

Wellington Naturist Club

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modern facilities and beautiful grounds

October 2023

Visitors and campers welcome
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EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday Afternoon tea
starting Labour Weekend 3pm

Listen out for the bell

OCTOBER

Labour Weekend

Sat 21st National Nude Gardening Day

Sat 28th Pot Luck Dinner

5:00pm Happy Hour 6pm Dinner

Sat 29th Working Bee

9am start, lunch provided

NOVEMBER

Sun 12th *11am Committee Meeting

*Note earlier time

Members welcome to attend

Sat 18th 'Night of the Poms' Party

Shirley and Richard are
Celebrating 50 years in NZ

**6pm BYO BBQ, then dance
the night away**

Sun 19th Life Drawing

11am - 3pm

President's Notes



Well another month has gone by and I see Christmas stuff appearing in the shops. So what's been happening at YOUR club.

The winds have really been strong and blew down our Mural fence and Mike's shed.

We had a good working bee, many thanks to everyone who attended, a lot was achieved.

Richard has been mowing lawns until the mower decided to stop. Richard and I discovered the problem and after a couple of hours trying to reattach a broken spring we got it going again.

The Curry Night was well attended and good to see people supporting OUR bar. Funds from the bar really help us purchase what is needed for jobs around the grounds.

Shirley is now in Perth and all days are covered for feeding the cat and maintaining the spa.

The NZ Naturist Federation held its quarterly meeting recently. The NZNF have re-joined the International Naturist Federation. This gives us way more marketing overseas

The NZNF annual AGM will be held at the Waikato club on the 9 December. All welcome to attend if you are up that way. Positions vacant are North Island Vice President and Database Secretary. If you would like further information on these roles please let me know. A notice of motion to introduce Pickleball as an official sport, will be made at the AGM.

Lots of members have been or are going overseas. Welcome back to Andy and Claire plus June and Pieter.

Next time you are at the club, check out the committee caricatures on the wall in the lower lounge.

Well that's it folks.

Ken Mercer

president@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

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Changes to New member Invoicing

Currently if a person joins part way through the year we invoice for the balance of the remaining financial year. This has caused a very small number of people to join in (say) January and then resign in April when they receive an invoice for full membership. To address this issue it is planned that from 1 December the club will move to invoicing new members for a full years subscription which will fall for renewal on the anniversary of their joining date.

For example

Currently if a member joins on the 15th of December they would receive an invoice for \$86.71 being the pro rata amount to pay for 107 days membership (15 December to 31 March) in the 2023-24 year.

In future in this example they will be invoiced \$295.00 on the 15th of December 2023 and their membership would be due for renewal on the anniversary of their joining date. In this example the 15th December 2024.

In the event of membership subscription changes in price the new rate will be invoiced on the first invoice date following the decision to change the subscription rate.

Andy

WNC Treasurer



back to Michelle S

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

farewell

to Helen T, we will miss you.

Afternoon tea every Sunday 3pm

Get together with another member and add your name to the roster on the notice board.

Biscuits, cheese and crackers are in the pantry so no need to bake if you don't wish too.



The aim is to get members together.

SPA

Shirley is now on holiday and has organised a small team to look after spa maintenance until her return mid November.

If you notice any issues with the spa please ring Ken on 021 152 5940.

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Electronic Voting Trial

On Saturday 28 October we will be testing the proposed electronic voting system. 50 randomly selected members will be sent an email which will include a unique voter ID and how the voting will work. Voting will be over a two-week period and will include one weekend where a PC will be available at the club for members to use.

A lot of thought has gone into the process and procedures. However, the committee values any feedback you may have as to how any improvements may be made. If you have any questions please call Judith on 021 118 4212.

NIGHT OF THE POMS

Saturday 18 November

Shirley and Richard are celebrating

50 years in NZ




**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON**

Join us for a BYO Barbecue @ 6pm

then

Party the night away with your favourite British artists, dress in theme.



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BETTER IN THE BUFF - National Nude Gardening Day

Saturday 21 October

National Nude Gardening Day provides gardening enthusiasts with the perfect excuse to shed inhibitions along with clothes and soak up the beauty of nature.

This Labour Weekend Kiwis will be getting their kit off and getting outside as they celebrate the therapeutic benefits of gardening without the confines of clothing.

Nude Gardening Day, which is always the Saturday of Labour Weekend, sits in National Gardening Week. This year's theme, Vegies – Better home-grown - aims to shine a light on the multiple benefits of growing your own vegetables.

Fiona Arthur from Yates says National Nude Gardening Day isn't just about breaking taboos.

"It's a reminder of our deep-rooted connection to the natural world and a chance to indulge in the therapeutic benefits of gardening sans clothing. What better way to tend your garden than in the buff," says Ms Arthur.

Nude Gardening Day can be celebrated in many different ways:

- ♦ Don your birthday suit and garden as nature intended
- ♦ Connect with nature – hug a tree, chat to the plants, sow some spring veggie or flower seeds
- ♦ Get some exercise – but maybe skip the star jumps and instead mow the lawns, top up the compost and trim out of control bushes
- ♦ Be brave and give your neighbours a cheeky little wave
- ♦ Share the day with friends and invite your bosom buddies around for a cold beverage

- ♦ Make memories – take a photo of something beautiful in your garden
- ♦ Meditate or read a book in the great outdoors
- ♦ Embrace the sensory experience - Feel the soil beneath your feet, the sun on your skin, and the breeze against your body.

Remember, safety is paramount. Participants should be mindful of sun protection, use appropriate gardening tools, and be cautious of any potential hazards in their garden.

Alice de Wet, marketing manager of the New Zealand Federation of Naturists, says Nude Gardening Day is a world-wide phenomenon that is not just reserved for naturists.

"We invite everyone to try it – at your local club or in your own back garden. Getting out in the sun, as nature intended, is very liberating and empowering. It promotes body positivity and a renewed appreciation for the environment," says Ms de Wet.

So, whether you're an experienced gardener or just looking to try something new, shed the stresses of daily life along with your clothes and revel in the therapeutic joy of tending to the earth au naturel.

About National Nude Gardening Day

National Nude Gardening Day is an annual event that encourages individuals to embrace gardening in the nude as a way to connect with nature and promote body positivity. Participants have the freedom to choose their comfort level and are invited to share their experiences on social media using the hashtag #NudeGardeningDay



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Last official Working Bee for this year

Sunday 29 October

9am start, lunch provided

- ◆ Pour concrete along sides of main lawn petanque court
- ◆ Mulching
- ◆ Monthly: check for water leaks, clear drains, sweep footpaths, clear around main entrance
- ◆ Clear tradescantia (Wandering Willie) below cabins 3 & 4, along golf course boundary

A full list of jobs will be put on the whiteboard prior to the working bee. If you see anything that needs attention please contact Mike M on 021 599 734 or email: mike@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

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THANK YOU to the 27 members who attended the last working bee, we certainly achieved a lot of work.

The concrete footpaths on either side of the petanque court were laid. Onehunga weed sprayed on most areas, BBQ area cleaned up, holes dug and the iron taken off waiting for new post and rail for mural fence, cabin 1 wall painted, windows cleaned, monthly tasks such as clearing drains, sweeping footpaths, check for water leaks etc, and of course a lovely lunch was provided.

During the week, work started in the storeroom, gibbing the ceiling and walls, ready for plastering and painting, cabins, swimming pool surrounds cleaned.



New footpaths



Casualties of the last two storms

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SWIMMING POOL

The heat pump has been turned on and the pool is slowly heating up, ready for Labour Weekend, already 20 degrees on Saturday.

HOT TUB

Some remedial work is being undertaken on the hot tub, but the hot tub is still operational.



Cleaning the pool surrounds on Saturday

WNC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Cabin for sale

Includes: deck, carport, shed, furniture with double bed, drawers, fridge, TV with Sky available, cabinet, dresser, lounge chairs, small oven and elements, microwave, cooking utensils, crockery, glasses etc.

Price: offers \$40,000 plus.

Phone Brent on NZ number 021 877 237 until Friday 27 October then

Australian number +61 404031389 or email Brent.r.hend @ gmail.com



Also for sale: pots and concrete ornaments with offers \$20.00+ re size and some with shrubs.

