

Dates for your diary

Afternoon Tea every Sunday 3pm –listen for the bell!

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

<u>steviess69@hotmail.com</u> to be added to the group

November

Sat 16 & Sun 17th Special Working Bee(Pg 2)

Sun 17th BYO Breakfast & All Blacks vs France 9am

December

Sun 1st Dec Life Drawing 11am-3pm (Pg 3)

Sun 8th Dec WNC Committee Meeting 11am

Sun 22nd Xmas Raffle Draw 3.30pm (Pg3)

Xmas Day Waifs & Strays BYO BBQ

<u>New Years Eve</u> Pot Luck Dinner, good music and midnight swim!

30 Dec - 5 Jan 2025 NZNF Festival "Come Fly with Us" hosted by Pineglades, Christ-church (Pg 9)

January

Sun 19th Life Drawing 11am-3pm (Pg 3)

President's Notes

Well, here we go again. Where are the months going? Less than 3 weeks and our custodians Steve and Toni will take over visits and accommodation bookings until the end April. Speaking



of which we already have heaps of bookings for December 2024 and well into 2025. Thanks to all who have been filling this role for the slower periods. A special thanks to Jude who has done the Lions share. Actually, we have been quite busy over this time. Work continues around the club and one thing is for sure the grass is growing fast. Even though we don't like to mow over the weekends sometimes it is unavoidable due to the weather.

Our last committee meeting was another long one mainly due to a big gap between meetings. Very few on-lookers this time, which shows your trust in your awesome committee.

Less than 2 months until the festival at Pineglades. It is not too late to book, so if you are thinking of going to this great fun event, Donna from Pineglades would love to hear from you.

We have several big projects happening around the club. The room above the stage is complete thanks to Ray for building, Greig for plastering, and Colleen and Bernard for painting. Michael has fixed the pool vacuum and water blasted the miniten/pickleball courts. Dave has been log-splitting. Ray is recladding the hall toilet wall so that should all be tidied up soon. The Silverbirch tree has been cut down thanks to Greig. Just as well as it was rotten half way up. June, Chris and others have been working on the children's playground.

The pool heat pump is nearing its life expectancy so are looking at replacing it but will try and get through this year- Just by the by the committee is looking at other options for visitor accommodation as our bookings are increasing. More on that when we know more.

Check out the newly resurfaced shower floors and toilets in FAL, the camp kitchen floor, main block showers and toilets floors. They look awesome.

This it from me.

Ken

Ka—Ching!

The Club is very excited to be the recipients of two grants in recent weeks.



Hutt Mana Charitable Trust for new mulch for the children's play ground. The mulch is special play ground mulch certified to NZ Safety Standards and is used in playground's and parks. The playground is undergoing a few changes (eg, levelled out and the trampoline will be moving into that area).

June receiving the grant of \$2377—she noted that other recipient clubs were in their club uniforms, but June decided not to don ours as she was going to another event later!

The second grant is from **The Percy Cousins Trust (PCT)** of \$1000 to WNC for upgrading the outdoor BBQ and cabin furniture.

Special working bee—this weekend 16th-17th November

Help needed from 9am onwards to split and stack as much of the wood on the golf course as possible and mulch and stockpile the cut trimmings on the club grounds. If you have your own gloves, earmuffs and hi viz vests please bring them with you.

It is expected that there will be an excess of mulch free to members to take away (or delivered for a small fee). **The firewood generated is for sale as below.**

Help would be much appreciated to finish staining these picnic tables currently outside the garage (doesn't have to be this weekend!). See Steve S.





Firewood for sale!

Please support the club by purchasing firewood. \$150 for large caged trailer, \$75 for small caged trailer. Please contact Mike on **021 599 734** to place an order. Delivery to Upper Hutt area \$20 extra, Kapiti Coast area negotiable



SEEKING DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE

We are seeking items for the Christmas raffle by 30 November. Suggestions include: non-perishable items, such as, biscuits, chocolate, tinned fruit, crackers, cake, fruit mince pies, pudding, sweets, toiletries, anything Christmassy. Please ensure items are within the 'use by date'.

Items to go into the Christmas box in the bar by 30 November

Thank you, lets make it a bumper raffle

TICKETS ON SALE FROM SUNDAY 1 DECEMBER

\$3/ticket, or 4 for \$10

DRAW DATE

3:30pm 22 December at afternoon tea



Around the grounds





Inside the new shade house/nursery and potting bench





The FAL shower block and camp kitchen new floors. Not only are they smarter, they will be easier the clean, more enduring and considerably brighten up these areas



WNC is so grateful to members giving their time and equipment so freely—Rex completing the start/end of the new walking track



Unfortunately the weather was not in the least bit suitable for Naked Gardening Day but a few brave souls purchased some plants - funds go towards providing the flowers around the main lawn. There are still a few plants on the old fort for sale. If you are interested in buying natives from the shade house please see Claire

Whoops!





Some visiting overseas tourists had a bit of an accident at the dump station in FAL! Luckily no one was hurt, the "safety rail" arrested the plummet down the bank and apart from small scrapes on the rented campervan, the worst damage was to the railing and the planting down the slope. Fortunately the visitors were able to continue their travels as planned the following day. The towies turned up with impressive kit to recover the campervan—the smaller truck not able to quite do the job, but "BIGTOA" was impressive.





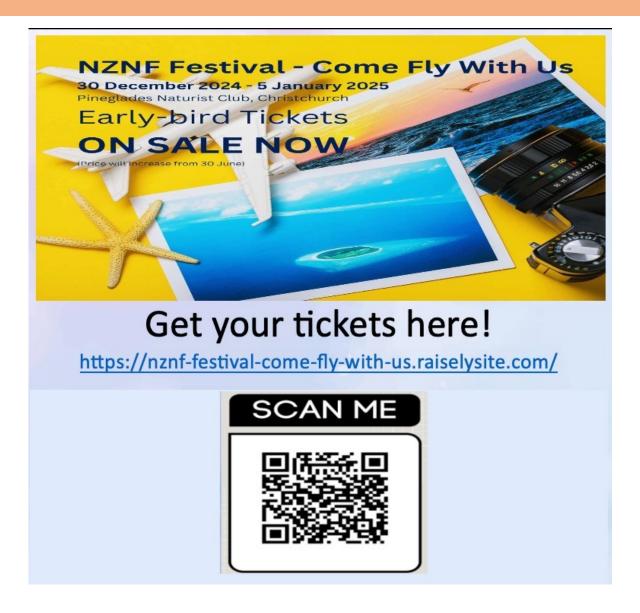


Congratulations to Eric & Stephen B on becoming provisional members, and to Michelle on becoming a full member

Car Parking on the grounds

A reminder for all site owners to park on their allocated sites. Members without sites, please either park at the back of the hall or in the visitors car park on Streamside.

Our camp site bookings are steadily increasing and camp sites are being used more frequently.



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