

Te Marua

your place

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The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



What's on at WNC

Each Saturday Evening **BYO BBQ Dinner**

Gather at the BBQ at 5pm

BYO Food & Drinks

Each Sunday Afternoon **Afternoon Tea** 3pm

Listen for the bell & meet on the deck.

March

Fri 24th - Sun 26th **Photo Display**

(refer to article for details)

April

Sun 9th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm

(all members welcome to attend)

Sat 15th **Rally Meeting** 4pm

Sat 15th **BYO BBQ Dinner**

Committee will provide salad

Sun 16th **Open Day** 2pm-4pm

Sat 29th **BYO BBQ Dinner**

Last official one for the summer

Sun 30th **Club Annual General Meeting** 2pm

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28th DEC 2017
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3rd JAN 2018

From The Chair

Well I hope you enjoyed summer this year. All 2 days of it? My understanding is that we will now get some more settled weather. I hope so.

Jude has now retired and we are enjoying some time together. It is different now she is around all day but there are real positives. We are both dedicated to the club so will be able to spend a little more time there looking after visitors when Constance is away. Our visitor rate is really up this year and without mainly Constance and Helen's help it would have been hard to handle. Thanks once again to your dedication. Also your committee is working like a well oiled machine and I am pleased to say that everybody's input is making my job much easier.

We will be holding a planning day sometime soon and you will hear more from Jacqui about this. Many tasks brought up at the previous planning meetings have been done so we are listening to what you say.

The open days Jacqui has been organising are proving beneficial. We are getting an increase in interested people so that is great. Her team are doing an awesome job so thanks.

Richard, with my help, has marking out sites below the hall. These sites are intended for permanent use so are quite large in keeping with our policy of making sites more useable. If you are looking for a site then do consider these ones. It would be great to have small low hedges marking the site boundaries. Takes the starkness out of these sites. Keep in mind that you must have room on your site for your vehicle. Also any structures on your site need committee approval so don't just build something without getting approval. This includes decks.

Although we do not have permanents on site we do have people from time to time who will stay more than the recommended 100 days per year. Special arrangements can and have been made to cater for these people and it is nice to have a presence on the grounds. Lots of work is done by such people. Have you noticed the main ablution block has been painted on the outside with club colours to match the other ablution blocks. Thanks Dave C.

How can you help you may ask. Well FAL shower block needs a redesign as it is not that attractive for visitors. The toilets need roof linings and a cover is needed over the access way to shower entrance. Midlands shower block needs a cover over the sink area also and a drain needs to be dug to stop the flooding at midlands ablution block. If you can help let me know. Boy we have had some rain this summer. That reminds me the debris accumulating behind the main ablution block needs cleaning out regularly to stop water flooding into the kitchen and shower area.

Now the big one. The AGM is fast approaching so if you can offer some experience please get yourself nominated. I do know that there will be some vacancies but present committee members may also stay on. All positions are up for grabs as usual.

Well that's about it from me. As usual I am available if you want to talk to me. Be kind to each other and stay positive about fellow members.

Ken

REMINDERS

The end of the financial year is 31 March so please aim to have your subs paid by then as this will hugely assist the Treasurer.

Is your address, contact number and email address up to date? Please let us know. Email any changes through to Helen on ellotomo@live.com

Lockers for day visitors are available - \$5.00 per day – see a committee member to make payment and obtain key on the day of your visit.



WELCOME

to the following new member:-

Ross from Te Aro

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

Also full membership has been confirmed for:-

Michael G, Lauren McG, Cathy & Murray S,
Perry G, Neville W & Mark K.



Goodbye
Au Revoir
Hasta LaVista
Arrivederci

to the following members who have left the club

Jude B
Rochelle

Thanks for your contribution to the club.

Upcoming Social Events

24 – 26 March Photo Display – Rob V co-ordinating

15 April 4pm Rally Meeting

15 April BYO BBQ – committee will provide salad

16 April 2 – 4 pm Open Day – This will be directed at families. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children and adults.
Please come and participate.

29 April BYO BBQ – last official one for the summer (haha)

30 April 2pm Annual General Meeting

27 May Balls Up Dinner – Helen / Jude / Linda – start 5.30pm with nibbles in club bar area

1 July Mid-Winter Dinner – Shirley (helpers Helen, Constance)

29 July Hill Billy Dinner – Jim B – start 5.30pm with nibbles in club bar area

Working Bee Dates

28 May

2 July

30 July

Photo Display

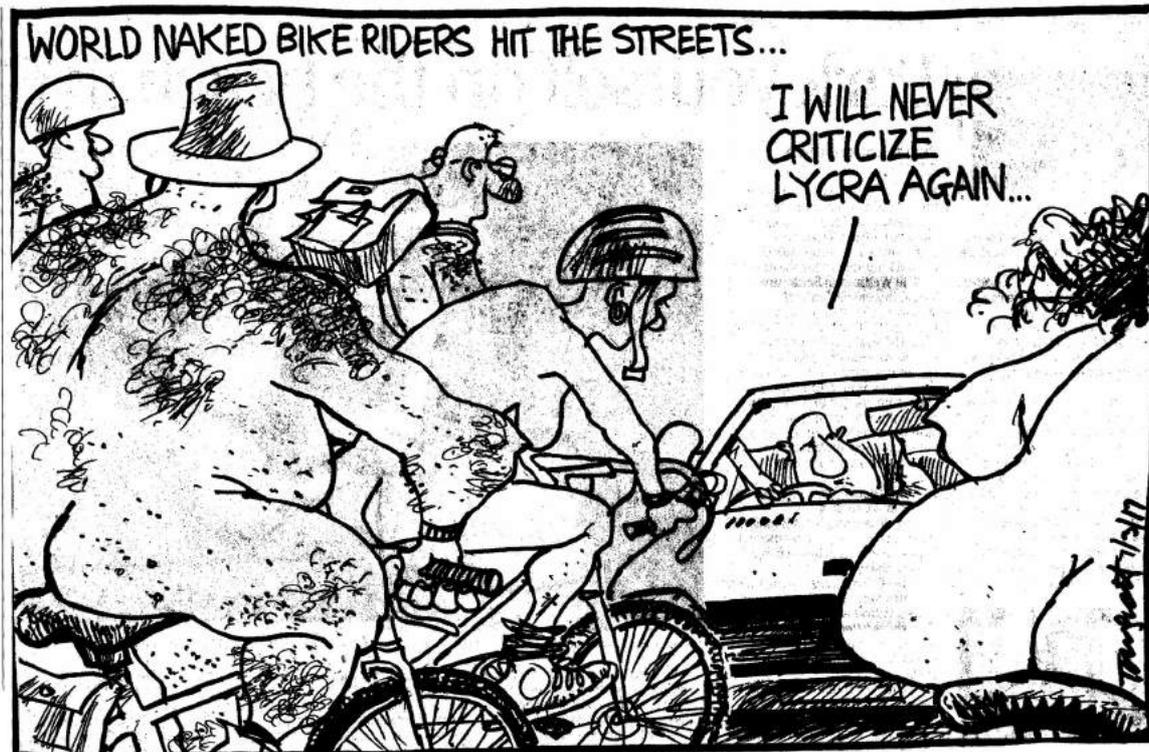
We are going to have a photo display of what naturists do in their club uniform.

We would like to invite club members to display their photos taken during their holidays or at home. There is a limit of 3 photos per person. The photo's will be displayed in the hall on the weekend of 26th March 2017. Setting up will start on Friday 24th March, with Saturday 11am the closing time for entries.

Photos are to be 5x7in. People displayed are to sign on the back of the photo and the photographer named. Unaccepted photos will be destroyed.

For further info please contact Rob V or Helen T ph. 021 1094 840 or e-mail ellotomo@live.com

World Naked Bike Ride



Again I headed down to Takaka for the World Naked Bike Ride event, although the event itself is ever changing. Last year Nick Lowe organised the event, but was otherwise occupied with the Godzone Adventure Race. This year Jeremy Kelleher, the newly elected NZNF South Island Vice President stepped into the breach to organise. Also the owners of the Autumn Farm Gay Resort saw a commercial opportunity from the event & got involved this time.

Previously the ride has started at the Tarakohe Boat Harbour & headed around the coastline to Pohara, before returning to the start point. This year we started in Pohara opposite the Penguin Café & rode through Motupipi to Autumn Farm.

I travelled down on the Thursday before to give myself a decent weekend in a part of the country I love. I again stayed at the Gazebo Backpackers, which is a clothing optional backpackers hostel & previous sponsor of the bike ride, with the owner Paul being one of the organisers for a number of years.

On Friday myself & a couple of others went out to Milnthorpe Beach near Collingwood. This is a well-known clothing optional beach, with a large bush area behind it. From the carpark once onto the bush tracks it's possible to strip off to walk through to the beach without offending anyone. It was a pleasant afternoon laying on the beach & swimming. There were regularly people wandering along the beach & met people walking back to the car, but no-one appeared concerned about nudity, one of the great things about Golden Bay.

For the bike ride on the Saturday there was a bit of logistics required by some people to get to & from the ride as this year it was A to B, as opposed to returning to the start point as had happened in previous years. I decided the easiest option was to ride out to the start & then back into town afterwards. Riding out I passed several cyclists who were obviously heading to the same place. I got to the start point at Pohara before the scheduled meeting time, but there was already quite a few people there, most already nude. As people assembled a large group took the opportunity for a swim before being body painted. Being within Golden Bay the water was quite warm & the air temperature was warm enough to drip dry.

By the departure time there were 90-100 cyclists assembled for Jeremy's instructions for the ride. We rode at a slow pace through Pohara & along the country road to Motupipi, where we regrouped & had a photo opportunity. We then carried on through the countryside to Autumn Farm, with the total ride being 8.6k.

At Autumn Farm there was a prize-giving to give away spot prizes that had been donated by some of the sponsors, followed by a BYO BBQ. Prizes were given for the oldest (77) & youngest (21) cyclists & in discussions afterwards it was agreed that the gender balance was close to 50/50. After I'd had my BBQ meal, I headed back to the Gazebo for a relaxing evening.

On the Sunday morning Jeremy has organised a group walk out to Taupo Point, which is at the end of Wainui Bay. The walk is around the coastline with a couple of rocky outcrops that are only passable close to low tide. This meant we had to have an early start, which was a bit much for some people. There was only 3 of us from Gazebo who made it out to the carpark at Wainui Bay & we were running late, with the others having already left. It was interesting with the tourism boom, more so in

Golden Bay since the earthquake effected State Highway 1, that the carpark was full of cars & motor homes. Paul said that in previous years this area was deserted & they were able to strip off in the carpark. We walked in passed the junction of the track to Abel Tasman National Park & stripped off there before descending to the beach. The coastline track is fairly rocky, with outcrops between the small beaches. At one outcrop, although close to low tide, it was easier to wade through the water. We suggested to a clothed couple clambering over the rocks to join us, they laughed but declined.

At the next beach around from Taupo Point we met up with the others. This was a beautiful beach with crystal clear water, it was nice going for a swim after our walk. We stayed awhile relaxing before we started the walk back. On the way back we stopped at a couple of the beaches for quick swims, but had to use the higher bush track for part of it, as the incoming tide was making it too difficult to get around the rocks.

All throughout the walk we meet a lot of people, exchanging greetings, commenting on what a nice day it was & discussing the best ways to negotiate the rocks, all without any negative reaction to our nudity.

Overall it was another great weekend & I'm looking forward to heading back down there next year as the ride is a great excuse to go to a beautiful part of the country that is so relaxed & laid back.





There will be a meeting at 4pm on Saturday 14th April to update club members when where the organising committee is at with planning for the Rally.

To assist the organising committee's planning can club members please register for the Rally as soon as possible. Registration forms are on the club website, request one from a member of the organising committee or club committee or you can register at the meeting on 14th April.

Requests for accommodation are rolling in already. However, we don't have enough accommodation for all those wanting to stay at the club. If you are prepared to loan out your caravan/cabin during the rally, please contact Helen on 021 1094 840 or email ellotomo@live.com. This is while Murray is away overseas for 3 months. Rates of payment are negotiable.

Calling for the following items from members for the Pioneer theme:

- Velvet curtains
- Spinning wheels
- Hessian sacks & brown string & ropes
- Horse stuff - saddles, bridles, reins, horseshoes
- Old wagon &/or wagon wheels
- Wine barrels (1/2 or whole)
- Old "Singer" sewing machines
- Old books
- Old tools
- China tea cups, jugs, cake tins
- Earthenware jars
- Old baking tins
- Enamel baking dishes
- Old pictures
- Vintage cars

WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB INC

Notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting** is to be held at 2.00pm on Sunday, 30 April 2017, 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 2nd April 2017**.

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 16th April 2017**.

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:

1. Emailed to kmercerc@slingshot.co.nz
2. Handed to the President, Ken Mercer or a member of the executive
3. 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.