

Wellington Naturist Club

September 2019

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Visitors and campers welcome
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FROM THE CHAIR

Having been away for a month it's great to come back and see the progress that has been made at our club.

Firstly, we have a new oven and dishwasher in the hall kitchen. These will certainly make things easier for those working in the kitchen at club dinners and lunches. The trees on the golf course are steadily disappearing and the gardens have received a good tidy up. There were over 30 in attendance at the working bee in August which is tremendous.

In addition, we have new furniture on the deck and additional sun loungers. The new furniture really makes the deck an inviting place to relax and socialise. We also have a new bar leaner made from a slab of macrocarpa donated by Nick Lowe. It looks great and adds to the ambience of the deck. If you haven't seen all of this check it out!

Many thanks to those who organised the Howdy Hoe Down dinner in August. It's great to see newer members doing this. Also thanks to those who are contributing to project plans in conjunction with the finance group.

We are all looking forward to summer and daylight saving is about to begin. Make the most of your membership and enjoy the great facilities and camaraderie our club offers.

Many will also be looking forward to the Rugby World Cup. Go the All Blacks!!

Malcolm



COMING UP

September

- Sat 28th **Hangi/Roast Catered Dinner**
Hosted by Ken & Eru
RSVP to Ken: 021 152 5940
In conjunction with a **QUIZ Night**
Hosted by Murray & Sarah
- Sun 29th **Club Working Bee**
Meet at the Hall at 9am

October

- Sun 13th **Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)
- Sat 26th **Naked Gardening Day** 1-3pm
Rugby World Cup Semi-final 9pm
- Sun 27th **Club Working Bee**
9am – 3pm
Beer tasting 5pm
Catered BBQ 6pm
Halloween Party 8pm

November

- Sun 10th **Club Committee Meeting** 1pm
(all members welcome to attend)
- TBC Neighbours Day (date to be confirmed)

December

- 6th - 8th **WNC 70th Anniversary** celebrations
Save this date in your diaries

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Working Bee, Sunday 29 September

A lot of progress has been made at the last four working bees, thank you to all involved. Remember to use proper safety equipment for all tasks and to sign in on arrival. A more detailed list will be on the whiteboard on the day.

Golf course trees

A bit more work is required moving cut rings closer to the log splitter; start fire and supervise; move any last trimmings into a pile ready for burning; split wood using a log splitter (dependent on weather).

Other jobs/gardens

Wandering willie (*Tradescantia*) is becoming a big problem again. It needs to be cleared out from behind the pool fence, below the cabins, below the hall etc.

Weeds to be sprayed along the gravel driveway and sealed areas; weed eating around volleyball and miniten courts; some tree trimming on Faraway Land, footpath to main road, driveway, mowing around cabins. Plus a few other jobs.

Fantastic lunch provided

Thanks Ken



Fantastic new additions to the catering kitchen in the hall
(stove on left, dishwasher on left)



**Please talk to Ken before
trimming any trees on
the grounds.**

WNC Firewood for sale Great value

Firewood is selling well. Get yours now and put away for next year, will be great burning.

Split wood \$50 (1.5 m3) small trailer.

Split wood \$80 (2.5m3) larger trailer.

NB this is well under half the price anywhere else.

If you would like a load please ring Ken in the first instance: 526 5258 or 021 152 5940.

Call for all receipts / invoices for any purchases in September 2019

Our six-monthly GST return is due to be completed for the period 1 April – 30 September 2019. Could you please email all receipts / invoices for payment to the Treasurer no later than 3 October – treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

The GST will need to be paid on or before 28 October 2019.

Site Spring Clean

Spring is here and it's time to get your site in tip-top condition for summer, (ie, mow lawns, weed gardens, clear out wandering willie etc).

Also check your accommodation for rats, mice, ants, leaks, general tidy up (painting etc).

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Hangi - Roast Catered Dinner

28 September 2019



Hosted by Eru and Ken

\$20pp

Starting with nibbles

@ 5:30pm



In conjunction with a



Hosted by Murray and Sarah

A great night out

RSVP to Ken by Thursday, 25 September

Mobile: 021 152 5940 or

Email: kmercer@slingshot.co.nz



Labour Weekend Activities

Saturday 26 October

Naked Garden Day

as part of
National Gardening Week

1:00 – 3:00pm

Flower Power is the theme for this year
Come join us and create a riot of colour in our gardens

Rugby World Cup Semi-final

9:00pm

Will the ABs be there??

Sunday 27 October

Working Bee

9:00am – 3:00pm

Beer Tasting

5:00pm

\$5/person

Book with Ken ph: 526 5258 or 021 152 5940

Catered BBQ dinner

Starting with nibbles @ 6pm

\$20/person

Book with Jude ph: 526 5258 or 021 118 4212
by Thursday 24 October

Halloween Party

8:00pm

Dress up and come and have a fun night.

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Impromptu afternoon tea on the first day
of Spring

Combination Lock

It has been brought to the committee's attention that some club members are having trouble with the new combination lock (Lowland's access) for the spa & sauna facilities.

Please note that the lock is not broken, you need to turn the handle of the combination lock as well as the door handle at the same time.

Thank you

to Claire and Andy for the couch in the
upstairs lounge.

WNC 70th Anniversary

6 – 8 December 2019

Planning is underway for the club's 70th Anniversary.

Activities will include:

Friday	Drinks and Nibbles 6:00pm
Saturday	Long Lunch 1:00pm
Sunday	Afternoon tea

Current members are asked to let any ex-members, that they may know, about this forthcoming event. Also let the committee know so invitations can be sent to them. More information in the next newsletter.



Registration forms for the Wild West Festival can be found in the hall



A review of North Queensland Naturist sites

In August Andy and Claire hired a motorhome in Cairns and drove south to Brisbane over 2 weeks. The distance covered was over 2000kms so quite substantial! We stayed in naturist sites where possible. There are very few around seemingly because of the law regarding public nudity – which was a shame and surprise to us given the climate!

Here is a brief synopsis of our trip and some recommendations:

Valley View Naturist Bush Retreat – 45 minutes from Cairns airport and in a stunning bush location in the Karunda range. They have a cabin and caravans to rent and we had a warm welcome from custodians and others staying there (which was great as the weather was anything but the tropical climate we were expecting – 16 degrees rather than 25). Due to the cold we didn't check out the pool, but the spa was a pleasant alternative. The location is great for exploring the Atherton Tablelands and Port Douglas. This site is highly recommended with modern and clean facilities.

Driving south we stayed at a textile campsite in Townsville so we could visit the stunningly beautiful Magnetic Island. This is just 30 minutes by ferry from Townsville and has lovely walks and stunning coves and beaches:-



We then stayed at the **Townsville Naturist Club** which is approximately 1 hour from Townsville off the Flinders Highway. It has been set up within the past 18 months as they lost the lease on their previous site. In that time the club has done a huge amount of work to remove bush and create sites and provide facilities. There is currently no accommodation to rent and it is off grid. Hot water for the showers is provided in the morning or on request via a diesel generator. It's an interesting site - a subdivision on a camel farm – they had to install electric fencing to eliminate camel forays onto the camp!

Heading south we stayed at Airlie Beach (no naturist options) to check out the Whitsundays. Absolutely stunning and we had an amazing trip on a tall ship which took us to a quiet spot for snorkelling and then some whale watching – the humpback whales put on a stunning acrobatic show.

The drive south from here was monotonous - 500km of nothing but eucalyptus and sugar cane for over 6 hours to Yeppoon, our next naturist site – **Savannah Park**. This was our favourite of all the Queensland sites. It is in the bush and very well run by relatively new owners Buck and Ally. The facilities are great and they have a cabin and caravans to rent. There a nice pool area (not as big as ours!!) and Buck and Ally organise a great social programme. We just missed out on a naked cruise to Great Keppel Island which I am sure would have been awesome. It's just so far from anywhere – but you can fly to nearby Rockhampton, otherwise it's an 8-hour drive from Brisbane, or about 13 hours from Cairns!

Continuing south we stopped at a clothes optional site **Bungadoo Breeze** near Gin Gin about 30 minutes from Bundaberg. This has no facilities at all other than a long drop and outside cold shower (didn't even try this as it was only 11 degrees in the morning!) However, this had the best view from our site as it overlooked the river:-



Further south still we visited Maryborough, the home town of P L Travers, creator of Mary Poppins which had some lovely Victorian/Edwardian buildings and a replica vertical steam engine tourist train. It's also a good place to stay to go to Fraser Island – unfortunately we were running out of time to do this!

The last naturist site we stayed at was the **Pacific Sun Friends** about 45 minutes north of Brisbane. This site had a nice location with very extensive grounds on the edge of a strawberry farm, airstrip (which was also the access road!), and a beach on a sandy bend in the river. However, there are a large number of permanent residents on the site which changed the atmosphere and the facilities are a bit tired. We suspect being mid-week and mid-winter we did not see the site at its best, but the redeeming feature for us was the proximity to Brisbane and Bribie Island which we fell in love with. We absolutely enjoyed the unspoilt, chilled-out vibe of Bribie with it's fabulous beaches. So quiet it was tempting to find a secluded corner to disrobe, but the authorities are obviously onto this with large signs warning against nude bathing....oh well....

