

August 2016

The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



What's on at WNC

August

Sat 27th **WNC Boot Throwing Competition** 4:30pm

Sat 27th **Hearty Tucker Dinner** 6pm
Hosted by Linda, Helen & Marcel
R.S.V.P. to Helen by Thursday

Sun 28th **Working Bee** 9am start

September

Sun 11th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sun 25th **Working Bee** 9am start

October

Sat 8th – Sun 9th **INF Congress Committee Meeting**

Sat 8th **Moroccan Dinner** 6pm
Hosted by Constance
"It's in the Bag" session prior to dinner

Sun 9th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 22nd – Mon 24th **Labour Weekend**

Sun 23rd **Open Day** 2pm – 4pm

Sun 23rd **Monster Mash Bash**
Gather at the BBQ at 5pm
BYO Food & Drinks

Sun 30th **Working Bee** 9am start.

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From The Chair

I am sitting here with the sun shining outside after dragging myself away from watching the Olympics. Tomorrow (Friday 19th) is a big day for me as I am going in for my hip replacement. It's ok as I managed to complete the day lockers in the wash house area of the ablution block. Only locks to go on when time permits. We are almost there with the partitions going in last Saturday. The new toilets are due in any day and a glass screen is installed between the end shower and the hand basin. Mirrors are up and corrugated polycarbonate sheeting installed up top to complete the outside look. Only need to give the floor a good clean and perhaps one more coat of paint plus a few small touch ups and all will be complete. What a transformation of our main ablution block and all within budget, almost. Yah I am now free to relax after my hip operation.

Your committee continue to work hard to increase membership and make your club an enjoyable place to be. The newbees on the committee are fitting in really well and I thank all for giving your time and dedication.

Last month's dinner put on by June was really great and it was nice to see a few visitors there. We were even treated with being able to watch the Hurricanes win the semi-final. What a great night June. and all her helpers.

Make sure you read this news letter thoroughly as there are a few date changes due to other commitments by the organisers. Some good fun coming up.

So what's left to do before the Congress. Top soil still needs to be spread over the trench areas below the hall and grass seed laid. Anybody who can help would be much appreciated. The new power boxes in FAL are now live and the ones below the hall are also almost complete. Our naked electrician, Allan, has done a sterling job so not long before the power poles will be removed. I know I have said this before but this time it's for real. What a milestone this will be.

Water will soon be re-installed into cabin 1 and we may look at cabin 2 when time permits.

OK what's next you may ask? We are looking for a project manager to lead a team to line the ceiling in FAL toilets and give them a fresh coat of paint. The toilets need to be replaced with more water saving ones and the floor painted to make things look new and fresh. If this is you please contact a committee person. Not me at this stage as I am taking a break while I recuperate.

Looking for a job? The excess rocks from the trench digging can be put on both sides of the 2 concrete paths that Dave has laid from the bottom field to hall entrance. Also we need to lay a concrete path from the back toilet block entrance of the hall down to access the garage. Check with Paul T for this.

Thanks to all who have supported the events we have run and I hope to see more of you (no pun intended) when the weather really warms up.

Happy days

Ken



to the following new member:-

Monique from Upper Hutt

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

NZNF Cards

Cards have been requested for those who have paid subs. Richard has the first batch so if you see Richard please ask for your card,

Thanks to members who have already responded to reminders.

If you have not paid subs please make arrangements with Treasurer Ross.



The club sadly advises of the passing of past WNC Member Gail Whitham.

Our thoughts go out to Simon, as well as her other family & friends.



to the following members who have left the club

Reit
Philip & Jackie

Thanks for your contribution to the club.

The following members are taking a 1 year Leave of Absence

Pam
Mike & Marie (continuing)

Site/Caravan Working Bee

At some stage in the remaining months before the Congress can all those with sites spend some time doing a tidy up of their site & clean their caravan/cabin. We want to present the best appearance to all the visitors we'll have on the grounds. At the same time can you please ensure that your power cord is away from any trees or hedges. Over time branches brushing against cords can damage them & they could also be cut by hedge trimmers.

Calling for Extras

Ever fancied acting in a film?

Steller Films are looking for 30-40+ nude people for a "hallucinatory" scene to be filmed in the WNC clubrooms on the morning of Sunday 11th September. So tell all your friends and get them along, the more the merrier! 'Cade' is an Avant-garde film starring two of NZ's well-known comedians Brendhan Lovegrove and Jeremy Elwood.

Micah Steller, the Director, is also looking for a fuller-figured woman aged 40-70+ to play the "Mother" character. This is a non-speaking role so no real acting experience required, however you must be able to portray facial emotions.

This person would be required for filming on the following days and locations:

Sat 10th September @ Mt Ruapehu
Sun 11th September @ WNC Clubrooms
Thu 15th September, location in Wellington TBC
Mon 19th September, location in Wellington TBC
Tue 20th September, location in Wellington TBC

If you are interested in the above role or participating in the group scene please contact:

Micah Steller
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Or

Constance Gervasi
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27 August – Hearty Kiwi Tucker Dinner – Hosted by Helen, Marcel & Linda

Helen, Marcel & Linda are hosting the club dinner for August, with the theme being hearty Kiwi tucker. Dinner is \$20 per person. RSVP to ellotomo@live.com or text 0211094840 by Thursday 25 August. Reminder about gum boot throw starting at 4.30 on main lawn.

Parking below the hall

June & her helpers have spread topsoil over the filled in trenches in the area below the hall. This is being prepared to regrow the grass as spring approaches. Please don't drive over this area & ensure you park on the gravel area only.

The Beech Track



The Beech Track is starting to look quite good.

The top end has steps built by Ken. From the steps the track turns left then right and climbs slowly across the face of the hill. There are some undulations as you climb to the high point in the beech trees. This spot has the best views of the grounds. The easiest way down is to go back to the steps. Heading down to the hall end is quite steep in two places with a few slippery spots.

The section of track from the steps to the beech trees should be useable by most people in the club. The track is wide enough to walk in comfort but passing another person requires some negotiation. Most of the ups/downs/sharp corners have conveniently placed trees to hang on to.

There are a few spots that need shoring up a bit and the descent at the hall end has steep sections that will need steps or zig zags. We have built up rocks around some larger trees to protect their roots from walkers feet and one beech tree at the high point also needs similar treatment. The long term plan is to put a bench seat at the beech trees, some passing bays may be good too.

Overnight on Matiu/Somes Island

Access to Matiu/Somes Island is by ferry, rough winter weather can cause cancellations. On our somewhat randomly chosen July Saturday, the harbour was a millpond.

Matiu/Somes Island is a predator free wildlife sanctuary. On arrival, all visitors must go through a bio-security check, similar to what happens at an airport but without the x-ray machines. The Ranger introduced us to the varied history of the island from the first Maori inhabitants through human quarantine, housing enemy aliens during war time, animal quarantine and now a wildlife refuge.

We made our way up the only road on the island. The higher we got the better the view of the Hutt Valley and the Tararua Range behind. Our accommodation was a house, built for quarantine staff in the 1960s, that had been converted to accommodate ten people comfortably. We left our bags and set off for the island's summit. This is the only large grassed area and is home for a few sheep. The rest of the island has been re-vegetated with local native plants over the past few decades as part of improving the sanctuary. Standing on the summit WW2 gun emplacements gave us great views of Wellington, the harbour, Eastbourne and the Hutt Valley.

From the summit we headed south to the island loop track and then toward the lighthouse at the south end of the island. Just before the lighthouse was a micro-size DoC hut, the door just large enough to get a hand in to retrieve the log book. The front deck had a great view of the harbour, you just had to be mouse size to use it.

Along the loop track on the island's west side we saw seals in the sea below as well as encountering small flocks of kakariki. Some decades ago I helped replant some of the steeper slopes on the west side, it was good to see the plants doing well.

We made ourselves comfortable in the house and prepared dinner with views of Wellington as the sun went down and the lights came on. With the calm weather we could hear the distant city sounds all around. The house became a lot more comfortable when the heat pump came on after dinner. We took a night time walk down to the wharf to see blue penguins coming ashore for the night. We were a bit late to see them arrive but heard them moving around in the nearby bush.

The island is totally off-grid and the gentle breeze in the morning was just enough spin up the island's wind turbine. After a relaxed breakfast we did a leisurely circuit of the island loop track, had lunch and headed to the wharf to catch the ferry back to Eastbourne.

It was a great trip and a great location and by chance it was great weather.

Patrick Fotheringham.



INF Congress Photo Competition



Entries are invited from photographers to submit up to 5 of their own images to the International Photographic Competition being held in conjunction with the 2016 International Congress of Naturism.

The theme at the Congress, being hosted by the New Zealand Naturist Federation at Wellington Naturist Club, is “Health and Wellbeing” and the photographic competition is aligned to the same subject matter. How that is interpreted is up to the photographer however the entry must depict naturism as non-sexual social nudity.

Entry fee is NZ\$20 for up to 3 images and NZ\$30 to include an additional 2 images. The competition runs from 1st January to 30th September 2016 with judging in October 2016. See below for a registration form, model release form and Terms & Conditions.

Prize

A fabulous four night stay for two at New Zealand’s prestigious ‘Waitata Bay Naturist Retreat’ in the Bay of Islands, Northland, where the winner and companion will relax in the luxurious ‘Potting Shed’ accommodation, and enjoy the freedom of the sand and blue waters on their own private beach. Check it out at waitatabay.co.nz.

We thank Waitata Bay for so generously donating this unique prize.



Full Details at <http://congress.nznf.nz/news/10/24/Photo-Competition/>