

Hi Elias from the team at DeLuxe RV Group



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Welcome to the May issue of the Deluxe RV Group newsletter!

Autumn has arrived in Marlborough and winter is just around the corner. I recently finished renovating our house to prepare for the arrival of our first son and even managed to get out for a sneaky late season backcountry fish.

Traditionally, Late Autumn to Early Spring is our quiet season and our team get out on the road more frequently to spend some quality time exploring our own backyard.

We are heading to Christchurch next week to exhibit at the Motorhome Caravan and Leisure Show and are looking forward to catching up with the industry as well as our customers.

Enjoy the read and please do not forget to send me some of your epic autumn travel pictures to include in our next newsletter!!!

Selling or Trading your Motorhome or Caravan with Deluxe RV



Trading your current motorhome when you purchase a new one is a simple and often an easy way for customers to have a seamless changeover as well as not

missing out on camping whilst you are waiting for a new motorhome or caravan to arrive.

Current shipping challenges have increased the chance of a new arrival being delayed and most campers are unwilling to let go of their pride and joy prior to making the move to a new vehicle.

Due to recent price increases trade in evaluations are higher than ever and are well worth considering.

Please note that we currently consider purchasing motorhomes and caravans outright.

If you own a late model motorhome or caravan and are considering either selling or trading it in, please feel free to get in touch for an obligation free evaluation.

We are always happy to assist!!!

Christchurch Motorhome Caravan and Leisure Show



CHRISTCHURCH ARENA

21-22 May 2022

www.nzmotorhomeshow.co.nz



Finally!!!

It has been roughly a year since we were able to exhibit at any motorhome show and we have been missing it a lot. Shows are not only great to check out the latest motorhomes, caravans, and accessories, they also allow our industry to get together and catch up.

Potential buyers can get a good overview of the market and make an informed decision on their next purchase and simply have a great weekend out, meeting many of our fellow travellers.

We are looking forward to seeing you and please feel free to click on the link below, buy some tickets and get excited!!!

[VISIT CHRISTCHURCH – The New Zealand Motorhome, Caravan & Leisure Show \(nzmotorhomeshow.co.nz\)](http://www.nzmotorhomeshow.co.nz)

2022 Motorhome Show Update: We Are Back!!!



With the Christchurch show going ahead we are planning to exhibit at our usual shows throughout this season. Check out the schedule below and feel free to contact us directly for any questions.

Motorhome Caravan and Leisure Show :

Christchurch Arena

21st-22nd May 2022

Motorhome Caravan and Leisure Show

Mystery Creek Hamilton

23rd, 24th and 25th September 2022

Rotary Motorhome Show

Nelson Tahuna Beach Holiday Park

TBC

COVI Motorhome Caravan and Outdoor SUPERSHOW

Auckland ASB Showgrounds

17th, 18th and 19th March 2023

Winterizing your RV



Whether you are looking to park up your RV for the whole winter or just for an extended period when you are unable to use it, we have put together this simple guide and checklist to help you with the process.



Batteries

Battery life will depend on how you use and maintain your system

- Ensure terminals are clean and corrosion free
- Ensure terminals are properly tightened
- Charge the battery if the voltage is below 12V

Tip: If the vehicle remains immobilised for a long period, regularly check the battery charge and recharge when necessary.

How to recharge?

To recharge the battery, connect the vehicle to the 230 V mains supply for 24 to 48 hours.

Charging times may vary depending on how flat the battery is, should the battery be almost dead flat, charge times could be up to 48 hours.

- Turn off the main 12 V switch on the control panel
- Switch off all appliances and lights

Tip: Make sure you check if the battery charger is a constant voltage charger or a smart charger!

Smart Charger – once the battery is fully charged the system automatically shuts down and charging stops.

Constant Voltage Charge – will continue to charge the battery at 13.5V until the 240 V power is disconnected.

Should you leave the 240V power plugged in for extended periods of time with no draw coming off the battery you will damage the battery.

Gas Bottles

All gas bottles have a pressure sensitive ball bearing fitted.

Should you have gas appliances turned on prior to opening the gas bottle, they will instantly try and draw gas from the bottle as you turn it on.

The pressure ball bearing will instantly lock in place, and this can interfere with the operating system.



Please follow the instructions below when operating gas

- Ensure all components are switched off before turning the gas bottle off.
- Ensure all components are switched off before turning the gas bottle on.

Should you have activated the pressure sensitive ball bearing, you will need to turn off the gas bottle, turn off all components and wait five minutes.

Then slowly turn the gas bottle back on.

Some operating systems and components may need resetting. You will need to refer to your manuals or contact your supplier for assistance.



Water Tanks

Fresh Tank

- Empty the fresh tank if possible
- Fill the fresh tank to 3/4

- Pour one cup of bleach into the tank and let it sit for about 20 minutes.
- Empty fresh tank – depending on how the freshwater tanks are fitted you may simply be able to remove a bung, alternatively you will need to run the RV taps and discharge all fresh water through the grey water tank.
- Refill as before and let the liquids sit for about 10 minutes.
- Empty again and continue to empty and refill until you no longer smell the bleach.
- Once the bleach has been cleaned out, and you no longer smell it, you are finished.

Tip: Remember to refill the fresh water tank with good water to 1/4 - 1/2 full after following the instructions above.

Grey Water Tank

There are several products designed to assist with cleaning grey water tanks and water pipes.

We recommend to use a product called Elemonate.

You simply place one Elemonate tablet over each plug hole in your RV and run the tap until the tablet is dissolved.

Ensure the grey water tank remains full for est. 20 minutes prior to emptying it.

Tip: Toilet Chemical, Bleach or Baking Soda can also be used as an alternative.

Please note depending on where you are discharging your grey water you may need to be mindful of the products you use.

Toilet

If you have a flush water holding tank, ensure you never run the tank dry.

Ensure you are using a toilet chemical suitable for flush tanks to assist in keeping your pump lubricated.

Tip: Aqua Chem Pink is a good product for this purpose.

- Flush the tank 2-3 times a month whilst your RV is not in use, this will help to prevent the pump from seizing.

Cassette and Toilet maintenance

Ensure you lubricate the seal on the underside of the toilet bowl.

- Grease seal and waste holding tank blade

Tip: you need a silicone grease for the application.

- Check that there is no build-up of toilet paper or residue on the float level.

Tip: Rubber gloves are recommended for this job.

Whilst in storage, we recommend leaving the blade open to prevent damage to the blade and to loosen the cap of the pour out spout, which will ventilate the waste-holding tank. By leaving the blade open, you prevent the blade seal from drying out.



Fridge

To prevent odours and mould in the refrigerator, keep doors open during storage.

Tip: Most external doors are equipped with a storage lock.

Oven

Turn on a gas hob and run once a month to prevent all the gas from leaving the pipes, this helps with starting the oven, boiler, and fridge on your first trip away after your RV's hibernation.



Boiler/Water Heater

Depending on your system you may have a quick release valve as part of the boiler set up.

If you do, it is essential, you check the valve prior to lighting your boiler for testing or your first time bringing the RV out of hibernation.

- Check valve is in correct position

Tip: If the valve has activated during hibernation mode and the hot water cylinder is empty, turn the valve back into place and set.

Turn the tap to hot and turn it on. This will ensure the hot water tank starts to refill. Once the water runs freely you know the cylinder is full and you are able to turn the boiler on.

If the boiler has not been running for several weeks or months you may need to try lighting it multiple times before it will light.

Do not panic this will be down to the fact there is a lack of gas in the line.

Exterior

- Open all roof vents, locker doors and windows to clean seals and surrounding flat surfaces
- Lubricate all seals with a Silicone spray or Olive oil
- Caravans – Grease coupling



It is recommended that you always refer to your vehicle owner's manual

Destination Marlborough Sounds: Welcome to Our Backyard



We are incredibly fortunate in Blenheim to live so close to the Marlborough Sounds and winter in Marlborough is all about cold crisp mornings followed by still sunny days.

Perfect conditions to put on a jumper, get the sunglasses out, and explore the sounds.

I encourage you to stick around a little longer next time you visit, book a scenic cruise, go fishing or hiking, and make the most of a truly magical time of the year.



And most importantly feel free to talk to us about your plans. We are always happy to assist, make suggestions, share our own experiences and ideas.

To get started feel free to check out the links below.

Destination Marlborough

[Marlborough's Official Guide | Marlborough, NZ \(marlboroughnz.com\)](http://marlboroughnz.com)

Fishing Excursion

[Half Day Fishing Charter - Sounds Connection](#)

Adventure Sports

[Marlborough Sounds & Queen Charlotte Track - Marlborough Sounds Adventure Co.](#)

Wine and Dine

[Dine with a view | Marlborough \(marlboroughnz.com\)](http://marlboroughnz.com)

Wine Tours

[Marlborough \(highlightwinetours.co.nz\)](http://highlightwinetours.co.nz)



Staff Trip: Smith Family Easter Getaway



The long Easter weekend always has been a great time to enjoy the last of the summer sun and get a few last sneaky swims in for the season.

The Smith family ventured to Mapua and got blessed with a few days full of sun, fishing and quality time spend with family and friends.

Gary managed to bag a couple of fish and introduce his grandson to drone fishing.

Left: Daryl and Linda enjoying the warmth of the sun and the stunning view.

Whether you are into fishing or not, Mapua is a great spot all year round and has plenty to offer.



"Mapua township is the perfect mix of classic kiwiana, charming boutique shops and quality restaurants.

"Just 30 minutes from Nelson City, the charming seaside villages of Mapua & Ruby Coast are increasingly becoming favourite holiday spots for tourists and locals alike. With a lively cluster of restaurants, art galleries, wine bars and a craft brewery, Mapua is the perfect place to relax and unwind for a long weekend away. Hire a bike and cycle Tasman's Great Taste Trail, which stretches from central Nelson through to Motueka. Just offshore, Rabbit Island offers a treat for mountain bikers with a network of trails just waiting to be explored. A little ferry departs Mapua Wharf regularly for the Island, with room for passengers and their bikes..."

Continue reading the article: [Things to see and do in Mapua, New Zealand \(newzealand.com\)](http://newzealand.com)



Deluxe RV Group: Updates and News



Workshop:

The workshop continues to be busy preparing vehicles for the yard as well as fitting out brand new Pilote and Le Voyageur motorhomes.

Please note that the Habitation and Water Ingress Checks have had a price increase as below. Please feel free to contact us directly for further questions.

Basic Inspection: \$340

Comprehensive Inspection: \$540



Staff:

We are saying goodbye to Colin Brownlee and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Colin has decided to retire and move closer to his family in Christchurch. He has been a valued team member of our Deluxe RV Group Family and we would like to thank him for his time with us.

Feel free to catch up with him during the next few weeks and have a yarn about his plans.



Sales:

Whilst our ex rental Kea motorhome sales have slowed down a little, Matt and I continue to see a high demand for quality second hand European motorhomes as well as brand new Pilote and Le Voyageur's.

Click on the link below to check out all our current listings and feel free to contact us directly for any enquiries. We are looking forward hearing from you.

[Motorhomes \(deluxegroup.co.nz\)](http://deluxegroup.co.nz)

Recipe of the Season: Autumn Pumpkin Soup

There is nothing better than a warm soup after a long day exploring outside. Pumpkin soup is healthy and will literally warm you up from the inside, as well as being motorhome friendly and very easy to reheat.



Tip: Grow your own pumpkins as they are super delicious, easy to store and keep for months.

Enjoy the recipe below and feel free to send me a quick note with your go to motorhome/caravan meal.

I am always happy to receive content and try a new recipe on the road.

Bon Appetit!!!

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp olive oil

- 2 onions, finely chopped
- 1kg pumpkin or squash (try kabocha), peeled, deseeded, and chopped into chunks
- 700ml vegetable stock or chicken stock
- 150ml double cream

For the croutons

- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 4 slices wholemeal seeded bread, crusts removed
- handful pumpkin seeds



Method

Step 1

Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a large saucepan, then gently cook 2 finely chopped onions for 5 mins, until soft but not coloured.

Step 2

Add 1kg pumpkin or squash, cut into chunks, to the pan, then carry on cooking for 8-10 mins, stirring occasionally until it starts to soften and turn golden.

Step 3

Pour 700ml vegetable or chicken stock into the pan and season with salt and pepper. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 mins until the squash is very soft.

Step 4

Pour 150ml double cream into the pan, bring back to the boil, then purée with a hand blender. For an extra-velvety consistency, you can pour the soup through a fine sieve. *The soup can now be frozen for up to 2 months.*

Step 5

To make the croutons: cut 4 slices wholemeal seeded bread into small squares.

Step 6

Heat 2 tbsp olive oil in a frying pan, then fry the bread until it starts to become crisp.

Step 7

Add a handful of pumpkin seeds to the pan, then cook for a few mins more until they are toasted. *These can be made a day ahead and stored in an airtight container.*

Step 8

Reheat the soup if needed, taste for seasoning, then serve scattered with croutons and seeds and drizzled with more olive oil, if you want.



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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