

March 2018

The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



What's on at WNC

March

Fri 30th – Mon 2nd April **Easter Weekend**
Kubb & Petanque Club Championships

Sat 31st **Easter Bunny Hop** 8pm
(Refer to the advert for details.)

April

Sun 1st **Open Day** 2-4 pm
Live Jazz on the deck & afternoon tea provided.

Sun 1st **Easter Egg Hunt On The Lawn** 2:30pm

Sun 8th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sun 15th **Afternoon Tea to celebrate Rob & Marie's 50 years at the Club.** 3pm

May

Sun 6th **Club Annual General Meeting** 2pm

Sun 13th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 26th **Te Marua Pioneer Village Rally Wind Up**
Drinks & Nibbles at 5pm

Sat 26th **Club Pot Luck Dinner** 6pm

Sun 27th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am. Remember to sign in.

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From The Chair

Ge another year as your President has almost come to an end. Your committee have supported me in my ventures mainly to modernise the club and make our club the best there is. We have achieved this. Comments from overseas visitors and other NZ clubs have been overwhelming. Yes it hasn't come without a cost but money well spent we realise.

The latest addition to the club is a new coin operated washing machine. The cabin machine kindly donated by Malcolm and Linda unfortunately come to a wet end. We have moved the machine from the main laundry to FAL cabin laundry. This has made a huge difference in the time it takes to wash cabin linen. So if you need to wash clothes etc. at the club, not sure why as we don't wear clothes, then you will need a \$1 and a \$2 coin. Great ah?

The power project up Park Lane, Midlands and Highlands is now complete with all caravans, cabins etc. now using the newly installed power boxes. Wow what an achievement. Only 13 RCDs need to be fitted to caravans and cabins at members own cost and we will be totally finished. Except of course for the demolition of the overhead wires and support poles. This is in hand. Also please don't drive on the newly laid top soil which has been seeded and is growing new grass. We would also like to put new water mains around Park Lane as the present system is old and could fail. We don't want any more water leaks as they cost us heaps.

So what's left to do you may ask? Well the FAL toilets need to have ceilings put in and a new path from cabin 4 to cabin 3 and then from cabin 3 to ablution block. Any volunteers????

Also the FAL new shower block needs the floor redone in places as the paint didn't stick so well to the existing epoxy flooring. This will be done once the load on the showers becomes less.

The club's mower has just had its 200 hour service and I just picked it up from Tawa Mowers and it is ready to mow. Now we can get the lawns done. This is why they have not been looking well kept for the past week. Don't worry we are on it. Grass never sleeps. Just as an aside that costs us \$1070.

Attached to this newsletter will be nomination forms for the new executive. There are many positions up for grab so

if you can offer us your valued expertise please get nominated or nominate yourself. We need YOU . Don't just sit there and let others struggle on. Please help us out. More in the next edition.

Cabin management is upper most in the committees mind and we need you support and ideas to run a business like venture. Jude and I along with others have spent heaps of hours making money from cabins/camping. I have banked over \$800 per week for the last 2 months. It is keeping your club going.

Well enough from me.

I hope to see you all at the club soon.

Ken

The committee would like to thank the following members Neil & Betty, Bernard & Colleen and Constance for donating new beds for the cabins.

Check out the club's Facebook page. At the time of writing it has received 998 likes, about to hit **1000**.

<https://www.facebook.com/Wellington-Naturist-Club-117328105044719/>

Wellington Naturist Club Inc. Annual General Meeting

Below is the official notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Naturist Club Inc. to be held at 2:00pm on Sunday 6th May 2018 in the club hall.

As part of the AGM the committee would like to hear members opinions on the club contracting cabin managers for next summer (see article below) & also options for deck furniture. Please give this some thought & come along with your ideas.

Nomination & Remit forms are attached with this newsletter.

Rally Thank You Drinks & Nibbles Sat May 26th 5pm.

We will be having some drinks & nibbles as a wrap up to the Te Marua Pioneer Village Rally on Saturday 26th May at 5pm. Constance is currently compiling the reports from the rally.

If any of you wonderful people were a team leader, volunteer, helper or participant at the Te Marua Pioneer Village Rally... I would love to hear from you... anything from positive comments or critiques to general feedback... as I would love to include these in my report. Please email these to Constance by Wed 25th April at onepurplefish@gmail.com Thanks.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to

Judy (Churton Park) and Michael (Johnsonville)

Raema and Leo - returning members after LOA

I shall not be standing for the committee this year so if there is anyone who is interested in taking on the PR Marketing and Membership role please consider putting your name forward for the committee. Jacqui

OPEN DAY - the last for the season.

Easter Sunday 1 April - Easter egg hunt. 2-4 pm

Please bring friends

Cheers

Jacqui



Rob and Marie's 50 years in the club

“Rob and Marie have just passed a milestone in the club having been members for 50 years. This is quite an achievement and they would like to invite members to celebrate this at an afternoon tea on Sunday 15th April. The club will provide food and Rob and Marie will provide a glass of bubbly.”

Health & Safety Gas Certificates

To comply with Health & Safety regulations for our gas installations we advise that the gas certificates & data sheets are kept in the drawers in the ablution block in FAL, Midland & the main lawn. Copies for also held in the hall above the phone.

Gardening Group

Following the last planning meeting there was discussion about forming a gardening group within the club, however, this didn't eventuate. The Committee is keen for a group of people interesting in our gardens & grounds to provide input on the work required to maintain our beautiful gardens. If you are interested please contact a member of the committee.

Cabin Management

Calling for an "EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST" for a Caretaker/Independent Contractor to manage the cabins for the next summer season (2018-19) and beyond (5yr plan).

Please prepare your business proposal/plan and submit to the WNC Committee before the next meeting on Sunday 8th April. This topic will then be up for discussion at the forthcoming AGM on Sunday 6th May.

The ideal candidate(s) would be required for a set period (roughly mid Nov - mid Apr); who would be prepared to live on-site over this time and/or if you required time off-site, be able to arrange a suitable replacement in your absence.

You would have to provide your own accommodation. If necessary, the WNC would look to offer a possible site in FAL.

Main Duties:

- Responsible for the club phone.
- Check letter box for mail.
- Respond to phone calls, emails and general enquiries for day visitors, prospective Members and accommodation (cabins & camp sites).
- Meet & greet visitors on arrival to the club, show them to their cabin or camp site plus show them around the facilities and grounds, give them relevant codes etc.
- Collect fees for cabins, camp sites and day visitors.
- Be proactive in promoting accommodation at the WNC.
- Wash and dry linen and towels from cabins.
- Clean cabins, make up beds and vacuum to a high standard.
- Ensure ablution blocks are cleaned regularly, especially @ Faraway Land and on the Main Lawn. Includes showers, toilets, hand basins plus wash hand towels.
- Sweep out and wash all floors. Check for and clean spider webs.
- Replenish toilet rolls, dish-washing liquid and hand soaps as required.
- Check camp kitchen. Wash tea towels, dish cloths and wipe down benches.
- Responsible for emptying rubbish and recycling bins regularly.
- Rubbish wheelie bin out on a Monday for Tuesday collection.
- Recycling wheelie bin out on a Thursday for Friday collection.

Please also prepare a suggested remuneration package that would be open for negotiation.

World Naked Bike Ride in Golden Bay

For the last few years I've been travelling down to Takaka each year for the World Naked Bike Ride event there. This year ex-cyclone Gita hit the area about 10 days before the event causing widespread damage, especially to the road over Takaka Hill. This plus the continued bad weather leading up to the event made getting there more difficult & meant numbers were down this year.

On the Thursday beforehand I joined the queue on the Motueka side of the hill for the 5pm convoy over, however, it was about 8pm by the time I got to my accommodation at the Gazebo Backpackers. The Gazebo is a clothing optional backpackers hostel in Takaka & a previous sponsor of the bike ride, with the owner Paul originally being one of the organisers. The clientele of the Gazebo is a mix of naturists & travellers who generally quickly become less worried about covering up in the relaxed atmosphere of the backpackers.

Friday was cloudy with rain showers blowing through, so it wasn't the beach day I had hoped for. However, it was a good chance for a couple of us to head up to the Mussel Inn, which is a craft beer brewery just north of Takaka.

Saturday was again cloudy & showery, but the forecast was for improvement which it did in time for the ride. Early afternoon we headed out to the start point at Autumn Farm, some riding out there with others taking their bikes out by car. When we got there people had already started body painting, some with slogans & others with artwork. With the inclement weather & difficulties getting over the hill, only about 40 people were taking part this time.

Jeremy, the NZNF South Island Vice-President & event organiser, welcomed everyone, gave a quick health & safety briefing, then sent everyone on the way. We headed off through the countryside, with regular stops to regroup, to Motupipi where we stopped for a group photo for the local media reporter. We then carried onto Pohara Beach where we stopped at the reserve by the beach. The sun had come out by that time & most people went in for a swim. I then went with a couple of others across the road to the Penguin Café to buy a beer, while some others went to the dairy to buy ice creams. It was a great example of the laid back attitudes of Golden Bay that no-one cared about people walking around the area naked. After a relaxed stay at the beach it was time for the return trip, with some cycling & others heading back by car.

Back at Autumn Farm a prize-giving was held with giveaways from local sponsors. Most people then headed off as the guests of the resort were having a BBQ that night. I cycled back to Takaka to take my distance to 27ks, although the ride itself was only about 9ks.

A bush walk had been planned for the Sunday & although it was again cloudy & showery we headed off from the Gazebo hopeful it would clear up as forecast. By the time we got to the Milnthorpe Scenic Reserve north of Takaka the sun was starting to come out. Although there were a few people around we were able to disrobe in the carpark & walk through the bush track around the perimeter of the reserve. With a detour up to a lookout the walk took about 45 minutes before we emerged onto the beach. It was now warm enough to go for a swim & lay in the sun for a while. We then carried on along the beach back around to the carpark. Influenced by Phillip & Robyn doing the INF Congress tramping trip barefoot I've since tried to do more walking barefoot & took the opportunity to go without shoes. It was great going for a bush walk, a swim & walk back along the beach over a couple of hours & only taking a sarong wrapped around my wrist & my camera.

Although the weather wasn't the best this year & the numbers were down, it was still a fun weekend enjoying the beautiful Golden Bay



Subs for the 2018 / 2019 financial year

The Committee wish to advise that invoices for the 2018 / 2019 financial year will be sent out via email or mail in the last week of March 2018. The invoices for this period will be dated 1 April 2018, with a due date of 30 April 2018.

Members who currently make regular automatic payments are required to have their 2017 / 2018

memberships paid in full by the 31st of March 2018. Please contact Helen, Treasurer, if you would like a statement sent to you for this current financial year. Helen can be contacted via email,

treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or on mobile 021 1094 840 after 5.30pm during week days. The membership fee will be \$270.00 per member and the committee have recommended that site fees remain at \$340.00 per site for the period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019.

If you have changed your contact details during the past six months could you please advise Helen so that your details can be updated. This will ensure that you receive all club communications.

Easter Bunny Hop



Saturday 31st March
8pm till late
Easter Weekend

Music to dance the night away



Wellington Naturist Club Inc

Notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting** is to be held at 2.00pm on Sunday, 6th May 2018, in the club hall. This will be followed by afternoon tea at 3pm.

A reminder that any notices of motion or remits must be with the Secretary 28 days before the meeting. In this case that means that the notice of motion must be received by the Secretary **by Sunday 8th April 2018**.

Forms for the election of the Executive must be received by the Secretary 14 days before the meeting which means they should be with the Secretary or President **by Sunday 22nd April 2018**.

All positions as follows will be open for nomination.

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

5 Executive Officers

Please note that while all members are welcome, only full financial members and life members are entitled to vote.

Notices of motion or remits and nomination forms can either be:

- Emailed to kmerc@slingshot.co.nz
- Handed to the President, Ken Mercer or a member of the executive
- Posted to (The Secretary, Wellington Naturist Club, 20 Molloys Road, Te Marua, Upper Hutt).

The Agenda and papers will be distributed prior to the meeting.