

September 2017

The Official Newsletter for the Wellington Naturist Club Inc.



What's on at WNC

September

- Sun 17th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)
- Sat 23rd **Spanish Catered Dinner** – Hosted by June, Pieter, Ken & Jude
\$ 20-00 per person. Starting at 5:30pm.
RSVP to Ken or Jude by Thursday 21st.
- Sun 24th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am. Remember to sign in.

October

- Sun 8th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)
- Sat 14th **Rally Committee Meeting** 3pm
(all members welcome to attend)
Rally Volunteers Meeting 4pm
(all members welcome to attend)
- Sun 15th **Costume Sewing Bee** (time to be confirmed)
- Sat 21st **Bring Your Friends Day**
- Sat 21st **Catered Roast Dinner** 5:30pm
Hosted by Ken & Jude. Cost \$20
- Sun 22nd **Open Day** 1 – 3 pm
- Sun 22nd **First BBQ of the season**
BYO food & drinks. Gather at the BBQ.
Nibbles @ 5:30pm provided by the committee.

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From The Chair



Well what a trip overseas we had with temperatures ranging from 32 to 42 degrees. A nice welcome home to 12 degrees. I believe NZ has had an awful lot of rain and both the club grounds and my property are testament to that. Let's hope the worst is over and we can now get some nice weather.

When we were at Costa Natura in Spain June, Peiter, Jude and I decided that rather than the roast night I was going to do on the 23rd September, we would have a Spanish night. This should be great and there will be fantastic dishes for you to taste. I may do a spit roast or similar on Labour weekend in October all going well. Probably Saturday 21st. Weather should be good by then? Want to know more about Costa Natura naturist resort then ask June, Peiter, Jude or myself. You also may like to quiz Jacqui on her overseas trip.

I have had a quick look around the grounds and see Marcel, Jim and maybe others have made good progress on FAL shower block. Keep up the good work.

I also noticed that Paul T, Dave C and possible others have made further progress on the midlands underground power project. This now needs pushing to get things done before the rally kicks off.

The hall deck is schedule for demolition soon with the construction of the larger new deck starting a short time afterwards. Thanks Nick for volunteering to do this job. Please be careful around construction sites as they are a potential for accidents. Hall access during construction may be limited so please show patience.

I see the pile of mulch that was created at the last working bee has reduced in size. I assume Jeff has been hard at work. Please do not help yourself to this.

Good to see most people have paid their financial dues or have set up regular payments to sort these out. Keep in mind that your committee are all volunteers and rudeness towards them will be met with resistance. Our jobs are hard enough without abuse from members. Be happy and smile.

Our committee meeting is scheduled for this Sunday 17th at 1pm. All welcome as usual. The newsletter should be out by then as we need to advertise club dinners which are proving popular once again.

Those who subscribe to the *gonatural* magazine would have received it by now. The Wellington club features well in it especially the full page rally advert along with a full page written article. Thanks Constance. Also featuring is the 4WD trip article during the Congress that I wrote. Please support this magazine as it promotes Naturism in NZ very well. Mike is doing a great job.

Well this is our 4th day home and still no rain so I had better get into the garden. I hope to catch up with many of you either this weekend or the dinner night on the 23rd.

Smile be happy and may the weather be good from now on.

Ken

Afternoon Tea Roster

The afternoon tea roster for summer is now on the wall by the kitchen. It starts at Labour weekend and currently finishes on 1st April. Please select a Sunday afternoon you can organise the afternoon tea. It is not difficult. You just need to bring something to eat & some milk. If you're not a baker a couple of packets of biscuits is fine. Then have it ready to ring the bell at 3pm. If you are unsure please contact Melissa, Shirley or one of the regulars who will be happy to advise you.



Working Bee – Sunday 24th September

Demolition of the deck – please bring shovel / spades, hammers and crowbars to lift off the old decking, please remember gloves, safety glasses and appropriate footwear.

Children's play area – repair swing frame, replace rotten wooden boards around playground surround – please bring hammers, saws.

Painting of kitchen floor (main lawn ablution block).

Look at the weeds in the creek – needs to be cleared.



Membership Fees

Annual membership fees were due for payment on the 31 August 2017.

Members who pay by automatic payment do not need to do anything.

Members who have made partial payment or no payment towards this year's fees, please ensure that your fees are up to date by the 30th of September 2017.

Capital Expenditure

The following items have been approved by the committee for Capital Expenditure:

Power Project	budget \$20 - \$25, 000
Deck Replacement	budget \$10,000
FAL Shower Upgrade	budget \$5 - \$8,000
FAL Toilet Upgrade	budget \$3,000
Roading	budget (to be provided after committee meeting)

Spanish Catered Dinner

Saturday 23 September 2017

\$20/adult

Starting at 5.30pm



Come and experience the wonderful tastes of Spain

Fresh back from Costa Natura in Spain, June, Pieter, Ken and Jude will be hosting this dinner.

Plus watch the election results as they come through

Please **book by Thursday 21 September**, phone Ken and Jude on 526 5258
or email: kmerc@slingshot.co.nz

Catered Roast Dinner

Saturday 21 October 2017



Starting with nibbles at 5.30pm

\$20 / adult

Please book with Jude and Ken on phone: 526 5258 or email judemercer@slingshot.co.nz or kmercerc@slingshot.co.nz

Club Tramping Trips

Te Whiti Riser

It was the middle of winter but that did not stop six naturists going for a bit of a walk. However, we did wear clothes.

After assembling at my place, it was a short drive (and cycle for one) to Te Whiti Park. The Te Whiti Riser Track starts in Te Whiti Park and slowly makes its way up the Eastern Hutt Hills to the top of the ridge that separates Wainuiomata from Lower Hutt. The grade is constant and gentle and none of us were in a hurry. The riser is a very popular track for cyclists, runners and walkers, I have seen babies in prams being pushed up too.



Patrick and Greig take a not well earned rest

The track mostly runs through regenerating bush with small patches of gorse. The many historic burnoffs that have occurred along the hills has allowed gorse to thrive in the clear spaces created. The dense gorse cover also provided deep shelter from the sun that many forest dwelling native plants need for a good start to life. The resulting succession process has had variable results but over time (hopefully with no fires) the natives eventually win out by overtopping and shading the sun loving gorse.

The views over Lower Hutt and parts of Wellington get better as you climb, there are seats along the way for those that want to take a break to admire the views. The riser has a fork near the top, we took the southern fork and reached the ridge top a short time later. There is a 4WD road on the ridge top that is very popular with mountain bikers and runners. We headed north and got good views to Wainuiomata and the Rimutaka Forest to the east.

A picnic table marked our turn off point to a ridge leading down to Summit Road. The ridge descends quickly with tracks cut to avoid the steepest sections. Greig said there was an alternate way down and immediately disappeared behind a gorse bush. We all followed, hanging on to the shrubbery as our feet slid down the unofficial track to emerge on Greig's driveway.

A short street walk took us to a gap in an old fence filled with foliage. We crashed through then stepped onto a luxurious carpet of wandering dew (*tradescantia fluminensis*, has a posh sounding name but is a weed) for a steep descent across my back yard. We all piled inside to have a relaxing lunch of soup, coffee and locally made bread while wearing club uniform.

Patrick Fotheringham

Mid Winter in Waikuku Lodge

It is a bit of a long windy drive into Waikuku Lodge behind Martinborough, the recent rains had also reduced some short parts of the road to a rutted single track (for cars anyway). The 2WDs we had were up to the task with only one spot causing underside scraping.

The lodge is an old farm house farm taken over by DoC and can be hired for exclusive use. The surrounding farmland has been retired and is slowly returning to native bush.

People arrived through the afternoon and made themselves comfortable, some organising firewood, cups of tea and lunch. I felt motivated to go for a walk up the hill behind the lodge, Brent came along and travelled about twice my speed as I was still getting over a bout of flu at the time. The short walk offers good views after a bit of a climb, but the clouds to the west obscured anything out that way. We could still make out the snow capped Kaikoura range to the south. We continued south along a track that took us to a carpark at the practical end of Haurangi Road. The road returning to the lodge looked quite challenging for 4WDs but we were ok on foot.

The two fires were soon cranked up and with many hands to help, dinner was on the way. There was Hungarian goulash, mashed potatoes and vegetables followed by chocolate pudding with fruit salad and fresh cream. All good comfort food for a winter evening.

A relaxing evening was had with at times vocal discussion on a wide range of topics. The lodge was comfortable and warm despite the strong northerly wind blowing outside.

I woke at 6am the next morning as Catherine left for the airport and I had trouble getting back to sleep, eventually the others rose and had breakfast. After a bit of a clean up and sweep out the lodge was tidy enough to move out of and we headed off for a walk toward Sutherlands Hut. Nick had the idea of carrying on beyond Sutherlands Hut on his mountain bike to come out on the south coast. The comment I hear most about this trip with a bike is that once is enough. Then Nick would have to bike into the strong northerly to get back to the club grounds. When we reached the first stream crossing we piked out and let Nick go on his way. We were all home and comfortable by about 4pm, Nick finally made it back after 9pm, quite a long day for him.

Thank you to all that came along to make it a great trip.

Patrick Fotheringham





Rally Co ordinator: Constance G

2IC: Heidi M

Treasurer & Registrations: Helen T

Secretary: Cathy S

Advisor: Ken M

★ **Every 25th registration wins a voucher to be used at the Rally** ★

Will you be the 75th?

Registrations

Fantastic news, we now have 74 registrations as of 11 September. This includes 10 children.

The Rally Treasurer has received payment for four people but no registration details. Can you please ensure that you complete the rally registration form and either email or post to the Rally Secretary at the time you make your payment. This will ensure that you will receive acknowledgement of any payment and the programme and future updates.

Entertainment

Cohen Holloway of (to name a few) 'Hunt for the Wilderpeople', 'What we do in the Shadows' fame will be our headline act for the Comedy Night on 30 December.

Salad bar

Remember to book in for the salad bar. The salad bar will be operating from 28 December to 1 January - a very reasonable \$20 for five days. Please book with Helen.

Day Visitor Fees

Day visitors will be allowed on the grounds during the rally and will also be able to attend the nightly events. Fees for visitors and individual events will be advertised in the October newsletter.

Meeting dates coming up

October

- Saturday 14 October Rally committee, 3pm. All members welcome to attend.
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- Sunday 15 October, Costume sewing bee, time to be confirmed.