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The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc



What's on at WNC

December

- Tuesdays **Midweek Activities every Tuesday, 10am**
- Saturdays **BYO Barbecue** every Saturday night
- Sat 11th **Christmas Warm up**
3pm Kids Party
6.00pm International Nibbles, BYO BBQ
- Sun 12th **Committee Meeting, 9am**
- Wed 28th **Fairytale Circus Rally** at Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club begins
- Sat 31st **New Year's Eve BBQ / Get together**

January

- Saturdays **BYO Barbecue** every Saturday night
- Tuesdays **Midweek Activities every Tuesday, 10am**
- Wellington Anniversary Weekend**
- Sat 21st Relax and unwind (or rev up)
- Sun 22nd **Scavenger Hunt, Petanque Spit Roast**
- Mon 23rd Fun Miniten and Tennikoits

February

- Waitangi Weekend**
- Sun 7th Fun Activities, catered meal
- Mon 6th 9am 2012/13 Festival Meeting

Sports activities to be added to the calendar soon.

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- Midweek activities** join in the fun
- Kid's favourite time** the Xmas party
- Nibbles from around the globe** with the Executive
- Fairytale Circus** still time to register
- Wellington Anniversary Weekend** - join in the fun

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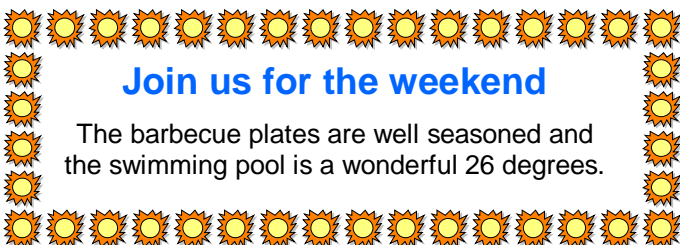
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Join us for the weekend

The barbecue plates are well seasoned and the swimming pool is a wonderful 26 degrees.



Introducing the WNC Executive

Ken - President

I have been a member of our Club for about 23 years, and have served on the Committee in various roles for many years over that period. I have also been on the NZNF executive as sports coordinator for many years and the immediate Past President for 3 years. I continue to be involved as the immediate past President and in their process for the update of governance and the Constitution. I am the co-ordinator for the team working on our New Age of Aquarius Festival for 2012/13.

I am dedicated to the club hence why I decided to run for President.

I see my role as President is to be open and transparent and get feedback from members on contentious issues. I support the reinstatement of Governance and the reintroduction of the club manual. To this end I am fully supportive of an annual strategic planning process. I am also keen to continue with the aims of the previous executive. My number one aim is to increase visitor numbers and/or membership.

I look forward to meeting all new members and am sure we will grow in numbers in the future.

I am happy to receive feedback in a constructive and helpful way.

June - Membership & Visitors

I first joined the naturist movement in 1963 at Pineglades in Canterbury. I brought my only son, Glenn, up as a naturist and had the pleasure of bringing my granddaughters to the club in their early years.

I transferred to Wanganui club for 3 years then Wellington around 1981.

I have served the club as President, Grounds person, Social officer, Secretary and now Membership & Visitor Services.

I am currently the New Zealand Naturist Federation secretary and about to enter my second term this Christmas. I enjoy attending national rallies and participating in the atmosphere created by clubs.

I have a pride in the club and helping maintain the grounds to a high standard for members and visitors has been my aim over the past 15 years or so.

I have no qualms about spreading the word of being a naturist and would like more younger people to find the freedom and companionship of belonging to such a beautiful club.

Murray

I first joined the naturist movement in Australia in 1975 with my wife and two young children. Since then I have been a firm believer in the naturist way of life and cannot see myself not belonging to a naturist club. I have belonged to several clubs since then including the Manawatu Outdoor Naturist Club, the Wanganui Sun Club and the Wellington Naturist Club (current).

I have been active on the committee of each club, and in 2001 was elected President of the Wellington Club, however, I gave up this position after five months due to a posting with my work back to the Manawatu. I was the NZNF Internet Coordinator for 13 years resigning from that position about two years ago. I have been nominated this year to be the NZNF Database Secretary which I am looking forward to, if successful.

My vision for our club for the future is that we continue to improve our facilities and grow our membership, especially families of the younger age group. We **DO** have the best back yard in the world – don't we?

Mike - Works and Grounds

Marie and I have been members for about seven years and have been on the committee for five years. I started as Social Officer and then Works and Grounds.

This year I have been concentrating on the power cabling project and barbecue area. I am very keen on ensuring unity within the club.

I was Sports Coordinator for the previous NZNF Festival "Cruising Naturally" as well as the 2012/12 festival.

Paul - Works and Grounds

Hi, I'm a 40 something sales rep married to Kathy. I have been a member of the Wellington naturist club for 10 years and have been on committee for 5 years.

I currently look after the spa and have been heavily involved with the power cabling project.

I would like the club to carry on with its upgrade program and would like to see our club grow.

Rob

For new members who don't know me, I am married to Marie and we joined the club in 1966 (44 years ago).

Over the years I have been President, Sports Officer and Works Manager. I can look around the club and see the jobs I have been involved in. I helped build the club house, the spa and sauna and many steps around the grounds, the latest over by the barbecue. But of course this wouldn't happen without the willing helpers over the years.

I enjoy the naturist lifestyle and hope to have many more years input.

Clive - Vice President

I have been a member of our Club for about 25 years, having served on the Committee in various roles a number of times over that period. I am also Chairman of the Percy Cousins Trust and I'm currently working with NZNF to update their governance and Constitution. I am also one of the team working on our New Age of Aquarius Festival for 2012/13.

I am also a granddad and partner of Kathleen. My role as Vice President is to assist the President and in addition to this I am making a commitment to the following:

- *Reinstatement of the governance and Executive administration guidelines as set out in the Club Manual*
- *Reinstatement of the annual strategic planning process followed in the past to ensure that the governance and management of the Club is in line with the wishes of the membership. (With the workshop to be held before the next AGM).*
- *Keep a positive focus on the New Age of Aquarius Festival to be held in 2012/13*
- *Use the experience of the current crisis as a learning opportunity to initiate changes to the Constitution and management guidelines of the Club*

There is one last goal I would like to see us achieve as an Executive and that is to see some new people involved in the management of the Club – we need to make sure we have better succession arrangements in place so that younger people with new ideas are participating in taking our club into the future.

I look forward to a positive experience on the Executive and a future involving growth in our membership and a happy and enjoyable naturist experience for all of us.

Judith - Secretary

I think this is my second stint as Secretary, plus I have had other Committee roles in the past. I have been working alongside the committee for the past five years producing the newsletter, a role I have enjoyed but very willing to hand over the reins.

I am a Trustee of the Percy Cousins Trust and will also be looking after registrations for the WNC New Age of Aquarius Festival 2012/13.

Ross - Treasurer

Ross said he was a 'work in progress', but we all know his dedication and commitment to the club is fantastic.

He has been Treasurer for many years and you will see Ross (and Shirley) frequently working around the pool, making sure the water is pristine for our swimming pleasure.

Highlights from WNC Executive Committee Meeting

30 October & 20 November 2011



- Four Working Groups have been established and each group will review matters within each of their portfolios and make recommendations, where appropriate, back to the full Executive. The Executive welcomes any members who may have an interest in these areas to join any of the Working Groups. The Working Groups are:
 1. Constitution (including conflict resolution) (Coordinator/Clive, Judith, Paul C)
 2. Membership and Marketing (Coordinator/June, Ross, Murray, Judith)
 3. Review of previous Committee decisions (Coordinator/Ross, Paul T, Rob)
 4. Review of Club Documentation (Coordinator/Clive, Judith)
- A Strategic Planning Meeting is planned for Sunday 1 April, more information to follow in the New Year
- Annual General Meeting is set for Sunday 6 May
- The club has been advised to have a registered valuer value the buildings, for insurance purposes
- Nominations were put forward for the NZNF: Murray / NZNF Database Secretary & June / NZNF Secretary
- Project Plan with costings to be prepared for the next steps in the Cabling Project
- New quotes to be obtained for concreting the driveway from the bridge to the existing concrete
- A replacement fridge/freezer to be purchased for the camp kitchen

A full copy of these minutes can be found on the notice board in the hall or you can request them from the Club Secretary.

Christmas Warm Up

Saturday 10 December 2011

Kid's Party 3pm

Members are invited to bring their children and grandchildren to the kid's party.

To get an idea of numbers for catering purposes please ring Heidi on 528 9755.



Nibbles from around the Globe 6pm

The Executive will be providing nibbles from their favourite international destination.

A green salad will be also be provided from our very own club garden, to accompany your BYO barbecue.



Wellington Anniversary Weekend

21 - 23 January 2012

Saturday 21 January

A day to wind down, chill out, or rev up

Read a book, relax under a tree, cool down in the pool, a round of golf, miniten, the choice is yours

Meet at the barbecue at 6pm, BYO nibbles and barbecue food

Sunday 22 January

8.00am Breakfast at the Barbecue

10.30am **Scavenger Hunt** - suitable for everyone

1pm Fun petanque

3pm **Afternoon tea**

6.30pm **Catered Spit Roast Dinner**



\$20 per adult, Children \$1 for each year of age

Let our chefs, Mike and Ken, cook a scrumptious spit roast for you.

Book with Jude & Ken by emailing: judemercer@slingshot.co.nz or ring 526 5258 by 19 January

Monday 23 January

10.00am **Fun Miniten** everyone welcome to join in

1.00pm **Fun Tennikoits** everyone welcome to join in.



Accommodation

For bookings please email: wnc.reservations@gonatural.co.nz or ring June on 234 7918.

From the Midweek Naturist group

Our first Tuesday went really well. We started off with coffee and tea, thank you Marie for baking some chocolate jumble .

Then off we went to the petanque piste for some games. It was not important who won but to have fun. All too soon it was lunch time.

After lunch we started indoor bowls and some people who had not played were keen to learn.

When we finished bowls we then went and did Tai Chi with the aid of a DVD for half an hour. Before we realized it was 5pm and well past happy hour.

After dinner we finished up a card game called Skipbo by 9.30pm we called it a day.

We would like to do different things on Tuesdays and are open to suggestions, such as: a hobby day, a trip to the beach, lunch at a restaurant or the movies.

We are still working on a name for our group if you have any suggestions let us know, we thought **Midweek Naturists**.

Come and join us if you are free.

Rob.V

Midweek Naturists

Starting at 10am every Tuesday

Members and friends are invited to come and enjoy some fun at the club every Tuesday starting around 10am.

Fancy a game of petanque, practice some Tai Chi, mini golf etc. If it is wet there will be indoor activities such as bowls, darts, spa and sauna.

So pack a picnic lunch and join us for a nice relaxing day.

If you would like further information please ring me on 977 1942.

Rob V

Seeking Visitor Hosts for the Summer season

The Committee are seeking volunteers to look after visitors for the summer season.

Last year was very successful and we received very good feedback from our visitors.

If you are able to help or would like further information about what is involved please phone June on 234 7918.

Sunday Afternoon tea

Afternoon tea is provided every Sunday at 3pm, just listen out for the bell and come and join in.



If you are able to help with afternoon tea preparation please add your name to the roster on the wall by the kitchen in the hall. Thank you.

WELCOME

to the following provisional members

**Paul F
Coby and Paul**

A special welcome back to

Taa and Tony

The following have been approved as full members

Jim B, Joanne A, Steven and Elizabeth Q

We hope you have a long and enjoyable association with the club

Naked Tramping



I plan to lead a few tramping trips over the summer. Most trips will be on lesser trod tracks and some may not follow tracks at all, so they may not be to everyone's liking. Some trips may be organised at short notice so might not appear in the newsletter.

If you are interested in a bit of naked tramping please get in touch and I will keep you in the loop.

Patrick Fotheringham (04) 5670157 or patrick.fotheringham@xtra.co.nz

*For hygiene reasons
'When your bum is
bare, cover the chair'*



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Celebrate New Years Eve at WNC

Not travelling away for the Xmas / New Year?
Why not come and join in the fun at the club on
New Years Eve.

We'll have a nice BBQ if it's hot and sunny or
something in the hall if it is wet!

There have been quite a few good New Years
Eve celebrations in the past.

