

# Wellington Naturist Club

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February 2023

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## President's Piece

This bumper newsletter has lots to inform you. Please take a few minutes to keep up to date. It was heartening to see a dozen interested members attend our last committee meeting which meant we got really good feedback and in real time. We made some decisions about managing green waste and feedback on some AGM remits (see later items). Now that the festival fun is over the committee needs to get on to the 'admin' side of things. A few changes are to be put forward at AGM - please read the section about how we will consult with you.

Our grounds are amazing and it takes hard work to keep it that way. If you want to help or have simple suggestions on how to make that easier please let us know.

It's been a great month for visitors - 29 on a Sunday! I want to thank our custodians for making it appear so effortless. We have extended the custodian role until the end of April.

Lastly, some of us are very fortunate and are travelling overseas. Treasurer Andy and Secretary Peter, leave in April for several months and I will be away in June. The AGM date for this year is brought forward to Saturday 27 May. With Andy and Peter away we need some temporary help to prepare. This is a great opportunity to participate and there is no obligation to join the committee.

Please ask yourself if you could help out with a few hours of on-line work - whether that's because you have some finance, administrative or governance skills or are just keen to help and are comfortable on a computer.

I'm looking forward to the next sports challenge, which have been well attended and enjoying the long lunch. Do register to attend and bring a friend.

Ngā mihi

Robyn

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Afternoon tea every Sunday @ 3pm

### February

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

**Te Marua Long Lunch - French Themed**  
Food and Wine  
1—3pm



### March

Sun 5<sup>th</sup>

**Miniten Club Champs**  
10am - 4:30pm or when completed

Fri 10<sup>th</sup>

**Takeaway Friday**  
Orders in by 6pm

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

**Final Festival Fling**  
**6pm Pot Luck Dinner**  
Everyone welcome to attend

Sun 12<sup>th</sup>

**Committee Meeting**  
10am All members welcome to attend

Sun 19<sup>th</sup>

**3-Down Club Champs**  
10am — 4:30pm or when completed

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

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## Message from our Treasurer

Whilst we are all enjoying summer it is time to remember that the club needs your support all year if we wish to retain the fabulous facilities that we all enjoy in the warmer months and sadly things like electricity, Rates, insurance and general maintenance are all going up in price and we all feel this in our own lives and homes.

You may recall at the last AGM we highlighted a likely need to increase Site fees and this will need to happen in April, but the good news is our membership subscriptions don't need to increase as well. So, if you have a site please prepare for the changes to your payments from 1 April.

Annual site subscriptions will increase by \$50 to \$445 per year. This means it still costs us less than \$1.25 per day to have a site and free accommodation for up to 100 nights at our club with access to power and gas. This low rate only remains possible due to the work done by all our fabulous volunteers at working bees and every week throughout the year.

If you pay annually you will need to prepare to pay the following amounts. The increases are still below the published rate of annual inflation which Statistics NZ estimate to be around 7.3%.

Single member with a site \$740.00 payable in April; Couple with a site \$1035.00 payable in April.

If you pay monthly, you will need to change your standing order to the following.

Single member with a site \$65.00 per month from 1 April; Couple with a site \$90.00 per month from 1 April

If you wish to change from annual payments to monthly, please let the Treasurer know asap,

email: [treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz](mailto:treasurer@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz)

## Open Day Plans

When the idea of a women's only session at the club was put to me by another member I was initially sceptical it would be worth the effort. However, following some encouragement and investigation into yoga and massage possibilities I decided it was worth a try to encourage women to feel comfortable with nudity without the risk of social media exposure.

To make sure it felt ok to members we asked for your feedback before proceeding. We got plenty - both very positive and very negative. The committee has decided it's too controversial to proceed at this time.

The learning for me is next time we'll send you a proper survey/poll so we get a clearer mandate. Also make it clearer that it was only 4 hours and only part of the grounds.

Meanwhile there is an opportunity to bring friends to the fabulous Long Lunch in Feb. We are still looking at a general open day in March, if possible.

Robyn

## Fort

Last year we advised we would be removing the fort because of safety, particularly the slide which no longer meets regulations. A few members have expressed a keenness to keep it (mainly for it's historical nostalgia) however it will be expensive and take a lot of effort. So unless you are super keen and have the energy to fund raise and run a project to restore the fort, then sorry it's coming down. We are calling on volunteers to demolish it.

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## Health and safety

All Clubs, particularly ones with sports are recommended to have a H&S policy. We've created the following draft to be added to the club manual. Let us know your feedback:

*WNC club has recreational facilities with pools and a sauna in an outdoor environment with the associated risks of the natural environment. To be a member the member must take responsibility for their own actions. Members understand they must notify the H&S coordinator / committee of hazards so action can be taken to minimise the risk of an injury occurring. The committee takes all practicable steps to ensure the safety of everyone on the grounds, to inform members of risks and reduce the likelihood of an adverse event occurring. A H&S coordinator role is identified on the committee and every working bee has a designated H&S person for safety. Safety management plans are developed for large events such as festivals. Procedures, including a register are regularly used to check for hazards around the club. The committee responds when hazards are identified and are discussed at the next committee meeting. Procedures for emergency evacuation are displayed prominently.*

Reminder: **Be safe** - oil your food, not the BBQ hot plate!



## Petanque Results

Petanque Club Champs took place on 4 & 5 February. The semi finals and finals for both singles and doubles, were closely contended. The results were:

**Winner Singles:** Steve S; Runner up: David F.

**Winner Doubles:** Chris B and Carl; Runners up: Dave and Jill.

Thank you to everyone taking part.



# **Te Marua Long Lunch – French Themed Food & Wine**

**Sunday 26 February 1-3pm**

Venez nous rejoindre pour le long déjeuner Te Marua

Francais Thematique – Mets & Vins

Dimanche 26 fevrier 13h – 15h



Please join us, invite your friends, for our first club fundraiser of the year.

**\$35 per head**

(includes a glass of bubbles or fruit juice – additional wine \$5.00/glass)

**Please RSVP** to Toni [toni@tsim.co.nz](mailto:toni@tsim.co.nz) or June [junecampbelltong@gmail.com](mailto:junecampbelltong@gmail.com)  
with numbers attending **by Sunday 19 February**. Merci.

Let's get 2023 off to a cracker.....

**June and Toni will host the long lunch** on the main lawn, based upon 'French-style' dining. A number of gourmet dishes will be presented along with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine. A long lunch is not just about the table, but several courses spread out over the afternoon.

Those attending are encouraged to enter into the spirit of the event and be creative by maybe wearing a French beret, tying a red, white or blue handkerchief around their neck or even draping themselves in a French



flag, if cold. No afternoon tea provided that Sunday; however, coffee and tea will be available for those attending at the conclusion of the event.

**This is a fund-raising event** for the club so even if you can't attend you may decide instead to make a donation to help with further club improvements. We all appreciate the pool complex with loungers, fund raised planters, yuccas and colourful garden at the end of the pool that was donated and fund raised for, so be pleasantly surprised on how we can create more assets to help make our club the best.

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## Patrons Piece / Peace

Later this year marks 60 years since I joined the Naturist movement. I am so happy that I decided to venture through those gates at Pineglades with so much trepidation, all those years ago. I have made so many lifelong friends throughout the world and am really grateful for that.

My experience has taught me that we are not all alike. While I recognise the right of Club members to hold different views over Club issues, I am concerned at the way these are being expressed on occasions and also the personal comments on other members. This is not conducive to harmony in our club and I would ask you to please keep your opinions to yourself and consider the feelings of others. The only place where member's issues should or may be discussed is by the Club Executive when they are "in Committee" at their monthly meeting. If you wish to have a conversation with another member about club business, for example, please consider, if the timing is right and if a meeting could be arranged at another time.

One important aspect of club life is the raising of funds to improve our facilities. This is best achieved by increasing membership and undertaking fund-raising activities. The evidence of the success of our initiatives can be seen throughout the Club grounds.

Again a big thank you to the Committee and all of those who worked so hard to make the recent Festival the outstanding success it was. The Festival could have raised even more funds with more support from our members registering for the event and I urge members to get involved when these events occur.

Please see poster for the separate event being organised on 26 February.

I look forward to seeing more of you soon

June

Patron

## Final Festival Fling Pot Luck Dinner

**Saturday 11 March**

Join us to celebrate our recent successful Festival

**5pm nibbles**

Some drinks provided

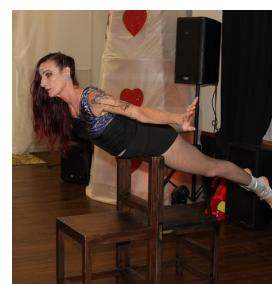
Please bring a main course to share, nibbles and dessert provided



Wine & Cheese evening



Daily Salad Bar



Spark & Flare entertainer

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## **Annual General Meeting Saturday 27 May 2023**

### **Preparing for the AGM - consulting with you**

We're proposing some changes to the constitution to improve membership and how we run the club. They include:

1. Modifying the Life membership clause and process
2. Introducing pre AGM voting by post for 2024
3. Scraping the 100km proxy vote limit
4. Allowing electronic voting in the future when the committee is ready to do so.

Introducing a 5 year capital expenditure plan to be reviewed annually (we currently only have a requirement for a one year operating budget).

There are also some bylaws that will benefit from modification and clarity. Our club bylaws are not very visible to members and we want to be more transparent. We have a draft manual for how to operate as a committee but it is not adopted and visible. Our members handbook is not very visible unless you're new.

If you have something you feel strongly about please come and work with us. There is no time to lose as remits need to be in a month prior to AGM on 27 May 2023.

We propose emailing you with a link to a poll in the next few weeks because we want your support before going to all that effort. The poll won't be binding but will give us the direction we need to do things properly. If you're quick it's not too late to add your idea, please get in touch.

### **Club Champs Coming Up**

Sunday 5 March	<b>Miniten</b> Singles and Doubles 10am—4:30pm
Sunday 19 March	<b>3-Down</b> Singles and Doubles 10am—4:30pm
Sunday 26 March	<b>Kubb</b> Singles and Doubles 10am—4:30pm

All members welcome to take part, make a day of it, bring a picnic lunch, then join us for a BYO BBQ.

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## GREENWASTE

We need mulch! It helps to suppress weeds and makes our trees thrive.

Every year we generate huge piles of green waste and lots of it is double handed by a hardy few. Most is wasted by being burnt or sent to the tip. We want to better manage the extent of planting and ongoing weeding of our vast areas. The impact of climate change is likely to see an increase in both plant growth and need for watering in drought conditions. It was agreed:

- No more rubbish fires unless for exceptional circumstances approved by the committee (pollution, disturbing our neighbours and we need mulch). Please do not stack piles of green waste in the middle of the golf course.
- the gardening group is committed to eradicating wandering willie (tradescantia) or containing in a few difficult access areas.
- A new area for sorting green waste to the side of the supplementary gates on the golf course will be built. Bays for different types of waste will be created to sort and mulch.
- We would like a mulcher machine (cost ~\$3,500 for a suitable size and quality). June is kindly applying for a grant. If we aren't successful we will put it to the AGM in the 5 year plan (see AGM section for more about that). Meanwhile we'll attempt to resurrect a very old mulcher and we'll rent for the coming working bees. For safety reasons only approved members may use mulcher machines.
- The first working bee will be earlier than usual on 30 April before the ground gets too wet. We need to tidy up and prepare for the green waste bays.
- **You can help by:**
  - tying up cabbage tree leaves and take to the BBQ as a fire starter
  - take big branches to the fire storage area to be sawn
  - bag small amounts of green waste in small bags that can be found in the outside cupboard off the back wall of the spa, please sort into noxious weeds (eg, wandering willie), and mulchable matter. Take bags down to golf course area
  - Never put wandering willie in the compost pile.

## Frisbee Golf Fun

Are you good at metal work and could make a Frisbee basket? Although the committee approved funds last year to purchase several nets they cost around \$400 each.



If you think you have the skills to help make a few baskets please talk to Works Mike and we can provide material costs. There are some excellent YouTube DIY videos available.

If you have ideas about where the Frisbee golf course should be laid out please give us a hand.

## Speed limit on the grounds

Please keep your speed down to 10km per hour, remember all driveways are shared spaces.

There have been a few instances where those driving too fast have narrowly missed another member using the driveway.



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## NZ Naturist Federation Annual General Meeting

The NZNF AGM was held on the first day of the festival. Key points from the meeting were:.

- Our club put forward the suggestion to NZNF to increase the connectivity between clubs by holding regular online forums throughout the year for all clubs to discuss key topics like health and safety, marketing, how to hold open days and manage key club issues.
- a new president was elected - David Saunders from Pineglades who has a 50 year naturist history
- a new South Island representative was appointed - David (VP of Nelson club).
- WNC Ken remains North Island representative
- approval was given by delegates to re-join the International Naturist Federation (INF) now that there has been a leadership change. Importantly, this gives NZNF access to international marketing on our behalf through INF channels.
- a change was made to remove the requirement for the NZNF AGM to be held within the festival. The AGM is likely to be held earlier in December and on on-line
- festivals have changed from annual to being able to be held 1 or 2 years apart and no longer has to be over the Christmas break if the host clubs prefers. The next host is Pineglades and they'll let us know their date and theme by June. There was a suggestion that smaller clubs might like to host a social event the day before the festival for people in transit (eg, Nelson before PNC).
- the NZNF Youth profile which has remained vacant for some time is to be renamed Youth and Family and Olga from AON is assisting development of the role
- a reminder that changes to the Incorporated Societies Act late in 2023 need to be considered by all club committees.

## WNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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