logging activity in the area and some parts can be closed off during the week.*

<http://nzwalksinfo.co.nz/tracks/2114-branch-river-track>

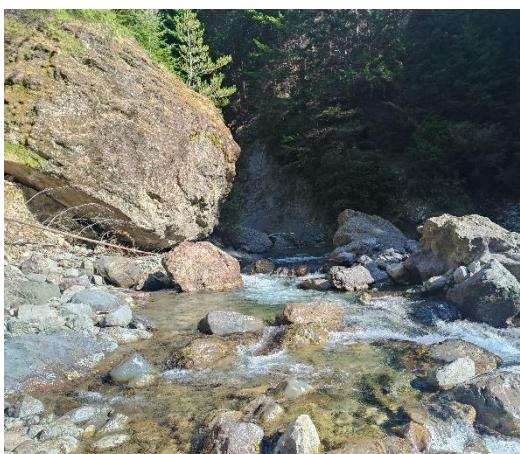


**Above:** Greigs Hut marks the end of the road access and the start of the Branch River Hike.

A 30-45 min drive from the lake you will reach Greigs Hut. The well-maintained cabin marks the end of the road access and the start of the Branch River Hike. I parked the car, packed my backpack and fly-rod, and started walking for around 8km before I started fishing.



The hiking trail was reasonably easy to walk and my anticipation of fishing the canyon like river parts of the upper branch was high and I made it to the planned starting point quick.



River conditions were perfect, the trout started eating late morning and I managed to net a couple of beauties within a few hours of exploring.

**Note:** Parts of the river are not easily accessible, and I would strongly suggest a cautious approach as well as taking the right equipment.



Feel free to ask if you have any questions regarding the trip. It's well worth the effort and can be planned as a day or multi-day trip.

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## How to Article: Fiat Cab Operation



Most of our brand-new European motorhomes are built on a Fiat base vehicle and the latest cab has been upgraded with many new features.

Check out the video below and refresh your knowledge on how to operate the basic systems.



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## Staff Trip 2: Gary's Trip South



Gary and Janette ventured south to Timaru to watch the truck racing and slowly made their way back up the East coast of the South Island travelling in a Le Voyageur Heritage motorhome.





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2024 Covi Super Show



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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