

Wellington Naturist Club

May 2021

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PRESIDENT'S FINAL PIECE

It is with mixed emotions that I pen this last newsletter in my role as president. It has been an interesting two years, and a lot has happened in that time.

As a club we have continued to make significant improvements through challenging times. There have been many projects completed with the willing contribution of members and your committee, and this will continue.

We have recognised and celebrated our past, as we did with the 70th anniversary celebrations, but we also need to embrace the future. Our club is in the mode of continuous evolution and this will continue under the new committee. We need to keep our minds open to the future direction of the club and what we want it to look like in five or ten years time.

To keep the club alive we do need to attract new members and visitors. We need to embrace new ideas and perspectives. This has been demonstrated with our great hangi evening where we welcomed local iwi, and the Kiwiburn weekend, where we welcomed a younger group to the club and learned about their outlook on life. We need to take learnings from these.


But most of all we must not lose perspective of why we exist. We must not lose the ability to get on and appreciate one another for what we are. The front page of our New Members Handbook says it all, "Naturism is a way of life in harmony with nature characterised by the practice of communal nudity with the intention of encouraging self-respect, respect for others and respect for the environment".

Let's make a special effort to respect our fellow members, lend a helping hand, and contribute in our own special way to the future of our great club.

Yours naturally
Malcolm

UPCOMING EVENTS


May

Sat 29 th	Annual General Meeting 2pm All members welcome to attend
Sat 29 th	'Pasta Night' Catered dinner 5:30pm Happy Hour 6:00pm Nibbles Hosted by Melissa—see poster 
Sun 30 th	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided

June

Sat 12 th	Polar Bare Plunge 3pm Hot soup and mulled wine to follow 
Sat 12 th	Fish n Chip Night Place your order by 6pm
Sun 13 th	Committee meeting 1pm All members welcome to attend

July

Sat 3 rd	Mid-Winter Catered Dinner 5:30pm Happy Hour 6:00pm Nibbles Hosted by Shirley 
Sun 4 th	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided
Sun 11 th	Committee meeting 1pm All members welcome to attend

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AGM

Annual General Meeting

Saturday
29 May 2021
2pm

Nominations and remits are now closed. AGM papers were sent out separately.

Note: All Club members are welcome to attend the meeting; however only those full members who are fully paid up of all subscriptions due to the 31 March 2021 are able to participate in any vote at the meeting.

Pieter
Secretary

Update from the Treasurer

Thanks to everyone who has paid their subs and site fees. If you haven't sorted it please do it today as we will be changing the gate codes soon and only full and provisional members who have paid will be advised of the new codes.

Change in designated parking for members

All sites on Lowlands have now been allocated as permanent sites, except 'Eels Landing' which will remain as a casual site.

Members without sites are now requested to park behind the hall when they visit the club. If space is not available please park on the golf course. It is intended that access beyond the bridge be restricted to members only and visitor parking will be on the golf course.

A bridge is to be built across the stream so that visitors can walk across into the lower dell and use the steps up to the main lawn.

Working Bee dates for your diary

Sundays starting @ 9am

30 May	4 July
1 August	29 August
26 September	

We encourage all club members to come along to help maintain our wonderful grounds and enjoy the community spirit.

A list of jobs will be posted on the board in the hall prior to the first working bee. Also, a separate list of small jobs that need to be done on a regular basis (ie, vacuuming lounge areas, wiping window sills, sweeping paths, clearing drains etc).

Please remember to sign in on arrival, for catering purposes and health and safety.

If you notice anything that needs attention please let Ken know on 021 152 5940.

Licenced bar

Saturday 29 May

Happy Hour @ 5:30pm



to the following new members:

Carl & Liv

We wish you a long and enjoyable time at
our club.

farewell

Gordon & Gillian

Dan & Jan

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PASTA NIGHT

Saturday 29 May 2021

YOUR KIWI FAVOURITES WITH A
MODERN TWIST

Join us for our first catered dinner of the season

5:30pm Happy Hour @ the Bar

6:00pm Nibbles

Followed by a three course dinner

Please bring your own cutlery, plates
and bowls

Hosted by Melissa

\$20/adult

Either pay online by 22 May or at the dinner
WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-000



RSVP to Melissa by Friday 22 May

Email: dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

Please advise any special dietary requirements



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Saturday 12 June 2021

Polar Bare Plunge

3pm



Take the plunge with us and see how long you can stay in!

Certificate for those who dare.

Hot soup, and mulled wine to follow.

Fish and chip Night

6pm

Stay on after the Polar Plunge and join us for dinner.
Orders will be rung through to the Fish & Chip shop no
later than 6:30pm and a kind volunteer(s) will pick up
the orders.

Your host: Constance



Farewell to Mike and Jill

It was with much sadness, that we said farewell to Mike and Jill last Sunday. Despite the weather many turned up to say goodbye.

Mike joined the club in 1973 and Jill in 1985. Mike remembers being camped where the hall now stands. He was very involved in the construction of the hall and said "he went back to work for a rest".

Mike was involved in many projects, but the most recent was the Power Project, putting the club's power underground, a huge project. Mike was also a good miniten player.

Jill has helped in many areas: the kitchen, cabins and set up the club Library. She was also a good darts player and great joke teller.

Mike and Jill pass on their sincere thanks to all the members involved in the afternoon tea, and would welcome any visitors to their home in Waikanae.

Spa and Sauna

A reminder for members to take care on the spa room floor.

A maximum of six persons in the spa at any one time please.

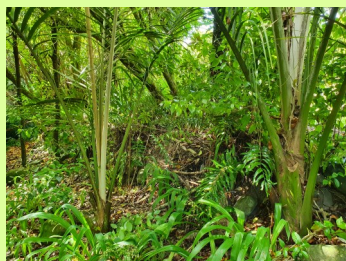
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New Pool Garden

Many years ago, I was inspired by Doug Cousin (son of NZ Naturist Federation founder Percy Cousin) who, before he became deaf due to meningitis, talked of hearing birds, particularly tuis up in the bush above the now main lawn area. Doug grew and planted many natives, particularly kowhais and flaxes to entice the birds down from the hill. Doug also planted a couple of seedling Nikaus for Kereuru (wood pigeon's) food, and these are still surviving by the stream bank below Jeff's caravan .

About 20 years ago It inspired me to plant more nikaus by the stream and the two near the lower petanque pistes are doing really well. There are others on the bush walk from the BBQ that I also planted. Nikaus can take maybe 40 years to trunk and flower to provide food for the wood pigeons.



Other trees planted by Doug for the pigeons were laurel and tree lucerne but unfortunately have mainly been cut down, hence we are not seeing many wood pigeons recently. Care needs to be taken before removing some trees as they are food sources for some of our beautiful native birds.

A few months ago, I suggested to the committee concreting the south end of the pool to provide more space for loungers and tables. I offered to donate and plant a garden at the end of the pool area, which was accepted. My planting plan has included pongas and more nikaus but I may not be around to see my dream of a grove of Nikaus in this area. The garden now consists of native Fibrosa pungas, other ferns , clivias, yuccas, agave attenuata, bromeliads and canna lilies to create a sub tropical look. Particularly in the summer I would appreciate any help with watering while they get established.



There are several species of pungas on the grounds' with only the silver fern being quite prevalent at the club. The black punga (mamaku) by the BBQ and bridge are doing well and punga squarosa I planted also by the bridge and BBQ, some, but not all have survived.

As part of the garden I have also purchased and donated a koru garden statue which will be unveiled after the club AGM. All are invited to this special occasion on Saturday 28 May. Maybe before the dinner buy a glass of bubbles from the bar for a toast to the pool area looking even better next summer.

Yours naturally
June, Club Patron

WNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Marie and Rob's Southern Safari

Rob and I joined the Bay of Plenty Naturists Group to go on a safari in the South Island for six weeks. We joined the group of 13 at Westport as we were a bit late from getting back from our four week trip to Great Barrier Island, which was great.

Getting back to our BOP Safari, it was a pop in and out Safari so if you had relatives down South you could leave at anytime. The plan was you could go out sight-seeing during the day arriving back at 4pm for happy hour and discuss where we had been

We went to Franz Joseph which was great, then to Haast Pass which was one of my favourite places. We also went to Wanaka ,once again visiting the Lavender Farm.



We went to stay at Orchard Sun Club, Central Otago, what a great place, the members were great and they went out of their way to make us welcome. From there we went to Oamaru. Well I have to say the old part of Oamaru is just amazing. It has been restored, lots of art and cafes.

Leaving there we went to the Mt Cook camping at the base of the mountain, then going on a walk up part of the mountain. The scenery was awesome and great sunsets.



Then off to Lake Tekapo staying a couple of days there. The sunsets were once again awesome. We went for a walk from our camping site into town to see the Chapel We have seen it many times over the years, it's always so beautiful.

Too cold for club uniform.

Geraldine was another stop, a lovely place, a lovely café next door to the Barkers shop, so of course had a spend up buying pickles and jam.

Then onto South Canterbury Sun Club. The club is in a old Tripp settlement school, historic clubhouse. They have huge club grounds, all on the flat. Two members



came up from Pineglades. It was nice the way everybody joined in at dinner, then into the club house for coffee and sit by the fire.

We skipped going to Pineglades as I went visiting my sister in Methven for five days.

We went to Hamner Springs. I love the hot pools and yes I went down a waterslide which was up 10 flights of steps to top the down. Not bad for old lady of 78.

We got on the road again to Kaikoura which was great especially reading the history. We saw seals and visited the old Whale Cottage, full of history.

Then to Picton for the night and in the morning on the ferry home.

The Safari group visited four clubs, we only missed two clubs. A wonderful trip, great people.

Marie v



All members are invited to send naturist related articles/photos for our newsletter. Photos must comply with our club's photo rules (ie, those being photographed must give their approval for publication).