

President's Piece

My message this month is a request to take a few minutes to consider the club's future and ask yourself if you or someone you rate would like to stand for the committee.

You require a new president and secretary and all roles are open to stand for. I am particularly mindful of the lack of representation of members who don't have a site. That means more than 50% of the members are under-represented on the committee. We need your voice to create the environment you want for when you visit.

Thank you to those who completed the member survey - see results on page 3. There were consistently strong endorsements to make some changes so remits are being developed. Life membership needs further discussion. This is also your chance to submit remits for changes.

A Garden Plan is in development - if you are keen to be involved ask June, Jude, or me to provide you with details.

Although later than planned, I'm pleased to advise we now have a secure members only section on the club website. If you're looking for an old record or a form that's the place to go - see details on page 2.

Ngā mihi Robyn

Our membership is healthy at 172 and we have a wait list for sites. If you're not using your site as much as you once did, the committee will help you sort a move or sell.



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Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27 May 2023

2pm in the Club Hall

Please take action: 26 April is last date for Motions / remits; 13 May is the last date for nominations to the committee. The Remit and Nomination forms are attached with the newsletter.

This is an important opportunity to ensure you have people you respect leading you for the next 12 months. A mix of skills are necessary. We are looking for nominations for President and Secretary but all roles are open. The committee makes the decision about filling roles like sites or works once they have met following the AGM.

Send your completed nomination forms to the secretary@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or deliver to the club office. Spare forms are in the club lounge.

20 May is the last day for proxy votes, if you live 100km away.

Please submit your ideas for a 5 year plan and any general business preferably a week before.

AGM papers will follow.

All Members may attend general meetings, but only financial Full Members and Life Members are entitled to vote.

Please bring a plate of food for afternoon tea



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Results of survey

37% of members responded to the survey (note the average combined response rates for all survey types is 26% and that usually included incentives - so thank you!).

Of those that voted or submitted a form the results were:

- 1. Moving to a postal voting process 75% approved.
- 2. Moving to electronic voting when ready 80% approved.
- 3. Removing proxy vote requirement of 100 km 79% approved (note with moving to postal it becomes void anyway).
- 4. Introducing a 5 year plan to better understand big ticket item expenditure 84% approved.
- 5. Live streaming 40% approved and 21% did not approve. 39% abstained. This requires a bit more thought and we'll leave this to the next committee to plan and budget.
- 6. Life membership there were mixed results:
- a. No change to the clause -18 votes for
- b. Remove requirement to be a member for 30 year 19 votes for
- c. Add a limit of 3 life members at any one time 14 votes
- d. Remove life membership from the constitution 14 votes
- e. Remove not having to pay a membership fee 8 votes for.

This needs more work or a clear mandate from members in the form of a remit.

End of Custodian Period

Our Custodians are finishing the season at the end of April. Thank you to Toni and Steve for their time as custodians.

We are now looking for members to share the quieter period of cabin bookings and membership inquiries. That entails having the club phone for a period and helping with cabin changeovers on weekends.

If you can help for a period of time or do back up please contact the committee.

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Coronation Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday 6 May 2023

Hear ye, hear ye, wear your crown and join us for a historic royal coronation of the new king

Bring your most royal dish

5pm Happy Hour

6pm Dinner

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Hot tub and Swimming Pool

The hot tub is being be kept on unless it becomes challenging to keep it heated.

The swimming pool is not being heated now but it is still being treated regularly.

Electrical Warrant of Fitness

Richard and Ken will be contacting members whose warrants are due soon. NB: This is a service provided by the club and by doing them in bulk, saves money for members, however, it is your responsibility to ensure you have a current WOF. If you do not have a current WOF you will not be allowed to plug in.

HEALTHY HABITS CORNER

For site holders, get yourself ready for winter

- Check your electrical WOF many are due in May
- Seal up leaks and draughts
- Waterblast / scrub those slippery steps and decks to reduce the chance of slipping
- Turn off your fridge (did you know our power bill is \$20k per annum) so if people know they use a lot of power, a voluntary donation would be appreciated.

For everyone, stay well as the weather changes: dress up warmly for the working bees. Gumboots are a good idea for working in streamside and the golf course..

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First Working Bee for this year

Sunday 30 April 2023 - 9am start - Lunch provided

We encourage you to come along to help maintain our wonderful grounds and enjoy the club spirit. A list of jobs will be posted on the board in the hall prior to the working bee. A few of the jobs are listed below:

- Clear drains (gloves)
- Clear tradescantia along golf course boundaries (gumboots, gloves)
- Weed playground (gloves)
- Log splitting (gloves).



The grounds are quite sodden, so please bring your gumboots or similar, although there will be some jobs not requiring them.

Please remember to sign in on arrival, for catering purposes and health and safety. If you notice anything that needs attention please let Mike M know on 021 599 734 or mike@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

Seeking Winter Dinner hosts for 2023

Catered dinners are usually held on the Saturday prior to a Sunday working bee at the end of the month. They are a great way to catch up with other members and a good fundraiser for the club. Thank you to the following members for volunteering to cater a dinner.

Date	Hosts	Theme
29 April	Toni & Steve	Country & Western Hoedown
6 May	Club members	Pot Luck Coronation Dinner
27 May:	Seeking volunteers	
1 July	Shirley/Rustic Kitchen	Mid-Winter Dinner
29 July:	Seeking volunteers	
26 August	Seeking volunteers	
30 September	Seeking volunteers	

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WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB LIFE DRAWING

11am-3pm Sun 28th May 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.

Indoor Club Champs

Sunday 14 May 2023 10am start





Join us for some fun games of Bowls and Pool. Instruction will be given for those who haven't played before.

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Rewilding of the golf course bank

What started out as a simple weed removal at a working bee last winter turned into more of a marathon clean up. Unbeknown to the volunteers, the vast tracts of wandering willy (tradescantia) cleverly disguised the fact that the far corner in particular had been used for several decades as a dump. So far about 40 malt sacks of beer bottles, cans, old clothing, shoes, car parts and discarded building materials have been extricated. On top of that there were probably a dozen wool sacks of noxious weeds. There will be more as every time something new is planted or the birds forage, more rubbish appears.

In the process of clearing a family of skinks were rudely awaken from their hibernation so a "lizard lounge" was quickly constructed out of old roofing iron to accommodate them. Several working bees later and many additional hours when help was available, the site is now almost completely rewilded with a variety of beautiful natives. The lower part of the bank has been reseeded with grass to reclaim a particularly weedy area.

A "positive" from Cyclone Gabrielle was that the tree which fell in the same area became a resource for much needed mulch to help reduce the incursion of weeds in the future. This working bee activity which quickly became a project has demonstrated how team work can transform our club facilities and surrounds for everyone's benefit. If you have not been down that way recently, please take the time to visit (you will need gummies at the moment!) it's worth the trip. A huge thank you to the volunteers who worked tirelessly to clear the area, remove the rubbish, and deal with the noxious weeds and those who answered the call and kindly sourced, nurtured and donated all the native

plants and planted them.

I wish I had had the foresight to take a before shot, but I do have some of how it looks now and hopefully it won't be too long before it's lush and inviting to beneficial insects and birds.

Claire





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Club Champs Results

3-Down Kubb

Winner: Singles Graham Winner Singles: Perry

Runner up Jude Runner up Toni

Winner: Doubles Steve & Dave Winner Plate: Jude

Runners up June & Graham Winner Doubles: Ken & Jude

Runners up Malcolm & Richard

Winner Plate: Perry & Claire

Caravan for sale

Heidi is seeking 'Expressions of Interest' for her caravan.

Please phone her on 027 246 9494 to arrange a viewing.

We have a waitlist for sites and if anyone is thinking about changing their circumstances, please contact Richard or a committee member.

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