

The Naked News



March 2011



From the oblong office.

Its 9 pm, still 24 deg c, in the pool when I went for a swim at 7.30 was 25 deg, the sun has been shining all day with just a few white fluffies in the sky and there has been only the gentlest of breezes. Its mid March, autumn, or officially so. But for us bare babes n' boys it has to be one of the best autumns in recent years. There has been just enough rain to keep the lawns green out at W.O.S. , caretaker James has been kept busy with the mower but its meant lush green rather than prickly brown for all who make their way out to the club grounds.

We are doing well for visitors, Hedda and Chienes are there again, our Dutch visitors, good company and interesting people, they'll be back next summer! We're also seeing lots of people from within New Zealand so people are travelling again, more so than last year. Good to see all of you.

There is more good weather to come, in many ways this is the best time of year, not searing hot, not quite so humid, cooler evenings, the spa pool in action, the swimming pool still warm enough to be enjoyable. We've a few more Wednesday evening barbies to go, and the craft day is coming up soon. C'mon, lets see you.

Work around the grounds continues though, small improvements. We've done some finishing work on the new Chalet which in only a few weeks has surpassed the old caravans occupancy for the past 12 months! We've never had any complaints about the caravan, and we much appreciated the donation as prior to that it was strictly byo accommodation but the chalet has really moved us up in the world and we are beginning to see people visit whom we've never seen before.

Enormous thanks to the many volunteers who have helped build the little plywood palace, and particular thanks to Keith who lead the project and did so much of the work.

Its coming up to AGM time, one more committee meeting, then its "D" day, or "A" day, or more precisely Election day. This club is doing well, but it does well because of member involvement, member interest and member input. There is always room for new ideas, new input, and the best way to really get to know your club and make a contribution is to become a committee member.

Nominations will open soon, do think about it. One Friday evening a month, usually one job for each to be completed before the next meeting, some carry a lot heavier load than that of course but a bigger committee means that the load can be spread more fairly. Give it some thought, we'd love to have you on board.

We had a "special purpose" mini working bee last week, a maintenance day with paintbrushes and rollers, and while all the jobs scheduled were completed the shine was taken off the day by an accident that left one member in hospital and two recovering from scrapes and bruises.

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Site safety during working bees is an issue, one that could cause problems if a significant accident came to the attention of OSH. “All practicable steps“ is what the act says when it refers to site safety. We obviously could have done that one better, and as it’s a job that comes up every few years we’ll have to look very hard at how it’s done next time.

But that was only one particular job, and there are many jobs done by volunteers around the clubhouses and grounds of clubs across the country, jobs that have the potential to be quite dangerous. Site safety is an issue for all of us, and as someone who’s had some exposure to site safety programs within industry it has occurred to me that when we have a group of volunteers, some skilled, some experienced, some “un” and some “in”, that a “practicable step” might be to detect, select and elect a person of some experience to be site safety officer for the day.

During a working bee, what that person says, goes. We can’t afford to have our hard workers carted off in the white wailing wagons, especially in club uniform, it gets embarrassing when they wake up! And it tends to reduce their participation in future.

But worst of all, seeing friends hurt is painful to all .

Club execs, not just from WOS, think about it. Please.

John Welsford

President.

Birthday Greetings March



Best Wishes to:

Michelle C., Bob S., Win P., Karl P., Mike G.,
James, Karen, Peter, Jane S., Jan H.

Next Event

Outdoor Sports Afternoon

The last chance before winter to play in the sun.

The naked Pizza Dinner - \$10

We provide the Naked Pizza and food to dress them. You create the topping and we cook them.

(Gok Wan eat your heart out).

2011 Annual General Meeting

Notice is given that the **Annual General Meeting** is to be held on Saturday 14th May at 3.30pm in the Clubrooms. Papers available on the day. All Remits and Nominations for Committee to be received by the Secretary no later than the 25th April 2010. Please come along and have your say.

On Saturday 14 May following the AGM a South African Dinner will be served. The cost is \$12 per head.

Do you feel tired and your body very stressed? If so, Heather can fix the problem for you with a relaxing massage. Heather is a qualified therapist. Ring Heather for an appointment on 027 848 5979 and leave feeling very relaxed.

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March Committee Bullet Points

- Apologies from John W & Richard
- Reminder - Bottle & plastic recycling for residents & visitor campers only. Site holders & day members should take their bottles & plastics with them.
- Camper's fridge freezer for visitor use. Reminder that everything inside should be named & dated. A pen is on the fridge door.
- Gas heating option being priced out for spa and kitchen.
- Donation for clubroom usage by members for private functions set at \$100.
- Thanks Keith for replacing the skylights. A great improvement.
- Discussion about annual electricity bill. Thought to be given for ways to reduce this major expense [approx. \$7,000]
- New pool filter mother board [\$1400] approved for purchase by Graeme.
- Pricing to be obtained for narrow banners for use on side of a trailer for Xmas parade..
- Welcome to new members:
Gerda & Annechienes and Colin D.
- Next meeting Friday April 8th
@7.30pm

Around & About

Great to see Julian back on deck. Tom also.
Bruce B may be visited in Ward 6 Waikato Hospital.
Charlie is safe in Japan (& his new boat)
Annemarie & Andre have shifted to Blenheim - we'll miss you.
Keith is back in Christchurch for another 3 week stint appraising building damage.
The cabin is popular with visitors'. Bookings via WOS phone.
Still to do - Batts underneath the building - skinny volunteer required.
Trench for electric cable - volunteer needed as Bruce
is out of action.

Skinnydip Tours

Tour One - 15 April to 5 May 2011
Cairns to Brisbane

Tour Two - 11 May to 31 May 2011
Brisbane to Cairns

For full itinerary & brochure contact
Ruth & Rod Pegg
Ph: 03 543 2808/0274 94 1717
skinntdip tours@bigpond.com

Motor Home Exchange UK/NZ

Arnold & Carol wish to engage with like minded people with a view to exchanging motor homes for a period during the summer months.

We have a modern self contained
3ltr diesel 2+ (2 over cab)
Autosleeper Ravana.

Email: arniegp@gmail.com

Crafts & More

When: Sunday June 5th
Where: WOS
50A Trentham Road
Matangi
Cost: \$5.00 per stall holder

WE NEED YOU!!

Do you have crafts, plants,
preserves, home baking, eggs,
vegetables, collectables, to sell?

For more info please call Heather on
o27 8485979 or text craft fair, your
name and phone number.

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Around the Clubs

Check updates on

www.gonatural.co.nz/whatson_nz.html

Reservations open now at info@naturist.co.nz.

Bay of Plenty Naturists

A new social group for those who aspire to the naturist philosophy. Regular naturist outings organised in the Bay of Plenty, Rotorua and Waikato areas. No joining fee or subscription. For more information or to join, email Glenne on bopnaturists@gmail.com

26-27 March 2011

Opoutere beach weekend

11 April 2011

Magicalo Monday at Oropi Hot Pools

1Bay of Plenty Sun Club

22-24 October 2011

Labour WE Club Reunion and celebration of 40th Anniversary

Katikati Naturist Park

A wonderful unique place in New Zealand

Hibiscus Coast Sun Club

Palm Springs Hot pool and spa night.

Last Saturday of each month

6:00pm to 12:00pm February - November

Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club

19 March 2011

Oscars Social

23-24 April 2011

Catered Easter Dinner

24 April 2011

Easter Egg Hunt

21 May 2011

Bingo Night

Free Beaches NZ.

25 June 2011

Cant. Region mid winter plunge. Details to be confirmed.

24 July 2011

Polar Plunge

Wellington Naturist Club

Sauna and spa afternoon

Second Sunday of the month: 2.00 - 5.00pm.

Wai-Natur Naturist Park

4-6 November 2011

Simple Living Workshop

26-27 November 2011

Nude Photography Workshop

Nudvan

9 April 2011

AGM to be held at

Katikati Naturist Park

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An Invite from Parakai Springs

On Sunday 20th March we will have a discounted ticket offer for people to purchase through www.dailydo.co.nz at \$4 (80% off, to be used during the year), if you would like to pass this along to any of your contacts.

Kind regards

Dion Tilson

Marketing Manager

Aquatic Park Parakai Springs