

Dates for your diary

Watch out for Steve's texts for impromptu events. Contact 027 257 5020 or email:

steviess69@hotmail.com to be added to the group

August

Sun 18th Life Drawing 11-3pm (Pg 3)

Sat 24th WOW Themed Dinner hosted by Marie M & Pip (Pg 2)

Sun 25th Working Bee 9am

September

Sun 8th WNC Committee Meeting 11am

Sun 8th Table Tennis Club Champs noon

Sun 22nd Life Drawing 11am-3pm (Pg 3)

Sat 28th Pot Luck Dinner 6pm

Sun 29th Working Bee 9am

October

Sun 6th WNC Committee Meeting 11am

Sat 26th 60s Hippies & Surfers Dinner hosted by Triena

30 Dec - 5 Jan 2025 NZNF Festival "Come Fly with Us" hosted by Pineglades, Christchurch (Pg 8)

President's Notes

Well here we go again and I must say the numbers showing up for impromptu events like birthday celebrations is great and shows such camaraderie within club members, really awesome.



Another meeting completed and a lot of decisions made. I continue to be impressed with the input of all committee members. We spent considerable time discussing sites. Having a site is a privilege and not a right. Please note some members need to bring their sites and facilities up to scratch. Also, it was noted that our power usage over winter is considerably up on previous years. The cost of power is a significant expense to the club and in 2023 and 2024 we have seen significant rises on the cost over winter as more people are spending more time on site and using electricity on their own sites and in public areas. A new policy has been drawn up to cover this. Watch this space.

It is with sadness that I report that Geraldine Waijers has passed away – see notice further on in the newsletter. Jude and I have had many enjoyable times together with them and their children over the past 35 years. Albert remains a member.

I also remain impressed with all the work done at working bees and other times. This effort is so necessary for the existence of the club. I have spoken to neighbours on the Main Road boundary that we are in the process of tidying up and fencing.

Some of you may have noticed that the pickleball court in the hall has been remarked to full size. Quite a mission to get old lines off the floor. We have purchased a new Vacpac vacuum which Perry thinks is awesome. Ray has put Gib up in the room above the stage and Greig has now plastered it. Will be complete once painted. Any volunteers? At this stage we are still intending to build a model railway up there that many members have shown considerable interest in. Any other ideas for use of this space please talk to me.

The nursery is in the process of being constructed. We will progress this when time permits. A new waterline to this area will be installed.

Summer's coming.

Ken

Don't forget to book for this great event by emailing
dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz by Wednesday 21st August



Dinner hosted by Pip and Marie M. Dress up fun, silly or be creative!

Saturday 24th August. Nibbles from 5.30pm (Special Licence, no BYO please)

\$30 per head, RSVP by 21st August to:

dinner@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz

Please advise of special dietary requirements.

If you would like to contribute a talent (musical, singing, dance, a good joke!) please let us know prior

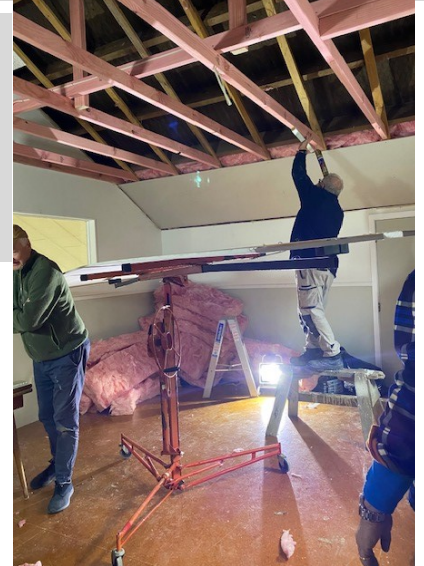
Around the grounds and hall...

Thanks to all those who helped at the July Working Bee. Unfortunately the heavens opened after lunch so outside work was curtailed somewhat, and also yours truly left it too late to capture the significant amount of cleaning and mulching taking place around the grounds. Also a shout out to the awesome team who prepared a scrummy lunch for the workers utilising left overs from the previous night's dinner!



Just getting the Gib upstairs took some muscle and teamwork!

So lucky we have members with the know-how and kit to take on these building tasks!



All the potted plants moved and trees trimmed ready to start the plant nursery



LIFE DRAWING @WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB

Sun 18th Aug 11am-
Sun 22nd Sept 3pm

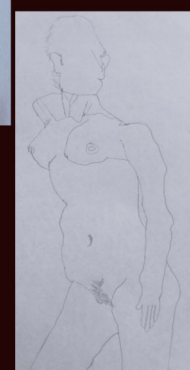
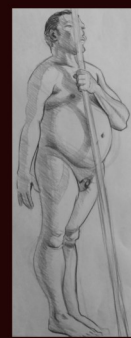
Life drawing with a difference.

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 what's provided.
You don't have to be good at drawing - just enjoy doing it.

Some instruction and tips also given if required.

Rain or shine. Join in on creating the art of the nude.





Thanks to June and Pieter and their team, a stunning culinary journey to Thailand was experienced in July! We feasted on spring rolls and mini samosas, fragrant fish soup, and delicately flavoured beef and chicken curries (with the option of adding hot spice). To round off the event we enjoyed a refreshing tropical fruit salad and home-made vanilla bean ice cream.

The upstairs lounge was transformed into a magical kingdom with attractive table settings featuring bamboo and some cut orchids June had grown herself.

The air was perfumed by a selection of some of Rob V's extensive potted orchid collection. Rob also gave us an interesting talk on how he started his collection—as a result of a work-limiting injury, and some interesting facts about some of his favourites.



Some important notices....

We have recently had a small number of unauthorised entries to the club by non-members who have tailgated a member through the main gate.

We ask all members to be conscious of security and if someone in a vehicle or on foot follows you through the gate that you do not recognise, **please stop before the first left hand turn and ask the occupants if they are a member or a visitor.**

If they say they are a visitor, please ask if they have booked in advance.

If they have booked just ask them to register up at the hall as normal.

If they have not booked ask them to immediately call the club phone to arrange a booking and/or escort them to the hall to register and advise a committee member or call the club phone.

If any doubts at all, or reluctant to approach, please call the club phone on **027 330 6212** and advise of any concerns. It is advisable to have the club phone number saved on your device.

Members may have noticed the extent to which certain areas of the grounds are being "ploughed up" by vehicles due to the very wet grounds. Please be thoughtful about where you park and move your car, caravan or campervan and if you cause damage to the surface it would be greatly appreciated if you would repair it where possible.

Please be conscious that volunteers will be having to clean up the grounds at some point, so the less work you can create for others the better you will be appreciated as a member!

A wallet was found after the Thai dinner on 27th July. If it's yours, or know someone who lost one about that time please contact Toni at:

secretary@wellingtonnaturists.co.nz or call the club phone on 027 330 6212.

Welcome to new member: Graeme

Congratulations to: Mirjam and Chris P on

becoming full members

“It is with great sadness that I share that Geraldine, (Gerarda Maria, Waijers Klarenbeek) passed away peacefully in my arms on the 19th of July, 2024, at 5:45 PM. She was my best friend, my confidante, my soulmate, and a devoted mother and grandmother. We will miss her radiant smile, infectious laughter, and the way she always put our happiness before her own.

Throughout our journey together, Geraldine's remarkable strength, resilience, and equanimity inspired me every day. Her love was a sanctuary where I always could find peace and comfort. As I say goodbye to my beloved Geraldine, I take solace in the memories we created together, the laughter we shared, and the adventures we embarked upon. Geraldine may be gone, but her love will forever live on in my heart, guiding me, comforting me, and inspiring me.

Rest in peace, my darling Geraldine, I know your love for us will never fade.”

Albert



Geraldine was the loving Mama to Stefan, Amanda and Judith. She adored her grandchildren - Stefan and Andy's boys, Aston and Luc, who live in the far north of New Zealand, Amanda and Peter's girls, Zoe and Maya, who live in Sydney, Australia, and Judith and Theo's kids, Harriet and Robin, who live in Martinborough, New Zealand.

They all miss their Oma very much.

Robyn and Phil have just returned from a trip to Europe—here is their piece on Austria as a great option for naturism

With Europe getting so hot in July and August we suggest keeping Austria top of mind to get your kit off. After leaving a naturist camp (FKK) on the Italian Adriatic Sea near Ravenna in temperatures of 36+ it was a delight to be back in the high twenties with cooler night temperatures. It's our second time exploring naturism in Austria and it didn't disappoint. Previously we've been to several camps on Keutschacher See which were well worth a visit. This time we stayed at small countryside club just a 30min bus ride outside of beautiful Graz (a city of culture with a population much the



same as Welly and a good university vibe). https://naturismus-graz.at/?page_id=946

The membership is 70, much reduced over the years and after 50 years they're facing the challenges of leased land. Club social life centred around a lovely fresh water pool (no chemicals as stream fed and no fences). Austria isn't big on some rules like smoking and fences but very strict on others. Homes are generally very well maintained and beautified; farms look sculptured. The clubhouse dining area offered meals every day. We were fortunate to arrive for the club anniversary – an eat all you like BBQ for

16€. Wine spritzer and beer is the local pleasure. We camped, but small cabins can be rented. Although English/German conversations can take a bit of effort, everyone was friendly just like the sign hanging in the dining area – “Herzlich Willkommen” (warm welcome). Naturism is such a small world - we put our tent up next to a Dutch couple only to discover we had previously met in Italy in 2017 and had inspired them to visit NZ.

Before flying home from Vienna, we went back to the city's 600-member naturist club for our last few days. It's a huge park with swimming in a natural pond that's a clean offshoot of the river Danube. There is no rental accommodation available but they have an area for campers. It's only 30mins on the bus and tube to the city centre.

NZ Naturists are seen as adventurous (“travelling all that way” they say shaking their heads) and are motivational. Next to us members, Inge and Fritz had come to NZ and visited Katikati and Waitara. Catered lunches are available a few times a week but the helpful visitor handout lists plenty of restaurants not too far away. The club thoughtfully supply the local transport card too, if required. A highlight was the club sauna which opens at set times. We all went in on the bell ring and an enthusiastic member cranked the air with a towel so you got blasts of very hot air. I forget how many times we all went in and out but it keeps on going until it all gets too much.

<http://www.naturistenpark-lobau-wien.at/urlaub%20en.htm>

There is still more to do in Austria.



Robyn & Phillip



Get your tickets here!

<https://nznf-festival-come-fly-with-us.raiselysite.com/>



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