

Vice President's Piece

Kia ora and welcome to December! We've been doing so much that just like that the year has flown and now the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and Christmas events are in full swing. It's a time to reflect, a time to finish projects and a time to celebrate life and love with our friends and whanau.

It's fair to say the last six months have been a whirlwind. Things like processes, technology and marketing continue to evolve so we can market our club as the naturist club of choice and we'll be asking for your help to get initiatives off the ground in the new year. If you have experience in sales and marketing, especially using drones or social media then please get in touch.

Membership continues to grow with 13 new applications approved since August. This brings our total membership to 158 and includes 3 junior members. We've also had 79 visitors through the gates in the last 6 weeks!

Our club is renowned for its immaculate facilities and we acknowledge all the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to keep our grounds and sites looking stunning for members and visitors alike.

Summer bbqs and afternoon teas have resumed and on Saturday 5 November members enjoyed the Build your own Burger night and Ghost Busters Hall of Horrors along with some fireworks. As we approach the party season it is timely to highlight responsible drinking and things we can do to keep ourselves and others safe before, during and after socialising.

If you haven't registered for the festival yet then we encourage you to support your organising committee as they've been working hard to bring you an extravaganza you will remember.

Have a safe and happy Christmas and see you at the festival!

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UPCOMING EVENTS Afternoon tea every Sunday @ 3pm December **Takeaway Friday** Fri 9th Orders in by 6pm Sat 10th 10am Committee Meeting NB change of date All members welcome to attend Sat 10th 11am Festival Run Through Sat 10th Midday Shared lunch on the deck ***** **Carnivale Extravaganza begins** 9:30am NZNF AGM/Delegates Meeting Wed 28th 4pm Opening Ceremony 5pm Sports Registrations close 7:30 Wine & Cheese/Mix & Mingle January **Wellington Anniversary Weekend** Sat 21st Events to be confirmed Sun 22nd 11am - 3pm Life Drawing

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Hot Tub

- Can members please shower with soap before using the hot tub, especially if they have suntan lotion on, as hot water removes the suntan lotion and chocks up the filter.
- 2. New roller for cover is now operational, an easy one person operation, so please cover the hot tub when nobody is in it.

Thank you

Sanitary Bins

Over the next week a sanitary bin will be installed in one cubicle, in each toilet block. The cubicle will be sign posted as such.



HEALTHY HABITS CORNER

Some of these may be a challenge in the current environment but always good to aspire to:

- 1. Live below your means or "spend less than you earn"
- 2. Cut your expenses, always ask "do I really need that?"
- Pay off debt.
- 4. Automate your finances. Get to grips with online banking and set up standing orders and direct debits for regular unavoidable bills such as rates, power etc.
- 5. Track your expenses by reviewing bank and credit card statements regularly.
- 6. Build an emergency fund for those unexpected expenses.
- 7. Ensure any spare cash is working for you by putting it where it can earn interest and grow
- 8. Pay your WNC subs on time so you always have a place to come relax and forget your worries



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Responsible Drinking

With the upcoming Festival and the silly season upon us it's a good time to remind everyone about the Club's responsibilities regarding our Liquor Licence conditions:

- Alcohol will not be sold to intoxicated people
- · Alcohol will not be sold to minors
- Water, food, low alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages will be available
- Information about taxis or alternative transport will be available.

Failure to comply with these conditions incurs a \$10,000.00 fine for the club, as well as a \$2,000.00 fine for the bar staff member who incurred the penalty.

In addition, intoxicated or disorderly members and visitors:

- May be prevented from entering the premises
- May be refused service
- May be asked to leave
- May be removed from the premises.

Here are some tips to help us approach alcohol responsibly and safely:

- ◆ Eat before you arrive and snack regularly throughout the night
- Plan your evening and stick to a set number of drinks
- Don't mix your alcohol choose one kind only
- Drink water in between alcoholic drinks

- Pace yourself to one standard drink per hour
- Don't top up your glass to help keep track of your drinks
- ◆ Think about how you're getting home before leaving home or designate a sober driver.
- Call a taxi, friend or family member to take you home if you've been drinking.
- Did you know we have two club members (former and current taxi proprietors) who may be able to drive you home for a fee? Details below.
- ◆ Stay overnight if you have a site or hire a campsite or cabin.

Transport:

Hutt & City Taxis Ph 04 570 0059
Hutt & City Taxis Ph 0800 505 757
Capital Taxis Ph 04 384 5678
Combined Taxis Ph 04 384 4444
Gavin Smith Ph 027 226 5719
Andrew Shann Ph 027 343 9741

The committee is often asked to stop members from driving home after a function however the club's liquor licence does not permit us to intervene in this way.

So if you know someone's had too much to drink, please speak up and encourage them to find another way home. Health and safety is EVERY-ONE'S responsibility, not just the committee...

Sites

Would members please keep their site markers visible.

Thanks

Children's Fort

The children's fort is no longer safe to use and next year will be decommissioned.

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Festival Update

Festival run through join us this Saturday 10 December at 11am, then a shared lunch with the committee.

Registrations we currently have 106 registrations. There is still time to register and yes we will accept registrations on arrival on 28 December.

Rosters There are still a few gaps on the roster for the various portfolios (eg, sports, shop, morning and afternoon teas, bar, meet and greet, hall set up etc). Rosters can be found in the white ring binder by the Festival notice board or email: judemercer@slingshot.co.nz and I'll add your name to a roster or two.

Sports the following sports will be played: miniten, petanque, kubb, tenniquoits, 3-Down, swimming, indoor bowls, table tennis, darts. Sports registration closes at 5pm on 28 December. The first round of sports start at 9am 29 December.

Evening functions Members not registered for the festival are welcome to attend the evening functions as listed below. Email: treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz to book then pay the required fee to WNC Account number: 02-0500-0465779-01 add your name and function name by 18 December at the latest.

28 Dec	Wine and Cheese	\$25
29 Dec	A Night at the Races	\$20
30 Dec	Cirque Te Marua, Catered Dinner	\$35
31 Dec	New Years Eve Mardi Gras	\$20
1 Jan	Movie Night	\$5
2 Jan	Catered Breakfast	\$20
2 Jan	Variety Show/Percy Cousins Trust Auction	\$20

Ideas for costumes: dress up, dress down

Wine and cheese, mix and mingle

A Night at the Races

Grapes, wine, cheese, go crackers

Fashion in the Field - Best decorated hat

Cirque Te Marua Dinner Circus: clowns, acrobats, aerialists, lions, elephants, horses etc New Years Eve, Mardi Gras Lots of colour, traditionally green, gold, purple, decorate a mask

Movie Night Greatest Showman

Variety Show/PCT Auction/Cocktails Black and gold

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Festival Update continued

Off-site activities

Members are welcome to take part in the off-site activities on 3 & 4 January.

- **3 January Remutaka Rail Trail Cycle, 9am.** The ride to the summit is largely easy (grade 2) riding along wide, smooth gravel pathways. Bring your bike/ebike or you can hire a range of bikes from Wildfinder, which has a base next to the trailhead at Kaitoke, 5 minutes from the club. Hire bikes from \$35.
- **3 January Nude day tramp, 1pm (2 hours)**, join our experienced tramper, Patrick, who will take you on one of our local tracks, north side of the Remutaka Hill Road. Individuals must be relatively fit, have good balance, be able to walk unassisted over rough bush foot tracks and be used to walking up and down hills on this sort of track.

Please let us know if you are interested in any of these activities. There is an online form which you can fill out with the activity, yes/no, comments and your email address.

Please fill out the form for each person attending. The form can be found at

https://form.jotform.com/222697793989080. or email judemercer@slingshot.co.nz



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WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB LIFE DRAWING 11am-3pm Sun 22nd Jan 2023

You can choose between...
- modelling for the artists,
- or being an artist, drawing the models,
- or, of course, swap between the two.
Bring your own art materials, or use some that are provided.
You don't have to be good at drawing - just to enjoy doing it.
Some instruction and tips also provided for beginners.
Rain or shine. Join in on creating the art of the nude.

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