

# President's Message

Tēnā koutou katoa

As many of you may be aware, I have been on the WNC committee for the past five years, firstly under Ken, then Malcolm's leadership.

I definitely have big shoes to fill but I'm thrilled to be your new president and trust that I can live up to your expectations and continue to grow the club.

I'm really lucky with the team that I have working beside me. Along with returning committee members Richard, Andy, Brent and Michael, I'd like to welcome newbies Andre and Pip plus Eru and Paul C who both return after a wee hiatus.

It has been some years since the club had a female at the helm. Which begs the question, just how many WNC presidents of the fairer sex have there been in the club's 72 year history?

From what I have been able to ascertain, I believe there have been three...Joan Hatfield (Jeff's ex-wife), June Campbell-Tong and Jude Mercer, making me number four. Unless anyone knows of any others?

Anyway, enough of the statistics.

With the shortest day just past us, winter has finally arrived...apparently... hard to believe as it was positively balmy for the recent polar plunge. (A huge shout out to Jude and Andrew for organising).

Next up on the social calendar is Shirley's popular Mid-winter Xmas. For those of you who have not yet had the pleasure, this dinner is not to be missed. I'm hanging out for the ham and sticky date pudding already.

Please be aware that the NZNF will be holding their mid-year meeting at the WNC over the weekend of 2nd-4th July and will be joining us for the mid-winter Xmas dinner, so please make them feel welcome

Hope to see you there.

Ka kite anō

Constance

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

July

Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mid-Winter Christmas Dinner 5:30pm Happy Hour 6:00pm Nibbles Hosted by Shirley
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Fish and Chip Night Orders in by 6:00pm
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting 1pm All members welcome to attend
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Planning Meeting 2:00pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	Out of Africa Catered Dinner 5:30pm Happy Hour 6:00pm Nibbles Hosted by Robyn L

#### **August**

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Committee meeting 1pm All members welcome to attend
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Pizza and Quiz Night 5:30pm Happy Hour 6:00pm Nibbles Dinner: Wayne, Perry, Christine Quiz: Murray and Sarah
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided

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## Introducing some of our new committee members

### Paul C Vice President

I joined the club in the mid 2000's and quickly realised it was my escape from the rigours of work and living in the city. For new members and for those who may not know me, I'm often the bloke on the mower tending to the lawns. To me, it is therapeutic and hugely satisfying to see a picture perfect environment being enjoyed by members, and knowing that I had something to do with that enjoyment. I stood for election this year because I wanted to cement my commitment to the club and it's governance. I've seen fantastic regeneration in facilities, but more importantly the sense of community spirit we have between members, both long standing and new. This club is about its people and the environment it provides. I am looking forward to working with my Committee colleagues to ensure the club exceeds in every way possible for all of our members.

### Andre I Secretary

I am originally from Zimbabwe (formerly Rhodesia when I was born) and I came out to New Zealand back in 1988. Robyn my wife (also from the same place as me) and I had all our three children here, 2 boys and a girl (all left home now of course). I loved playing hockey (till my back gave out) and went on to coach age grade representative hockey teams from the Hawkes Bay where we lived for many happy years. I played cricket till my early 50's as by then my form had also decidedly given out. We had a brief stint living in Northern Territory, Australia before returning to NZ and joining the club shortly thereafter. Robyn and I love the friendly, welcoming and genuine character of this club and it is a privilege to serve you all here. My hope is that this club will grow significantly in membership and that we will start to actively unearth a new, passionate source of members who recognise this club for what it is – a hidden treasure. Please come say hi to us if you haven't met us properly yet.

## Pip M Committee Member

What a fantastic opportunity for me to join such an enthusiastic group of committee members.

I have been attending the club for 4 years and started as a person totally new to the philosophy of naturism. However, once I started forming friendships I eventually felt confident enough to embrace naturism and the relaxing lifestyle.

I come onto the committee with a background of teaching and centre management. I enjoy being involved in a variety of building projects and art projects. Plus regularly chilling out at our beautiful club.





New pool garden - unveiling of the Koru statue donated by June as Patron of WNC. 28 May 2021





## **Mid Winter**

## **Christmas Dinner**

Three course dinner with all the trimmings

5:30pm Happy Hour

6:00pm Nibbles with dinner to follow

Hosted by Shirley

Dress in the Christmas theme, your winter best or just come as you are \$25/adult
Great value

RSVP to Shirley by Wednesday 30 June email: dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz phone 527 8311 or text 021 026 76493 Please advise any dietary requirements

Please pay online by 30 June or at the dinner WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-000



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## NZ Naturist Federation Meeting 2 — 4 July

This year's NZNF mid-year meeting is being held at WNC on Saturday and Sunday 3 & 4 July 2021. Most NZNF members will be arriving Friday night and will be staying in the cabins.

The NZNF is the coordinating body for all affiliated Naturist Clubs in New Zealand to foster and promote the Naturist lifestyle. The NZNF (a) markets NZ Naturism, locally and abroad, responding to National and International queries regarding membership and visitors (b) deals with media regarding publicity, advertising and interviews, (c) organises the yearly NZNF Council meeting, which one delegate from each NZ Naturist Club or Organisation should attend, (d) advises procedures to the host club for the NZNF festival and coordinates the sports events, including the provision of medals.

Find out more on the NZNF website: www.gonatural.co.nz

### WNC Planning Meeting

Saturday 31 July 2021 2pm

Facilitator: Tony C



This is your opportunity to participate in deciding our future direction. The Committee needs your input to updating the club's business plan to take the club forward into a positive future.

More information will be provided in the July newsletter.

#### **Heimlich Proc Exhibition**

#### **August date to be confirmed**

The WNC (in conjunction with a Wellington based art gallery) will be hosting an exhibition, the opening of some new works by Heimler and Proc. What an exciting opportunity.

More information to follow in July newsletter.



#### Winter Dinner hosts

Dates and hosts for this year's Winter dinners are:

Sat 3 July: Mid-Winter Dinner (Shirley)

Sat 31 July: Out of Africa (Robyn L)

Sat 28 August: Pizza & Quiz Night (Wayne, Perry,

Christine; Quiz: Murray & Sarah)

Sat 25 Sep: Arabian Nights (Constance and Pip)

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to the following new member:

Joel



to

Allan M

#### now a full member

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

### Seeking a new name for the new visitors camping area

The committee would like to invite members to come up with a catchy name for the new visitors camping area. This is the area on the left of the driveway heading up to Faraway Land.

Members currently refer to the area as the golf course, but in fact the golf course has now been relocated, so it would be great to differentiate.

Please send your proposed name to Constance.

**Southern Naturally Naturist Club** invite all naturists to attend their "Southern Fare Festival' being held from 29 December—2 January 2022.

Sports being played include: indoor bowls, kubb, darts, petanque, 3-down.

Links to the Poster, programme and registration form are in the covering email. Information can also be found on the club notice board.

# Working Bee dates for your diary Sundays starting @ 9am

4 July

1 August

29 August

26 September

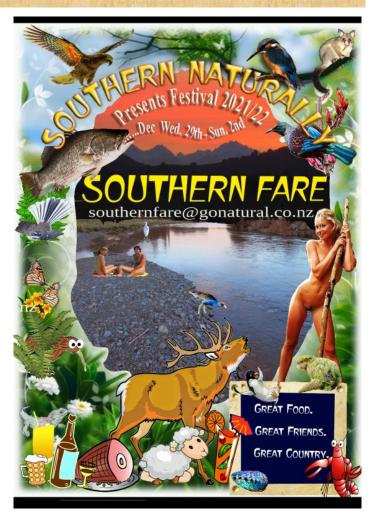
We encourage all club members to come along to help maintain our wonderful grounds and enjoy the community spirit.

A list of jobs will be posted on the board in the hall prior to the working bee.

Small jobs that can be done at any time include: vacuuming lounge areas, tidying library, sweeping hall, wiping window sills, sweeping paths, clearing drains etc).

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

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



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**Membership** this has remained consistent with last year but the big plus is many new members have obtained sites especially on Lowlands which is now full. The result is some changes are required around the grounds which the committee approved in recent months, therefore, I will explain what is now happening.

**Lowlands** digging was done for power to four sites. Two new Cabins are being built by members and Eels Landing site is now occupied but being re landscaped to still accommodate feeding of the Eels.

We would like 'No Parking' in this area now so that members can access their sites.

**Faraway Land** two Sites have been cleared and will now be kept as 4 sites for visitors Vans and there will be a fence erected to hide and attach a clothes line. A Path and Steps are being constructed to go down to the new campsites.

**Golf Course** this is now being relocated with a new Frisbee Course being added behind the fence and hedges. More trees will be removed and landscaping to be done during working bees.

Digging is being done to install eight new power sites and this area will be for camping (we now don't have Lowlands for this use).

**New visitors entrance and parking** is being established on the right hand side of the road leading to Faraway Land, with a foot bridge over the stream and a path across the Lower Dell heading up to the Hall. It

is hoped this will be completed in the next few weeks.

**Members only parking** will be available behind the Hall with the overflow in the visitors parking area. Member's visitors or friends may park on or near their site, so long as this does not inconvenience others.

**Swimming Pool** the area by the new garden has been dugout to have concrete laid soon.

**BBQ area** construction is underway for better wood storage.

**Signs** more will be erected to show visitors where to go and to not inconvenience members by parking at inappropriate places.

Hopefully the alterations will be completed in the next few months so we can enjoy the Summer. If you have any questions please contact me or a committee member to clarify what we are doing.

Brent Henderson Membership/Marketing

## Pasta Night — 29 May

Thank you to Melissa, Michael and Jeff who cooked up a variety of very tasty soups and pasta based dishes. I do have to admit that it was my meatball that skidded off my plate, travelling down past a row of feet!!

52 people attended and It made me appreciate the importance of growing relationships with each other. Particularly nice with a very full tummy and a glass of wine

The leftovers went down a treat for the first working bee of the season too.

What a great opportunity to socialise and to get to know each other a little better.

Pip



A big round of thanks to all the helpers who have worked tirelessly digging the trenches in Lowlands and on the golf course for the new powered sites...you guys have been amazing!

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## Polar Bare Plunge & Fush n Chups night 12 June

The polar plunge saw seventeen brave souls grin (or should that be grimace) as they bared all and jumped in the club pool, which was a refreshing 8 or 9 or was it 13 degrees?

Kudos to Felix (the first and youngest) to take the plunge, Bev and Barry for being the oldest (thank goodness we didn't need the defibrillator) and one of our newer members Richard, for staying in the longest.

Surprisingly, it was an extremely pleasant winters day with not a breathe of wind. It was rather wonderful to soak in the spa or bask in the sunshine afterwards accompanied by a delicious cup of chicken soup or the "warm your insides" mulled wine, both courtesy of Jude.

Thanks also to Andrew M who designed the certificates.

The polar plunge was followed by the ever increasing in popularity "fush n chups night" with twenty two folks enjoying a high cholesterol feed of shark n tayties from Brown Owl fisheries. Thanks to Steve and Toni for providing the music.



#### go natural nudes' letter

The next issue is due out 1 August.

Please send contributions to:

editor@gonatural.co.nz by 18 July 2021.

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).

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