




Dates for your diary	President's Notes	
Every <b>Sunday 3pm</b> on the deck for Afternoon Tea - listen for the bell	I will try to keep this brief as I don't want to bore you. Your committee of 9 people are contributing to all discussions and are working like a well-oiled machine. I am particularly happy with the contribution they all make and love the fact that we are having fun at the same time as getting the business done.	
<b>December</b>	Our Friday evening meetings are proving popular with social activities happening afterwards. Pickle ball is proving very popular so if you haven't had a go yet, please give it a try.	
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup> BBQ @ Toni &amp; Steve's bus</b>	An outdoor screen has been set up for outdoor movies so look forward to those events. Our social man Steve is onto it.	
<b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Xmas Day Waifs &amp; Strays</b> lunch @ BBQ area contact <a href="mailto:wayne@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz">wayne@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz</a>	Our custodians Steve and Toni are now on board looking after the many visitors we are getting, so many that very few cabins are available between now and the end of February.	
<b>Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Nude Years' Eve</b> Continues to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	16 caravan electrical warrants have been completed and all passed with only a few things that needed to be done. It was great that everybody responded when asked to provide keys. This makes our job much easier. With summer coming up please be mindful of the 100 overnight stays rules and inform the committee if you think you are getting close.	
<b>January</b>	Usually, arrangements can be made.	
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup>- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> WNC Mini-Fest &amp; catered dinner</b>	I am off to the NZNF AGM on Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December. I am relinquishing my role as NIVP but we have nominated some of our members for vacant roles. More about that in this issue.	
Save the date...	Ok I hope you all have a great Christmas and even better new year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Burners New Years Eve function.	
The next NZNF Festival is to be held at Pineglades, Christchurch from 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 until 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2025. More later	Safe travels Ken	

Around the grounds...



Thanks to the many volunteers working around the grounds this month!

The outdoor spa is still out of action. A crack team have laboriously scraped and sanded off all the blue paint ready for Marcel to re-paint over 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> December. Fingers crossed its ready for Xmas/New Year

The massive hedges on the golf course have had a hair-cut!

New privacy screen on main deck



Perry's corner looking very smart and practical with walkway to main drive



The new outdoor screen is installed. Now we just need the weather to behave!



## LAST NIGHT OF THE POMs

Red, white and blue festooned the Hall for Shirley's celebration of 50 years in New Zealand on November 18th. There were a lot of Union Jacks in evidence, the odd King and flat cap and a star appearance from Coronation Street. Steve managed to source some pictures of Shirley over the years. Shirley entertained us with annotating the photo show and was even surprised to see herself drinking red wine! Thanks to Steve for providing the appropriate music and Shirley who couldn't resist the temptation of feeding us all a lovely supper!



**Europe 2023 - a 5-month odyssey** - 2023 seems to be the year travel has truly opened up again! We travelled in a 6-metre motorhome and mostly just turned up to standard pitches. In high season we would book a few days ahead for the weekends. We tried to stay at naturist sites where practical, but in Italy these were few and far between. Our travels took us from England, through France, Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Austria back through France to England then Scotland.

Here is a summary of the best naturist sites we visited:



### **France – where there are literally hundreds of naturist campsites**

**Club du Soleil de Troyes.** We liked this site so much we stayed for several days on the way back too. This is a friendly club site with a small pool and lovely campsites. There are numerous cycle routes from the gate and it's an interesting ride/drive to the stunning medieval city of Troyes.

**Haute Chantelalar** in the Maritime Alps, an outstandingly beautiful part of France we had not visited previously. The access road here from the Gorges de Verdun was exceptionally scenic, narrow and scary! The journey was worth it - the site is nicely laid out with a lovely pool. The down side is its very remote, but the owner bakes bread daily, has a mini shop, and prepares amazing dinners.

**Oricon Village** also in the Maritime Alps.



This was one of the most commercial sites we visited in France but it was very early in the season, the heated pool was popular, but little else was open. There are numerous accommodation options and there are many opportunities for trips to

nearby attractions. Many of the sites are up steep hills so expect to get fit walking about!

**CGAlsace** in Wassalone. This club site is very close to the small village of Wassalone and about 1 hour by bus to Strasbourg. The members are exceptionally friendly, the sites and facilities are old but clean and there is a small heated pool.



### **Italy – so few and far between**

**Campeggio Naturista Costalunga** near Sassello. This picturesque site is up a very steep hill about 1.5 hours from Genoa. There are numerous walks from here for the fit and able. There are a few cabins but most visitors are in campers. There is a lovely infinity pool and regular social events showcasing local cuisine. Better to visit with transport as it's a long way to walk anywhere from here.

### **Sasso Corbo, Tuscany.**



This was my favourite of all the Italian naturist sites we visited. Set on a hillside down a very rough track, this Dutch owned site is stunning. There is a beautiful infinity pool and there are a variety of accommodation types available, including glamping tents. The

owners are very proactive in organising social events and operate hospitality on a trust basis (filling your own wine from barrels, drinks at dinner). You will need transport to make the most of the local tourist hotspots including the natural thermal spa at Saturnia (textile), pretty villages and dozens of food and wine producers.



**Croatia – The Istria peninsula is where most are situated, but also some on the islands...**

### **Bunculuka on the island of Krk.**



This was my personal favourite of all the naturist sites we visited this trip. The site is on a hillside near the town of Baska which is a short bike ride away with a variety of water-based tourist activities. The site has a number of different accommodation options set

among pine trees. There is no pool but there is a pristine pebble beach (aqua socks a necessity!) Non-naturists appear to be welcome but no togs are allowed on the beach. The facilities are all excellent and the place feels cosier than its size would suggest.



**Valalata nr Rovinj**– many of you will be familiar with the mega-resort which is Valalata! It was the most expensive campsite we stayed at on the whole trip at NZ\$140 for a campsite with power. For that you get access to numerous pools, eateries, a

supermarket, marina and numerous beaches with free loungers. We were there in high season and it felt less busy than you might expect. The price of the cabins is eye-watering in high season.

There were many more Naturist campsites we visited, far too many to cover here. There were also many amazing textile campsites too, including one in Austria with mood lighting in the bathrooms! I'm very happy to share more information of the naturist or any other aspects of our trip to Europe. Cheers Claire



## **Wellington Naturist Club Mini Fest 20 — 22 January 2024**

Join us for a weekend of fun, sports, relaxation and catch up with fellow naturists

We will be playing Petanque - 3-Down - Kubb - Pickleball

Catered Dinner Saturday & Sunday - Groove away to the 60s - Bring your bike

Please register for catered dinners by Monday 15 January

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

### **SATURDAY**

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- 9am Cycle or walk
  - 11am Sports start (Kubb, Petanque, 3-Down) - register by 9am
  - 5pm Opening of new Gateway  
Happy Hour
  - 6pm Catered Hangi & Salads \$20/adult  
Special presentation

### **SUNDAY**

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- 9am Cycle or walk
  - 11am Pickleball, finish off previous days sports
  - 3pm Afternoon Tea
  - 5pm Happy Hour
  - 6pm Build your own burger \$10

### **MONDAY**

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- 9am Cycle or walk
  - 11am Life Drawing
  - 3pm Afternoon Tea
  - 5pm Happy Hour
  - 6pm BYO Barbecue

Visitors and campers welcome \* Cabin accommodation available \* book early  
<https://www.wellingtonnaturists.co.nz/accommodation.php>  
Normal camping fees will apply

[www.wellingtonnaturists.co.nz](http://www.wellingtonnaturists.co.nz)

(+64) 027 330 6212 \* 20 Molloys Rd, Te Marua, Upper Hutt

### 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

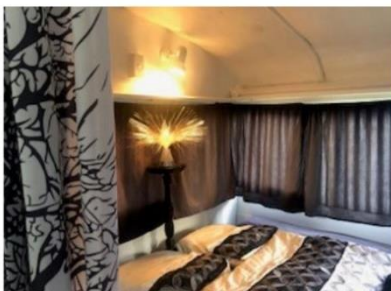
Australian number +61 404031389 or  
email Brent.r.hend @ gmail.com



### Caravan for sale

Are you looking for peace and tranquillity in the spring and summer months or perhaps a cosy retreat in winter, my well loved caravan is looking for a new owner. The caravan includes comfy queen size bed, office desk, chair and awning.

If you are interested in a viewing please ring Heidi on 027 246 9494.





Meanwhile at the NZNF AGM....

Our President awarded the Pat Trott memorial trophy



At the NZNF yearly AGM held at the Waikato club on 9th December, Ken was awarded the trophy which is presented to an organisation or individual who had done great work for the naturist movement.

The meeting was attended by many fellow naturists. Ken has stepped down from his role as NIVP and is still the Sports coordinator which he had held for many years. Ken has also been the NZNF President and is on the Percy Cousins trust.

There were 3 nominations from the floor for NIVP and it is pleasing to see Paul Carpenter from WNC now taking over this role. Andy is taking over as the NZNF Database Co-ordinator and will be moving NZNF to electronic membership cards..

Pickle Ball is hit!

There is a lot of interest in the new Pickle Ball setup in the Hall – it's fair to say it's addictive. Come and have a go!



### WNC Executive Committee

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