

**February 2018**

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

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> **Open Day** 2-4 pm

Live Jazz on the deck & afternoon tea provided.

Sun 11<sup>th</sup> **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm

(all members welcome to attend)

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> April **Easter Weekend**

Kubb & Petanque Club Championships

## April

Sun 1<sup>st</sup> **Easter Egg Hunt On The Lawn**

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm

(all members welcome to attend)

## May

Sun 6<sup>th</sup> **Club Annual General Meeting** 2pm

(Club Dinner in the evening)

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## From The Chair

Well we have been extremely busy since the rally with cabins full most of the time and lots of camper vans turning up. I must thank Brent H for being available to meet and greet and take money. He really has taken the load off. A pity he has gone back to Aussie. Also Constance who gave Jude and I a welcomed break. Visitors are one of our major source of income and we really need to look after them. It is a pity that Rotota are wanting to limit visitors and you have to have a half hour interview just to visit the club. I must thank June CT, Ross and Shirley and Jude and I also for allowing their special places for visitors. Without this we would have had to turn away visitors and potential members. Thanks for your generosity.

Looking after cabins and visitors is very time consuming and we need to seriously look at making this process less arduous for members. Perhaps we should be seeking interest in running this as a business with some of the money taken going to that business. This could suit someone who was self-employed with a small business and this could just be in addition. This gets around employment issues with the business simply billing us monthly just like other contractors, electricians, plumbers etc. Food for thought? We have received many great comments about our grounds and facilities and a high percentage of visitors are staying longer than they had intended.

What a great summer we are having which does mean that we are getting quite a few new members. Please make them feel welcome. Young person's day run by Lauren was very successful and Jacqui's open day has been rewarding. This hot weather combined with a little rain means that mushrooms are popping up over the grounds. Very tasty. Your committee finally had their first meeting of the year on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> at 9am. There was lots of business to get through. However we do approve payments and new member applications via email as these just simply can't wait. Our electrician has installed the switch board in midlands shower block and run the last cables to that switch board. Connections to the new under-ground caravan outlets should take place next week ending the under-ground power project. Wow what a milestone this will be. No more dodgy overhead lines.

Many people have asked me if I will be staying on as President after the May elections. My answer is it would be great for someone else to have a go. A particular person emailing abuse at me over not being allowed on the grounds has really put a damper on things.

The Hash House Harrier run/walk on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February was a great evening with Wayne's huge hamburgers going down a treat.

Well that's it from me for another month.

Ken

### **Wellington Naturist Club Inc. Annual General Meeting**

Notice is given that the Annual General Meeting of the Wellington Naturist Club Inc. is to be held at 2:00pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in the club hall. That evening will be a club dinner (probably pot luck).

### **Charging Of Electric Vehicles**

Further to the notice in the December newsletter the committee is currently obtaining further advice on the safety & costs involved in the charging of electric vehicles at the club. Until we can be assured that all health & safety requirements are met, we ask that **NO** electric vehicles are charged on the club grounds.

### **Electrical Warrant of Fitnesses**

Richard is currently arranging for the electrician to visit the club for Electrical WOFs. If your caravan Electrical WOF is due soon, please contact Richard.

## **HASH HOUSE HARRIERS**

On Tuesday 13th the Port Nicholson Geriatric Hash House Harriers visited the club. Unfortunately with the T20 cricket international on at the Stadium & other things at this time of year numbers were down on previous years, but it was still a good night enjoyed by all those who were there.

The trail was up into the Kaitoke Regional Park by the twin lakes. They went down a bush track & crossing a creek by the Hutt River, before coming back up to the road. Here the walking group headed back down towards the club, while the runners carried on to the start of the track to Kaitoke, before heading across a cow paddock to the lookout above the lakes. They then headed back down to the road to join the walkers coming back to the club. Several of our members joined either the runners or walkers, with Perry leading the runners back to the club.

We then congregated at the BBQ area, with a good mix between club members & harriers socialising. A few of the harriers also made use of the swimming pool (in our club uniform). Wayne served up his monster hamburgers for dinner, with help from the naked chef (Ken).

Thanks for Wayne & Ken for feeding everyone & Shirley for keeping the bar running. Also thanks to the members who came along & made the harriers feel most welcome.

Brent.



## **Tour Aotearoa 2018 Event**

Currently Nick Lowe is competing in the Tour Aotearoa 2018 event, cycling the approximately 3000 kilometres from Cape Reinga to Bluff. If you want to follow his progress the event link is below. As I type this he is currently in the wilderness north of Taumarunui.

<https://touraotearoa2018.mapprogress.com/>

## **Topsoil for Use**

A pile of topsoil will be placed on the empty site in Midlands next to Murray & Thelma's cabin. This will be for members to use to fill in any holes or areas that have subsided around their site following the underground power project. Please help yourself to repair these areas.

## **White Lines**

We are currently arranging for white lines to be painted on the edges of the deck to make them more visible. Please continue to take care on the deck, especially at night.

## A Short Walk up Climie

Mount Climie is visible from most parts of Upper Hutt, it is the one with the antenna stations on top.

Most people climb to the top of Climie from Tunnel Gully by following a 4WD road. The route is easy to follow, well graded and quite long. There is a slightly shorter, and definitely steeper, route that starts from Collets Road in Mangaroa.

The entry to the Mangaroa Forest is unremarkable, just a metal gate. A tree by the road has been cut down recently to create a small parking space. Inside the gate is an information board, one of the few clues that you have come to the right place.

A 4WD track offers easy travel up through the pine forest then dips into a creek to lose most of the height just gained. From the creek the climbing never stops. The road reaches the top of a small ridge and you also find yourself underneath the power lines going up to the top of Climie.

The travel is then over grassy slopes, getting steeper and with more scrub but with great views of the valley below and over into Upper Hutt. Travel is not difficult on the steeper parts except that when you put your foot down, it is much higher than where you previously left your other foot.

The scrub eventually turns to bush and easier travel with respite from the hot sun. Every now and then there is a pair of power poles coming down through the canopy and into the ground. The last power pole is where the line splits left and right, then it is an easy walk to the top. Great views in all directions on a great day.

I had a slightly early lunch at the top then headed down, the descent was hotter again as the sun did its best work in months. I managed to save the last small mouthful from my water bottle for near the bottom, there were many times earlier on when it was tempting to simply drink the lot.

Patrick Fotheringham

If you are interested in nude tramping trips that are off beaten tracks, please drop me a line.

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## **NZNF Pioneer Village Rally**

The Rally Committee would like to thank the WNC members for their time, assistance and patience for allowing us to host the Pioneer Village Rally on behalf of the NZNF to commemorate 60 years of Naturism in NZ.

To those of you that attended, thanks a million for your support. We really appreciated it and trust that you enjoyed yourself. To those of you that didn't make it, we don't want to rub it in, but you truly missed out on a fantastic event and maybe you will consider attending next time?!

By all accounts, the rally was a very successful event and enjoyed by all. We finally had a summer where the weather played ball. Plus there was plenty of friendly rivalry on and off the sports field in among the drinks and social times.

There was some terrific entertainment, consisting of a casino night hosted by the Silverstream Lions, Cohen Holloway the comedian, Itchycoo Park band on New Years Eve, the Percy Cousins Trust Auction and two outdoor movie screenings.

The food trucks and coffee cart on site went down a treat, along with the other lunch options available. The catered breakfast, dinner and salad bar were also popular.

Feedback has been really positive about the quality and cleanliness of our facilities, so thanks to everyone who has worked hard at all the working bees over the past couple of years to get the grounds looking as they do... plus to all the volunteers and helpers at the rally who pitched in and got all those messy jobs done. We couldn't have done it without you. We are still awaiting the treasurers report...but at the end of the day, it's not just about making a profit for the club...it's about club members being able to participate and enjoy themselves, without slaving away in a kitchen all day.

The Rally Committee has put a proposal to the WNC Committee about hosting a thank you drinks event for all the club members at a later date...so watch this space.

Cheers Constance

Rally Coordinator :)

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

### **PROVISIONAL TO FULL MEMBERSHIP -**

Chris B, Upper Hutt

### **PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

Richard from Seatoun

Ross N from Mornington

Nell from Southgate (former member)

Bernard & Colleen from Silverstream

Monique from Wallaceville (former member)

Michelle from Trentham

Juilet from Wainui

Aaron & Sarah from Khandallah

Jill from Porirua & Ray from Lower Hutt

## **RESIGNATIONS:**

June W  
Alan H  
Sarah & Troy  
Kathleen & Clive

Clive and Kathleen have reluctantly come to a decision to resign from the Club because they have no current plans to return to Wellington from their possie in Karamea in the South Island. They still intend to keep in contact with their WNC friends and look forward to the occasional visit when they are in the vicinity.

## **OPEN DAYS**

**Sunday 4 March - 2-4 pm Jazz and afternoon tea on the lawn**

**Easter Sunday 1 April - EASTER EGG HUNT ON THE LAWN.**

**OPEN DAY 4 February**

**Jacqui thanks the Open Day Team for their contribution. Four new members were signed up that day.**

## **THANKS to:**

Perry and Rob C for being on the gate  
Chris B, Thelma, Murray, Valerie for showing visitors around  
Cathy and Richard for receiving visitors on the lawn  
Murray for the great jazz on the lawn  
Shirley and team for afternoon tea.

## **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.

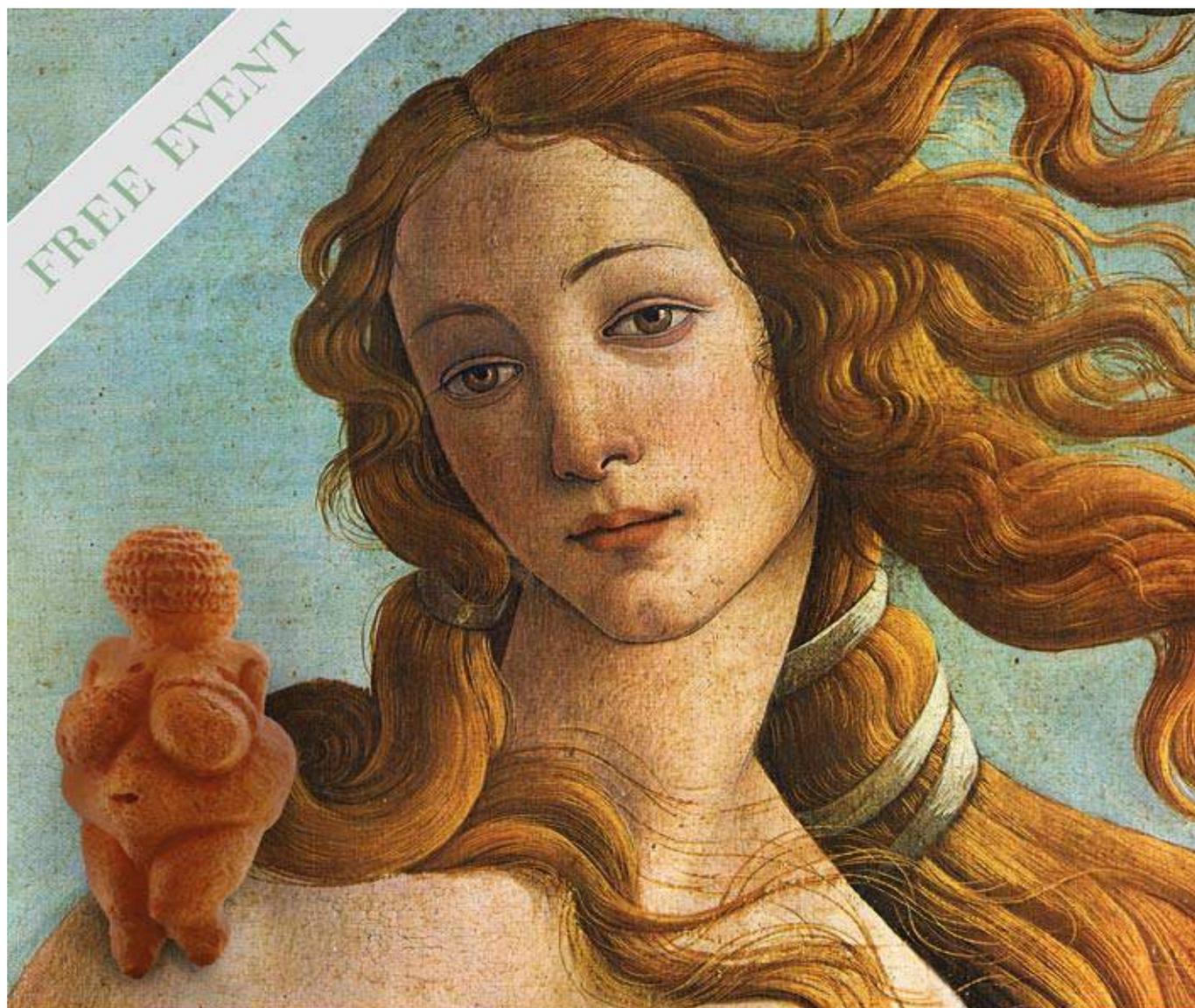
Members who currently make regular automatic payments are required to have their 2017 / 2018 memberships paid in full by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2018. Please contact Helen, Treasurer, if you would like a statement sent to you for this current financial year. Helen can be contacted via email, [treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz](mailto:treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.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.

An advert for an event some members, your friends or family may be interested in. For further details check out the following link.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/finding-venus-upper-hutt-style-tickets-41023128281>



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