

Wellington Naturist Club

August 2020

A prestigious club with
modern facilities and beautiful grounds

Visitors and campers welcome
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President's Corner

It was great to see many of you at the mid-winter Christmas Dinner at the end of July. Shirley and helpers exceeded expectations once again with superb food and Christmas themed tables and decorations.

The working bee the next day also had a large turnout so thanks to the organisers and all who came along.

The firewood on the golf course is now all but split so we look forward once again to golf in the coming months. Unfortunately we had to take out two of the silk trees on the main lawn as their root system was intruding into the pool. However there is plenty of shade in other areas to take advantage of.

Preparation is well underway for the Pub n Grub night on Saturday 29 August so mark it in your calendar. I know Ruth and David have some exciting events planned.

With spring in the air we are all looking forward to spending time at the club. Spring not only means more sun, but more grass and weeds, so please help by keeping your sites tidy. The gardening group also would welcome any help.

Yours naturally
Malcolm

COMING UP

August

Sat 29th ~~Pub n Grub~~ **Games Night**, 5pm

Sun 30th **Working Bee**, 9am start
Lunch provided

September

Sat 12th **Fush n Chups Nite**, 6pm
Games, Spa, Sauna....

Sun 13th **Committee Meeting**, 1pm
All members welcome to attend

Sat 26th **Mediterranean Dinner**, 5:30pm
plus Quiz Night

Sun 27th **Working Bee**, 9am start
Lunch provided

October

Sat 10th **Fush n Chups Nite**, 6pm
Games, Spa, Sauna....

Sun 11th **Committee Meeting**, 1pm
All members welcome to attend

Labour Weekend

Sat 24th **Spit Roast**, 5:30pm

Sun 25th **Working Bee**, 9am—midday
Lunch provided

National Gardening Week events -
information in September newsletter

Remember to book early for the catered
dinners to enable caterers time to
purchase menu items

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Introducing our new Treasurer

Andy and his wife Claire have been members since November 2018. They moved to New Zealand from the UK in 1992 and have two grown up children both born in Wellington and still living in the Wellington region.

They got into naturism whilst travelling through Spain and France in a campervan in early 2018. Their introduction to naturism was through needing to be towed off a beach in France by a group of friendly and helpful naked French beach goers! After that experience they decided to try out Naturist club sites which proved to be nicer and more secure campsites to stay at with better facilities than most of the commercial sites they had stayed at up to that point.

With that experience behind them they decided to check out the Wellington Naturist Club on their return home and were blown away by the friendly reception and the outstanding facilities so promptly joined up and

booked a site so that they could keep their campervan at the club in Faraway Land. They are both keen to help promote the club and to continue to improve the site and facilities to hopefully attract more visitors and more new members so that the future of the club remains secure.

Andy is self-employed and used to managing finances and using Xero, the accounting system that the club uses to track their income and expenses, so when Helen announced she wanted to resign from the position of Treasurer, Andy was asked if he could assist and with a little initial trepidation regarding the amount of work involved and the fact he is not an accountant agreed and started helping out early this year and formally took on the role at the AGM in June.

Andy

Seeking further help with spa pool maintenance

Thank you to Colleen and Bernard who have offered to help with the spa pool on a Monday. However, Shirley is still seeking a couple of more members to help out on other week days. This will save Shirley coming to the club every day to test the pool water.

This would involve keeping the water levels correct by testing the water and treating accordingly after they have finished having a spa. A relatively easy process.

Please ring Shirley on 527 8311 if you can assist.

Working Bee Sunday 30 August 2020

9am start

- ♦ Jobs for every level of fitness
- ♦ Lunch provided
- ♦ Great camaraderie.

Please sign in on arrival for health and safety reasons and for catering for lunch.

If you see something on the grounds that needs attention please let Ken know.

Covid 19—Alert Level 2

You will be aware that we have moved to Alert Level 2 as at midday Wednesday 12 August and this will continue until 26 August when further announcements will be made. We ask that all members observe the following conditions please:

- ♦ Contact tracing register - Sign-in upon arrival at the club by either (1) scanning the QR code located in one of the ablution blocks or outside/inside the hall; (2) signing the register in the downstairs lounge in the hall; or (3) using manual input in the NZ Covid tracer QR code App
- ♦ Keep one-metre physical distancing in controlled environments like workplaces, WNC, where practical
- ♦ Please observe good hygiene practices
- ♦ Please do not come to the club if you are unwell.

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Pub n Grub & Games Night

Saturday 29 August

\$20/adult

Starting with nibbles @5pm

Your hosts: Ruth and David

RSVP by 26 August to Ruth. **text:** 027 272 3763 or

email: r.paske@xtra.co.nz

Please advise any dietary requirements.

Either pay online by 26 August or at the dinner
WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-000

A taste of the Mediterranean

Catered dinner

Saturday 26 September 2020

\$25/adult

Starting with nibbles @ 5:30pm

Your hosts: Claire & Andy, June & Pieter

RSVP to: June by Wednesday 23 September. **Text:** 027 233 9904 or

email: junect@xtra.co.nz Please advise any dietary requirements

Either pay online by 23 July or at the dinner. WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-000



Following dinner, the very
popular Quiz Show hosted
by Murray and Sarah

'Fush n Chups' night

Last Saturday there was a group of 10 members, two of which were provisional, in attendance at the Fush and Chups evening. We had a most entertaining competition between the guys and the gals playing Trivial Pursuit in the lounge. We phoned through an order which Andy kindly went and picked up from Brown Owl chippie and we all ate together. Looking forward to the next evening when we could try Pictionary or scrabble.

Next evening is on Saturday 12 September, 6pm.

In conjunction, we are offering members only, a special offer to stay in the cabins:

* Two nights for \$50 (supply own linen).

To book accommodation email:
reservations@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

Labour Weekend Roast Dinner



**Please
join us
for**

FUN - FRIENDSHIP - FOOD

Saturday 24 October 2020

**Nibbles
@ 5:30pm**



**\$20/adult
Great value**

RSVP to Ken by Wednesday 21 October

Text: 021 152 5940 or

Email: kmercer@slingshot.co.nz



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Main points from the Annual General Meeting held on 28 June 2020

Adding the 'Pet Policy' into the Constitution did not succeed and the Policy remains the same, as per the Club Manual.

The accounts were approved as was an increase in the membership fee for the 2020/21 year. Because of the extra work involved, members who choose to pay monthly will pay slightly more for this.

Members present at the meeting voted overwhelmingly in favour of endorsing June Campbell-Tong as the new Club Patron for the year.

Departing Committee members Brent A, Helen T, and Eru T, were thanked for their contributions to the Club and new members Michael G, Ruth P, were appointed along with Andy N., who had previously been seconded to the Committee as assistant Treasurer.

The AGM minutes will be sent out once ratified at the September Committee meeting.

National Gardening Week

19 - 26 October 2020

Plants for a better planet

- "Mindful gardening / connection with nature" is one of the themes for this year. The call to action for Labour Weekend is to get into some Bush Bathing.
- Bush Bathing is New Zealand's version of 'Forest Bathing' - a practice that originated in Japan, called Shinrin Yoku, (translates to 'forest bathing'). This practice is based on the premise that Nature has a profound effect on our overall wellbeing, and offers us numerous rewards, both mentally and physically.
- It is a matter of leaving the devices at home and taking yourself off into the peace and tranquillity of the bush. Wander or sit. Observe the sounds, colours, textures of all around you. (clothing is optional).
- Events for this weekend are in the planning stage and will be included in the September newsletter.
- Any queries or suggestions please contact:
Jude: 526 5258 or judemercer@slingshot.co.nz

Fabulous Mid-Winter Dinner

In this most unusual of times, the Mid Winter Christmas dinner was so much more special this year. I am sure all of us who attended (nearly 50% of the membership!) relished the opportunity for the chance to socialise in a big group – something we will all have taken very much for granted in the past, I am sure. It was certainly the largest social event I had been to since the end of lockdown!

Shirley did an amazing job, as always, of ensuring we had the traditional dinner with all the trimmings followed by some very special desserts. You nearly ended up with cold butterscotch sauce when I thought the pot keeping it warm was spare gravy – so much for my contribution to the catering! Luckily disaster was averted and those of us in the kitchen at the time had a good laugh.

Thank you to all the helpers who set up, chopped, prepared, served, cleared, washed up, dried and tidied up – a great example of many hands making lighter work.

For those who are local rugby fans the evening just got

better when the Hurricanes somewhat unexpectedly beat the Crusaders – must have been assisted all that toasting in port and cheering from the upstairs lounge.

I am sure everyone will join with me to thank Shirley for her culinary and organisational skills, to Ken for picking a fantastic day again for the working bee (even if it was Jude's birthday!). It must have been one of the few July working bees where club uniform was more than a dream!

Thank you to each and everyone who supported the event through attendance, bar purchases and the raffle.



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WNC Firewood for sale

Great value

Able to be burnt now.

- ◇ Split wood \$50 (1.5 m3) small trailer
- ◇ Split wood \$80 (2.5m3) large trailer

Please contact Ken before
taking any wood.
Phone: 021 152 5940



Works and Grounds Update

Well what a great day for the working bee. I ordered it of course! Thanks to all those who turned up and completed a lot of tasks. Great to see the last of the rounds on the golf course split up. We now have more firewood for sale.

A pity the silk trees had to go. We have left one which is further away from the pool. This will provide shade this summer. We will replant some other trees to help with shade in the future.

All of the lights around the hall have been replaced. This was not a cheap exercise but was a health and safety issue. Any issues please let me know.

We have a quote to top the Oak tree on Lowlands and grind the Silk tree stumps. Also to finish work on beech tree shading the pool.

Work will continue on FAL shower block at the next working bee. Ray will be back to do this work.

We also hope to continue the work Brian started on the embankment below FAL.

We have got quotes for sand blasting and repainting pool. We will probably just repaint as cost is a bit expensive??

Great to see progress on the track extension from BBQ to Midlands.

Thanks to Graham Qs perseverance the gate is now up and running again. He has spent days and hours sorting the problem. Well done Graham.

Still heaps to be done so would love to see you all at the next working on **Sunday 30 August**.

Yours in works - Ken

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