

Madame Presidents Piece

Tēnā koutou katoa

The rise of Matariki in the winter skies above Aotearoa is an important time in the Maori calendar, as it signifies the start of the Maori new year.



For Maori, astronomy was interwoven into all facets of life. Experts would observe the night sky, charting star and planet movements and their relationship to the moon and sun; noting what was happening on the whenua (land) and in the moana (ocean), lakes and awa (rivers).

New year celebrations also provided the opportunity for whanau (family) to come together to acknowledge the year gone by, prepare and plan for the year ahead and to celebrate with kai (food), korero (discussion), ceremony and entertainment.

Like Maori, it is wonderful to feel connected to nature by our lifestyle.

It also feels rather appropriate that this July, the WNC has been celebrating Matariki in it's own way. We have hosted the NZNF meeting, feasted on a mid-winter Xmas dinner and now we will have a planning meeting to discuss the future of our unique club. If you are keen to have some input or want to share your vision, then I strongly encourage you to attend.

Naturally, this will be followed by some culinary delights as Robyn will be hosting her "Out of Africa" themed dinner.

Winter is not without it's hazards though, especially when surfaces become covered in ice. You will also have noticed lots of building on sites, works and improvements happening around the grounds in readiness for the coming summer, so please take care if you are in these areas.

FYI, thanks to Jacqui, Rob and Marie who advised that both Glenda and Gaynor were both previous female presidents, so I guess that makes me number six.

Ka kite anō

Constance

UPCOMING EVENTS

July

Sat 31 st	Planning Meeting 2:00 — 4:00pm
Sat 31 st	Out of Africa Catered Dinner 5:00pm Happy Hour 5:30pm Nibbles Hosted by Robyn & Andre

August

Sun 1 st	Working Bee, 9am start Lunch provided
Sat 14 ^h	Fish and Chip Night Orders in by 6:00pm
Sun 15 th	Committee meeting 1pm All members welcome to attend
Sat 28 th	Quiz & Pizza Night 5:00pm Happy Hour 5:30pm Nibbles Dinner: Wayne, Perry, Brent, & Christine

September

Lunch provided

Sun 29th

Quiz: Murray & Sarah

Working Bee, 9am start

Sat 25th

'Arabian Nights' Catered Dinner
5:30pm Happy Hour
6:00pm Nibbles
Hosted by Constance & Pip

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Saturday 31 July 2021

2:00 — 4:00pm

Facilitator: Tony C

This is your opportunity to participate in deciding the club's future direction.

Meeting outline:

- President's welcome
- Facilitator will explain the process
- Membership profile
- Group sessions
- Feedback collated on screen (will form the basis of a full report to go out to the wider membership).



back to Clive C



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Kirk R, Nick L, Rex D, Kent L, David M.

The Heimlich Proc Exhibition advertised in the June newsletter has been cancelled.



when not in use

Electricity is one of our most significant costs every month.

Members are asked to ensure they always turn heaters and appliances off when not required.

Seeking a new name for the new visitors camping area

We have had two names put forward for the new visitors camping ground (old golf course). Claire has submitted "Molloy's Crossing" and Constance has suggested "Base Camp".

Please email: constance@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz with your vote by Saturday 31 July.

Please be aware that there is a variety of maintenance and construction work happening at our club at the moment. We are aiming to minimise all hazards.

If you are aware of anything that you feel is unsafe please email our Health and Safety Co-ordinator: pip@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz



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Catered dinner

Saturday 31 July 2021

\$20/adult



*5:00pm Happy Hour at the watering hole

5:30pm Nibbles followed by dinner at the campfire

*please note the earlier start time

Dress up in African prints or colours

*Pay online by 28 July or at the dinner

WNC Account number:

02-0500-0465779-000

*If you pay online, please also advise Robyn



Hosted by Robyn & Andre



RSVP to Robyn by Saturday 24 July

email: dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or phone/text 027 2131576

Please advise any dietary requirements

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Saturday 28 August 2021

RSVP to Wayne by Wednesday 25 August

email: dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or phone/text Wayne 021 035 3930

Please advise any dietary requirements

Please pay online by 25 August or at the dinner WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-000

Your Dinner hosts: Wayne & Perry Your Quiz hosts: Murray & Sarah

5:00pm Happy Hour

5:30pm Nibbles followed by Quiz and platters/Pizza/Dessert

\$20 per adult

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What a fantastic night!



It was a hellishly cold day and night, so indulging in Shirley's scrumptious mid-winter dinner with ham, turkey and all the trimmings went down a real treat, and lets not forget her trademark sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce.

There were approx. 72 bums on seats, with numbers boosted by the attendance of the NZNF executive.

In a nod to Matariki, Eru opened the evening with a karakia, while Steve and Toni provided the background music. It was a wonderful evening of fellowship, fantastic food and a few bevvies followed by port. There were also some great raffle prizes and the usual lotto ticket up for grabs.

A huge vote of thanks to Shirley and her many helpers.

INVITE YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS

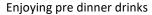
Winter dinners are a perfect opportunity for members to invite family and friends along. They may be curious about naturism but aren't yet comfortable with the idea of social nudity.

It's a great time to introduce them to the club, where they can meet members and see that we are relatively normal people; plus we are predominantly clothed at these events.

No visitor fee applies, only the cost of the dinner.



Busy in the bar





A frosty start to the day



The committee would like to remind members to be ever vigilant when entering the grounds.

Please ensure no tailgaters follow you in, unless you know them.



Dreaming of those long sunny days

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Successful NZ Naturist Federation Mid-Year Meeting

The WNC recently hosted the NZNF executives mid -year meeting. It was a good opportunity to meet some of the newer members of the team like Treasurer Kathy Earby and South Island Vice President David Saunders. Appointees were also invited and folks travelled from as far afield as Invercargill and Auckland to attend.

Much of the discussion centered around the forth-coming Marketing Meeting which will take place in October. The three venues that will host this event are Wellington Naturist Club, Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club and Pineglades (Christchurch). More information on this will follow in the August newsletter.

A very big thank you to all of those members who assisted with the catering and cabins and making them feel welcome.

2022/23 Festival Update

Heidi and Constance would like an indication of numbers of WNC members who are planning to attend the Southern Naturally Festival this year. We are looking for volunteers to present our 2022-23 festival and want to organise costuming for this.

The dates have been set for the WNC 2022-23 Carnivale Extravaganza Festival:

Wed 28 December 2022 NZNF AGM and Delegates meeting

Thu 29 December 2022 Festival starts
Tue 3 January 2023 Festival ends

Heidi's wish list of items for the festival:

- * Lots and lots of fabric bright coloured, flimsy and anything velvet
- * Tins, umbrellas, teapots, lampshades, big cushions, poufs, curtain rails/tracks, curtains, old tents, yurts, tepees, tarps, fairy or Christmas lights, mirrors, mannequins
- * anything Turkish, South American or gold coloured
- * Funfair stuff popcorn makers, candy floss machines, ice cream maker etc

The committee would like to remind members to observe phone etiquette in the spa, sauna and pool areas. Please be conscious of members security and privacy.

Excerpt from the New Members Handbook: Photography

The WNC has an appointed official photographer to take photos at official events and maintains a photographic record for the club files.

It is a requirement that where any photography takes place on the grounds any person (clothed or unclothed) included in the photograph must grant their approval before any photography takes place. In the case of children, the parents or guardians must give their approval before any photography takes place.

Photography by other members is generally not permitted.

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Working Bee dates for your diary Sundays starting @ 9am

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.



Poles in for new footbridge from visitors parking area



Path from footbridge to the Lower Dell then up to main lawn





New wood shelters for BBQ





Garage clean out



Ever growing pile of tree trimmings

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

Southern Naturally is located in Aparima in rural Western Southland, approximately 60 kms from Invercargill, and 10 kms from Otautau.

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.

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).

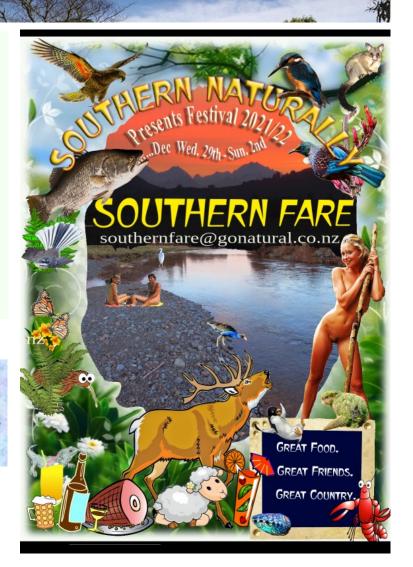
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The next issue is due out 1 August.

Please send contributions to:

editor@gonatural.co.nz by 15 September for

the October/November issue.



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