

#### **Madame President's Piece**

Tēnā koutou katoa

I will endeavour to keep my message short and sweet this time around as Jude, our wonderful newsletter editor keeps telling me that she has to reduce the font each time to try and squeeze it into the space. Must be the writer in me!

Anyway, I have noticed on my walk, to and from work this week, a couple of Pohutukawa trees beginning to bloom. Their red flowers are always cheerful and remind me that Christmas is not far away. Māori say that if the Pohutukawa tree blooms early then we are in for a long hot summer and I hope this prediction, along with the weatherman's of blistering heat waves is true.

The trees help to keep me grounded, their solid reliability, every season, is a relief in this rapidly changing world. And I know I'm not alone, we can all see what is happening around us, history in the making. I understand how changes like this can be scary for some but we should not be afraid. It is growth and part of our human evolution. Plus I believe that the universe never throws challenges our way that we are not equipped to handle.

So it is in times like these that I am glad to be a naturist, where I have the ability to switch off my device and shut out the world, to reconnect with nature, feel the sun on my skin, listen to the birds and the bees and breath. Release the stress and just be, in the moment and mindful; grateful for the things that I have, especially the love of family and friends.

I wish, like I'm sure many of us do, that the world would just return back to normal, before this virus reared it's ugly head. But the sad reality is that it probably won't and we have to learn to live with it now, but it doesn't need to be frightening. Nor can we become too complacent, regardless of vaccination status.

So, I urge you, please keep yourself safe by absorbing lots of sunshine, luckily us naturists know the benefits of Vitamin D! Plus taking Vitamin C and Zinc can be beneficial too. And remember, if you are unwell or feel unsafe, please stay home. Otherwise, I hope to see you poolside.

Ka kite anō Constance

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

3pm Afternoon tea every Sunday

## **November**

Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Wellington Burners Day Visit
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup>	Celebration for completed projects 4pm Faraway Land 6pm BYO BBQ Music by the pool
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup>	11am—3pm Life Drawing

## December

Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	11am Committee Meeting All members welcome		
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	Waifs and Strays get together on Xmas Day		
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	NZ Naturist Federation AGM at Pineglades Presentation for WNC 2022/23 Carnivale Festival		

## **January**

Sat 22 <sup>th</sup>	Wellington Anniversary Weekend Hangi	
Sun 23 <sup>th</sup>	11am—3pm Life Drawing	

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# **Key Points** — 14 November Committee Meeting

# **Update on finances**

At the last committee meeting we discussed the considerable work that is now nearing completion on our major club improvement projects for this year, those being:

- The creation of the new streamside camping area including new powered sites required for visitors now that we have so many permanent sites fully occupied.
- 2. The upgrade and maintenance of our four cabins to make them more comfortable and attractive as places to stay for both visitors and members.

The upgrade of the pool area and creation of a new hot tub and gazebo to increase options to always enjoy the pool area but particularly when the weather is not cooperating as we would like!

In addition to these projects, we have invested in general upgrades to our grounds and roads to ensure we continue to attract new members by having an attractive well-maintained club.

The only project not identified at the AGM earlier in the year is the pool area upgrade which it was decided to progress because of the feedback received at the strategic planning meeting around members highly valuing the "water based" facilities at our club as well as the success and popularity of the wood fired spa last year.

We want to reassure everyone that your committee continues to take very measured decisions around investing in our future and in projects that we believe will drive future membership and visitors and consequentially revenue. The club is in good financial health and we are taking care to ensure we can well afford the above projects and also maintain reserves in the event COVID impacts our income negatively over the summer months.

If you would like any more information about the projects, please talk to a committee member.

# **Exciting opportunities to join our committee**

Due to two resignations, Secretary and an Executive Officer, the committee are now looking for replacements to take them through to the AGM next year. If you are interested in joining this dynamic committee or would like further information please contact Constance e: constance@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz .NB the Executive Officer role currently holds the Hygiene Portfolio.



## **Electrical Warrants Due**

Richard will soon be checking all sites to see who requires a new electrical warrant and will contact those needing one to arrange keys etc.

The committee offers this as a bulk service to save costs for members. It would be at

Please contact Richard if you have any questions on mobile 027 325 0037

least double the cost elsewhere.



# Site Spring Clean

Time to check your site to ensure it is in a tidy condition.

As part of your site agreement you are required to keep your site and any buildings (caravans, cabins, sheds, decks) in a tidy condition.

Ants and mice continue to be a problem on some sites, so it pays to check regularly.



# Wellington Naturist Club COVID Policy (for pending Traffic Light System)

COVID-19 has consumed an enormous amount of the committee's energy recently and we think it is important for you to know where things are at.

The Wellington region is currently at Alert Level 2 and I am sure you are all familiar with its governing requirements.

The Government has developed a Traffic Light System which they will look to implement, no doubt before Christmas, to manage the risk COVID-19 outbreaks might pose to our health system if we are to move away from Alert Levels.

A central part of that system, once mandated, is that organisations like ours must decide whether we will operate on a vaccine certificate required basis for entry, or not. At the Amber and more particularly the Red levels of that system, significant restrictions would apply to the club if we did not operate on a vaccine certificate required basis.

The Committee has also received correspondence from a few members concerned about member age demographics, pre-existing conditions, vaccination rates and the spread of the virus in the community.

We have considered all of this and indeed the interests of the broader membership and have resolved to adopt a policy that sets out all we can do to manage the risks that our members might be exposed to.

We have made the decision that until the Traffic Light System applies to us, the current Alert Level 2 requirements apply, with no conditions on access to the club grounds.

Once the Government announces the date and time to implement the COVID-19 Traffic Light framework for the Wellington region, then the Wellington Naturist Club policy will have conditions around entry. These conditions will be that:

We can only allow anyone onto the grounds, if everyone over the age of 12, agrees to provide written or electronic evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination certificate to a committee member upon request.

However, there are three variations to the policy which are:

- 1. Where acceptable evidence of vaccination from a country other than New Zealand is available, or
- 2. A vaccination exemption has been granted by the Ministry of Health or other recognised health entity.

If the final framework when mandated differs from what we currently understand it to be we will review the club's policy accordingly and advise the membership of any changes.

Your official proof of vaccination is now available by logging into <a href="www.mycovidrecord.nz">www.mycovidrecord.nz</a> and requesting a pass. The pass will include your name, date of birth and a QR code. It can be saved to a phone wallet or printed out. People unable to get the vaccine for medical reasons will also be eligible for the pass and children under the age of 12 will not be required to show proof of vaccination.

Paul C is undertaking to take any enquiries or questions on behalf of the Committee over issues that might arise. So please feel free to engage with Paul with any concerns.

The committee encourages everyone to take time to come together (safely) and embrace the wonderful environment and community spirit we have. Perhaps, just let the gate close on the outside world, recharge, refresh and forget about what is going on out there for a short while.

#### **Thanks**

#### Wellington Naturist Club Committee

For your information, the adopted policy is pursuant to clause 4.1.3 of the constitution and reads as follows:

"The Wellington Naturist Club's policy is that it will be a condition of entry to club grounds, that from the time and date the Government implements the 'COVID-19 Traffic Light' framework for the Wellington region, everyone over the age of 12 agrees to provide written or electronic evidence of their COVID-19 vaccination certificate to a Committee member upon request. Variations to the policy are: acceptable evidence of vaccination from a country other than New Zealand, or a vaccination exemption granted by the Ministry of Health or other recognised entity."

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Analysis from the Survey and the Workshop held on 31 July 2021 is attached in the covering email.

Please take the time to read

# Vacancies on roster for Sunday Afternoon tea

**Afternoon tea** is held, rain or shine, 3:00pm every Sunday from Labour Weekend through till Easter.



**Team up** with another member and add your name to the roster on the notice board in the hall.

**Not a baker -** cheese, crackers and biscuits can be found in the fridge and pantry, just need to bring some milk.

# **Spa and Sauna**

Please ensure you fill in your name and time on the booking sheets located by the water dispenser, outside the spa area.

If the spa or sauna is being used, please check with the user(s) if it's okay to join them.



Scott, Neil, and Cecil

We hope you have a long and enjoyable time at our club



Keith and Diane now full members



Andre and Robyn

All the best in your new adventures

# NZNF membership cards for 2021/22

The cards are being held in the club office.

Please ask a committee member for your card next time you are at the club.

**Please remember** to scan in using the QR code or sign the contact tracing register.

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# **Works Update**

## Completed

- Pathway to the new Streamside camping area completed and planting underway.
- New Faraway Land switch board
- Driveway to Faraway Land widened for better access for wider vehicles
- Concreted pool extension
- Many areas re-seeded.

## Underway or soon to be

- Power to Streamside camping area
- Mural on Streamside corrugated iron fence nearly finished
- Burning of tree cuttings on the golf course partly done
- New water pipe line in Park Lane
- Barge board on Cabin 3 yet to be replaced
- Weed spraying on bitumen driveway.

#### New hot tub area

- Pergola installed and being painted
- Decking framework in progress
- Hut tub now on site
- ♦ Old outdoor spa broken up and parts salvaged for new pool.

Please take care in the pool area while construction is happening for the new hot tub and deck.

# At a loose end? Happy to do small jobs around the club?

There is a list of smaller jobs on the whiteboard in the hall, check with Brent or Ken if you wish to help or need tools/ equipment etc.



The Health & Safety Officer would like to hear from you if you have a current first aid certificate or first aid experience. Please email: pip@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

Please remember to report ANY accidents, no matter how big or small, to the H&S officer or committee members to write up in the register.

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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# Saturday 27 November 4:00pm

**Join us** in Faraway Land and take a tour around the amazing projects that have recently been completed

- Cabins 1 and 2 refurbishment
- Faraway Land ablution block
- New track from Faraway Land to Streamside
- Streamside camping ground
- Mural on Streamside fence.

Drinks and nibbles to follow.



# ELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB 11am-3pm Sun 28th November 2021

You can choose between... - modelling for the artists.

- being an artist, drawing the models,

- or, of course, swap between the two. Bring your own art materials, or use some that are provided.

Rain or shine. Join in on creating the art of the nude.



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What a fantastic start to the fund raising for the pool area with the Bonus lotto number. Starting off with Claire winning \$40 (#39) on 30 October and kindly donating it back for the gardens; Betty won \$30 on 6 November (#15) and Pieter won \$27 (#5) on 13 November, donating it back for the gardens.

Some really generous members have donated cash towards the new pots. That is so much appreciated and may you take pride in knowing what a difference you have made to the club.. Mitre 10 were approached for a discount on the pots and were sent a photo of the pool area to show what we are looking to achieve and they generously gave a good discount as well as potting mix substantially discounted. Every bit helps achieve our dream.

Make sure you have your numbers in the coming weeks - See June or Andy.

# **NZ Naturist Federation AGM**

The AGM is being held on 29 December, hosted by Pineglades, Christchurch. Mark K has volunteered to represent our club at the meeting.

**The Festival Committee** are still seeking members to promote our Carnivale Festival 2022/23 at the AGM.

Please contact Constance if you will be in Christchurch at that time and would be willing to help promote our festival.

# For Sale—Caravan & all the trimmings

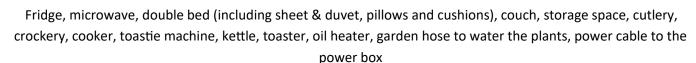


Lovingly restored old caravan, new ceiling and pink bats, painted inside and out

Deck, outdoor furniture and garden umbrella

Four established flower planter boxes & 3 painted trestle fences

Fully self-contained, walk-in-walk-out opportunity served on a plate, including:



The caravan is not electrically warranted (but it can connect temporarily to power) and is not road worthy.

Just \$4,000 the lot! Going cheap (ongoing site fees to be paid to the club - @ \$390 p.a.)

Be quick and get in before Summer. Contact Andre 022 111 8908 or Robyn 027 2131576







## **ROLL UP ROLL UP - the Carnivale Extravaganza for 2022 will begin.**

The Carnivale - an eclectic mix from the greatest showman to mardi gras and Turkish delight ...may the fun begin ........

If you would like to be a part in the organising of the extravaganza reach out to Constance or Heidi.

All will be revealed in December 2021, in the meantime roll up your sleeves for a Spring Cleanout and see what you have at home to assist the Festivals Wish List

Leave these in the hall by the dart board corner in the hall.

Thank you in advance for your kind donation.

If you would like any items back, label on the item accordingly with your name and phone number and the Festival Committee will register the item to return.

#### **WISH LIST**

Lampshades	Fairy Lights	Teapots	Silver Cardboard

Green Cardboard String - any thickness String bags

Bright coloured Fabrics Mirrors - any size Cocktail Glasses

Hula Hoops Turkish Themed table settings Hinges

Umbrellas in working order - surplus to requirements

Gold / Emerald Green / Purple / Burgundy coloured fabrics

Water based paints in bright colours

Unwanted gifts that are new for the Percy Cousins Trust Auction

#### MONSTERRA GROWING COMPETITION

Growing indoor plants is the new fad - this is a shout out to all our indoor plant growers - we are running a competition for the best MONSTERRA at the show - we will use all the Monsterras for hall decoration at the Mardi Gras Evening at the Carnivale Extravaganza, the best Monsterra Plant will be given a prize from ......tbc - you have a year to grow your magnificent Monsterra - happy growing!



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# For Sale/make an offer

The firebox from the old spa in the swimming pool is now surplus to requirements. See Brent if you are interested.

A reminder that the club is metered for water usage. Please ensure all taps are turned off properly and check regularly for leaks.

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