

FROM THE CHAIR

How lucky we are to belong to the Wellington Naturist Club. It is our own piece of paradise there for us to enjoy. But there is naturist life beyond the gates!

What we sometimes don't recognise is that we are part of a national network being the New Zealand Naturist Federation, and that our own club members, past and present have contributed in a big way to the NZNF. There is a lot that goes on at the national level that we probably don't fully appreciate. There is the annual rally and AGM, the website, promotional gear, media co ordination and the go natural magazine to name a few.

There are clubs throughout New Zealand that we can visit, and long lasting friendships to be made with members from other clubs. Check out other clubs when you are travelling around New Zealand.

There are a couple of opportunities in this newsletter for you to get involved with some wider decision making outside of our club. Firstly, there is the important decision on whether NZNF remain as part of the International Naturist Federation. NZNF has recommended that we leave and there are arguments for and against. Check out the further information in this newsletter.

Then there is the opportunity to be involved at national level with four NZNF executive positions up for election. A nomination form is attached with this newsletter.

Yours naturally

Malcolm



COMING UP

Every Sunday Afternoon tea @ 3pm

October

Sun 20th Life Drawing 11am-3pm

Sat 26th Naked Gardening Day 1-3pm

BYO BBQ 6pm

Rugby World Cup Semi-final 9pm

Sun 27th Club Working Bee 9am – midday

Beer tasting 5pm **Catered BBQ** 6pm

Halloween Party 8pm

November

Sun 10th Club Committee Meeting 2pm (all members welcome to attend)

Sun 10th **Neighbours Day**

10am – 2pm

Plateau School Gala – parking on

grounds

Sun 17th Life Drawing 11am-3pm

December

6th - 8th WNC 70th Anniversary celebrations

Fri Mix and mingle, 7:30pm

Sat Long Lunch 1pm

Sun Petanque & Kubb fun games 1pm

Afternoon tea 3pm

See posters further on in the newsletter

1957 Digging began for the swimming pool.

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70th Anniversary Celebration

Can you help?

We are seeking one or two volunteers to assist with the Long Lunch (ie, plating up food provided by the outside caterers, serving to the table and tidying up afterwards). Would suit someone who isn't necessarily attending the lunch but would like to help in some way.

We are also asking all current members to forward any contact emails and phone numbers of ex-members asap to:

June CT M: 021 128 0878, e: <u>junect@xtra.co.nz</u>

or

Jude M 021 118 4212, e: judemercer@slingshot.co.nz



Roster for Sunday Afternoon tea

The Sunday afternoon tea roster is now up and on the notice board in the hall. Would everyone please consider putting their names up at least once. Team up with another member. This will mean that the same people do not need to do it all the time. It is very easy, you do not have to bake if you don't want to, there will be biscuits, cheese and crackers in the pantry and fridge and Shirley is only a phone call away if you want some help.

Thanks Shirley

Seeking approval for use of tramp photos

Mike Moore of the gonatural magazine read with interest about the tramping group walk to the Wainuiomata Water Dam earlier in the year and is keen to publish an article about it and wants photos to accompany it.

Michael G has kindly supplied some images to Constance. Most of these pictures are group shots taken from the rear, so many faces aren't exposed. There are a couple that were taken outside the tunnel that do show some people's faces. She is of the understanding that those who did not want to be photographed stepped out of the shot.

If any of the participants of the Wainui Water Dam walk have any objection to their photo's being used in the magazine; would they please contact Constance ASAP to let her know as submissions for the December issue are now due.

e: onepurplefish@gmail.com m: 021 123 7577







Howdy Hoedown in August

Last working bee for the year Sunday 27 October, 9:00am - 12 midday

A shorter working bee so we can all enjoy the club events in the afternoon.

We will be mainly concentrating on cleaning up the golf course (ie, stacking rounds and picking up loose branches etc). Clearing Wandering willie (Tradescantia) from behind the pool fence, below the cabins, below the hall etc. Also looking for volunteers to paint the interior of Cabin 3.

Light lunch provided

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Labour Weekend Saturday 26 October 2019



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



Join us @ 6:00pm for a BYO barbecue

then

watch the

Rugby World Cup Semi-final

9:00pm in the upstairs lounge



Labour Weekend Sunday 27 October 2019

9:00am – midday Working Bee

Lunch provided



5:00pm Beer tasting

\$5/person

Ken will have an exciting line up of different beers to tempt your taste buds, what will be your favourite?

Book with Ken ph: 526 5258 or 021 152 5940 by Thursday 24 October

6:00pm Catered BBQ dinner

Starting with nibbles @ 6:00pm

\$20/person

Book with Jude ph: 526 5258 or 021 118 4212

by Thursday 24 October

Hosted by the Committee

Please bring your own cutlery and crockery





8:00pm Halloween Party

Dress up and come and dance the night away

Always a fun night

Hosted by Graeme and Petrina



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WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB LIFE DRAWING

HERE AT THE CLUB 11AM-3PM SUNDAY 20th OCTOBER & 17th NOVEMBER

You can model for the artists, or be an artist and draw the model, or swap between the two.

Bring your own art materials, or use the art materials provided.

Create the art of the nude.

Nominations required New Zealand Naturist Federation

There are four positions on the NZNF executive up for election this year. These are Secretary, North Island Vice President, Database Secretary and Marketing Officer.

Included with this newsletter is a Nomination Form. If you want to be considered for any of these positions, please complete the form. If you are unsure how to complete this please contact Murray by emailing webmaster@nznf.nz.

Nomination forms must be received by the NZNF secretary (<u>Secretary@nznf.nz</u>) **no later than 28 October 2019.**



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

Neighbours Day Sunday 10 November

The club will be opening its gates from 10am until 2pm on Sunday 10 November for "Neighbours Day". A marketing initiative to invite the people in our local neighbourhood to showcase what exactly is behind our gate, to appease their curiosity and potentially attract new members and/or families to the club.

This event will also coincide with the Plateau School Gala Day. Please contact the co-ordinators Brent H or Richard H if you are willing and able to assist with being either a parking warden or showing visitors around the grounds on the day.



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Site Spring Clean Site reminder

I recently saw, on a cabin booking email from an overseas visitor, "your place looks fantastic" and that was from an internet search!

If anyone visits our club, and all of the sites are looking great, the one which is neglected stands out like "a sore thumb" so please make sure yours is not that "sore thumb".

If we all pull together, we have New Zealand's Premier Club within our grasp. We are very nearly there folks!

Enjoy the sun, enjoy being naked and enjoy your club this summer.

Yours Naturally Richard H. (Site Manager)



The latest issue of New Zealand gonatural naturist magazine is out now. In this issue there are some wonderful photographs that people sent in from across New Zealand and around the world - avid readers and supporters of naturism, members of clubs and Free Beaches, and individuals who just celebrate being at one with their body.



If any members would like to write and submit an article or have a fantastic naturist story or picture that they would like to share, then the gonatural Magazine would love to hear from you.

The Editor is always on the lookout for contributions, email editor@gonatural.co.nz



Over 60 members enjoyed a fabulous night last month. The food was delicious and plentiful. A special night.

And the Quiz was closely fought, there were only three points between first and second and two between second and third.







Proposed INF Exit - Feedback Required

In the July newsletter we asked for feedback on the proposal by the New Zealand Naturist Federation (NZNF) to leave the INF (International Naturist Federation). This is an important decision and we need to understand the feeling of the Wellington club membership so that we can vote correctly at the NZNF AGM in December. There are pros and cons to this proposal.

On the pro side of leaving are the following considerations:

- The INF election of a president at the congress held at our club in 2016 was subsequently overturned on questionable legal grounds.
- We were denied voting rights at the 2018 World Congress on a technicality that NZNF disputed.
- Some other nations as well as NZ are dissatisfied with the INF.
- NZNF feel we are not getting value for the levies we pay that are meant to go towards publicity of naturism.
- Even though we as members of NZNF get an annual INF card, most do not use the discounts this can offer overseas, and most naturist places don't even ask for it.
- Money spent on INF levies could be better spent promoting naturism in the Southern Hemisphere.

On the con side of leaving are these considerations:

- We are severing a longstanding relationship built up over many years with friendships made.
- We spent time and money hosting the 2016 INF International Congress at our club.
- If we don't like things we can lobby for change from within rather than leaving.
- If we leave what will we replace it with? Would we organise a Southern Hemisphere equivalent and who would do this?
- The INF affiliation does mean we can get discounts at naturist clubs around the world.
- If we can change from within we can promote naturism in NZ to a world-wide audience.

Each one of us pay a levy of \$1.6 euro per annum to INF in our membership fees.

There are differing views among our committee members on whether to leave or stay **so we want your input.**

Ken will address members on this subject at the lunch following the working bee on Sunday 27 October. Please let us know your thoughts by emailing kmercer@slingshot.co.nz prior.







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6-8 December 2019

70th Anniversary Celebration 1949–2019

Friday 6 December 2019

5:00pm Licenced bar open to purchase refreshments

6:00pm BYO Barbecue

7:30pm Mix and mingle. Selection of cheese and crackers; finger food sweets

coffee and tea

March 1949

Circular headed 'Wellington Sunbathing Club' sent to all known naturists, calling a meeting to evaluate the interest in a registered club



First officers appointed
September 1950

Saturday 7 December 2019

1:00pm Long lunch on the main lawn \$30/adult

Come and join us for a relaxing long lunch with a complimentary glass of bubbles or juice



Please RSVP, no later than 30 November, to Jude, Mob: 021 118 4212 or 04 526 5258

We ask that you pay at the time of booking as we will be using an outside caterer

WNC account: 02 0500 0465779-000 or cash to Jude M or June CT

6:00pm BYO barbecue

Mix and mingle in hall, light background music

Photograph albums will be on display plus videos and slideshow throughout the weekend

Sunday 8 December 2019

1:00pm Petangue and Kubb fun games, no experience needed

3:00pm Afternoon tea, join us for the cutting of the 70th Anniversary cake