

April - May 2023

Sarongs or just graceful shrouds?



Prompted by a letter to Pinecones from Dr Les Rootsey, Vanessa has responded. Both items are reproduced in this newsletter. So within, you have most sides of the question canvassed. Do we want to see the demise of clubs from an overload of sarongs putting off the newbies, or do we want to see the demise due to the fear of assuming they have to 'jump in the deep end' on their first day? You can't wait?

Turn immediately to page 15 to consider and assess! (Correspondence is still open!)

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YOUR
Contributions are
very welcome!

Presie's Piece

Kia Ora fellow naturists.

The NZNF executive has now met and considered the views expressed from various clubs around the invitation extended to us to rejoin the INF.

One club only expressed a negative position and overwhelmingly there has been support for becoming a member of the INF which has a new focus on the word international, as opposed to European.

Alice, our marketing Convenor and myself recently participated in a British Naturism forum where we discussed New Zealand's reasons for withdrawing and these were accepted as valid at the time, but needed to be viewed now as having been the spark for reform of the INF with many new members on the Executive of the INF now focussed on the need to work together on building a stronger international body.

Other matters of note from our discussions is the acceptance of the fact that Pineglades will not be hosting the next Festival until 2024, meaning that there will be a two year gap between the Festivals, in line with what was put forward at the AGM in Wellington.

Our AGM for the current year will in all likelihood take place in early December and as happened in 2021, it will rely on modern technology with Pineglades hosting the AGM, but clubs being encouraged by us to attend if they wish, in person or by Zoom.

Our last AGM in this format resulted in a 43 minute AGM which probably was the fastest on record.

Reports from Convenors will be circulated prior to the AGM and one remit is noted at this stage in relation to the position of Youth coordinator being renamed Youth and Family Convenor.

At present Olga from AONC is co-opted to undertake this and is hoping it can result in a promotion of activities for those who have families wanting to combine, to encourage children to attend, knowing that they will have friends to play with.

Marketing of our clubs and merchandise is high on our list of things to do and Alice will be interested to hear from clubs on what merchandise they are prepared to acquire for sale to members and visitors.

We have looked at the position of levies which clubs are accountable for to the NZNF treasurer, by 30th September.

Clubs are on notice that if they wish to exercise voting rights at the AGM they must have paid the levies based on the number of financial members as returned to the database secretary Christine B.

Invoices are not generated in advance of the return as Christine is not clairvoyant and it is for clubs to make the appropriate return and pay levies by 30th September, each year.

We agreed to be proactive in reminding our clubs after the July meeting which will be a face to face meeting on Saturday 1st July 2023.

Our thoughts are with the clubs who have experienced damage as a result of cyclone Gabrielle .

Those who have suffered damage are invited to have a claim for financial assistance with the Treasurer, Kathy by 31st March.

It was noted that a fund raiser held by Pineglades resulted in just over \$2000. being added to the Givealittle Fund.

Please enjoy what is left of the warm autumn days as the thought of a cold winter is not that appealing to most of us.

Yours naturally,
David Saunders



David on TVONE's News story about the annual Fire Brigade volleyball challenge at Pineglades

AONC's Oranui Games, 2023

AONC's annual Oranui Games is usually held on Auckland Anniversary weekend, which typically falls over a dry, warm weekend in the middle of summer – not this year! Some heavy rain was predicted for the Friday 27th Jan before the games, but boy oh boy – what a surprise Aucklanders got that day! In late afternoon we received an historic rainfall, some parts getting three month's worth of rain in just four hours! Absolute chaos erupted across the city – with flooding on a scale never before seen; widespread power outages; multiple road closures and a state of emergency declared. Our own club got quite a bit of flooding too, with the river overrunning its banks and cutting off access to the lower paddock for a considerable time.



Flooding at AONC 27 Jan

Needless to say, the games were postponed until the following weekend, which also happily happened to be Waitangi weekend, allowing the games to run its' full three-day course. Waitangi weekend certainly wasn't perfect weather – but long breaks in the rain allowed the games to go on. Following the flood, a spirit of kinship came over Aucklanders – a sense that “we're in this together”. Communities collaborated, people helped each other – there was a collective, shared sentiment amongst Aucklanders that we need to rebuild and recover. And this sense of community certainly spilled over in the games. The games are always an opportunity for the club to come together and renew the Oranui soul for the coming year, but this time we weren't just naturists coming together – we were also Aucklanders with a very real sense of how the week prior's events tied us all together.

The event was opened by club president Mick on Saturday morning. As per tradition three flags were raised (country, club & games). The usual games kicked off: pétanque, miniten, kubb, darts, target bowls and bean-bag toss with Steve doing an outstanding job of managing the schedule and players. Eddie F (our relief caretaker) introduced club members to frisbee golf: not yet an official sport this year (maybe next?).



Murray playing Kubb

Our sports co-ordinator, Alex, did excellent in engaging the younger kids at sport – particularly bean bag toss and kubb. He also organised water balloon fights, sponge fights and just general fun with the water hose – and some adults simply couldn't resist joining in with the kids, and it's hard to say whether the kids or the grown-ups had more fun. (Aren't we all kids at heart?)

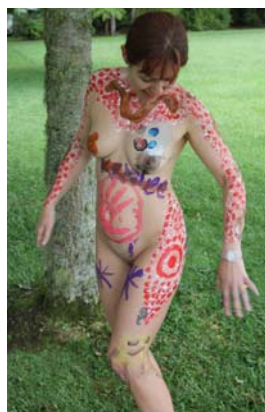


Alice, one micro-second before being hit in the face by a water balloon

Alex teaching kids how to play kubb.



Sponge Fight



Alice painted over

Both the bar and tuck shop were operating, with bar staff and Darryl on the tuck shop being very busy cooking food and serving drinks to the large hungry crowd of members and visitors on what is generally the club's busiest weekend.

Robyn and her crew had two fantastic events lined up for the evenings. On Saturday night, was a “shipwrecked party” at the pool – where members were encouraged to dress as though they were just shipwrecked. The kids dressed up like pirates (what kid doesn't like being a pirate!) and a great variety of very creative costume ideas from club members. Sunday was a catered dinner – more than enough food for everyone with a lot of variety – very posh!

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Kiwiburn, 2023

Kiwiburn (or Kiwibog as it was called after the rains this year) is the New Zealand burn affiliated to the Burning Man event held in the Black Rock desert in northern Nevada each year. In 2019 I went to Burning Man, where 80,000 people set up camp for a week in the desert and then depart leaving no trace. By comparison Kiwiburn is held in 3 paddocks on a farm at Vinegar Hill near Hunterville in the central North Island, with tickets limited to 2,500 people.

There is no main stage or paid entertainers. Both events are set up, run, entertained by; then dismantled by volunteers and theme campers. The theme camps bring gifts and talents to the paddock, which is what makes 'the burn'. On the paddock nothing is paid for (except ice from the depot), traded or bartered: everything is given without expecting anything in return.

This year there were around 90 different theme camps, with eclectic themes and gifts for the paddock. Some were sound camps with large concert type sound systems for DJs and the space for people to dance the night away. Some were artists displaying art-works around the site or entertainers such as trapeze artists and fire spinners; some brought games or entertainment. Other camps featured bars or cafés giving away food, coffee and/or alcohol, while others run workshops and discussion groups on a wide range of topics.

The camps are spread over the three paddocks used for the event. On the top paddock are the big sound camps and also the effigy which is burnt in a big party on the Saturday night. Most people gravitate here at night for the music and dancing, but it's quieter during the day. The middle paddock has many different theme camps and the temple which is burnt in a quiet and solemn way on the Sunday night. The lower paddock has most of the general camping area; the family friendly camps, the forest and the river. The forest is a bush area between the farm paddocks and the river where many of the artists display their work. There are portaloos on the paddock but no showers so the river is used for bathing and swimming.

However, this year Kiwiburn was hit by the same big storm as Auckland so after the second day the river area was closed for safety reasons: so no washing there. At the river the majority were nude and a home-made sauna with room for about a dozen people, all naked at the time; was set up on the riverbank.



Gerald Davidson

The Rusty Joint theme camp hosted dance parties

Kiwiburn is always sold out and very difficult to get a ticket for. I was lucky to get one by volunteering to work a couple of shifts on the gate. The first day (Wednesday) was sunny and my first shift was quite pleasant. After that I set up my campsite and had a look around the paddock. There were a few nude people around and a few more women topless, no-one cared what anyone was or wasn't wearing. Burners tend to go for outrageous outfits or things like lingerie with accessories for both sexes. The people who look out of place are those looking "normal". As I was about to start my night shift on the gate the rain started and didn't stop.

Thursday was sunny and warm and I made the most of it. I walked nude down to the river for a swim - wash and bumped into a guy I used to play rugby with. Funny having a chat with no issue of being nude. Then I went for walk through the forest to check out the art pieces among the trees - it was so nice to walk around barefoot and nude in this amazing environment. I spent the rest of the day wandering the paddock, going to events and workshops at various theme camps; then at night, going around the sound camps for the music and dancing. The dance floors were packed with people in everything from elaborate outfits to nothing. On the Thursday evening the rain started again, but this time, continuous and heavy through to Sunday morning. Although some events had to be cancelled most continued, but as always, the burners made the best of the conditions.



For the effigy burn on Saturday night the weather was wet and cold, but everyone carried on regardless. For safety there's a barrier about 50-60 metres out from effigy with fire safety wardens making sure everyone stayed back. Once the structure has burnt down and the wardens consider it safe, they drop the barriers. It's tradition then for people to run naked around the fire. That's about half the participants, say 1400 people.



As soon as word was given hundreds of naked people rushed into the centre. It was amazing to be part of this; you could feel the energy from everyone. After a while the running slowed down as more people stopped. Most remained naked, standing around the burn for warmth for quite a while as the fire reduced to embers. I spent the rest of night around the sound camps dancing to the music from the various DJs. I noted that after the burn there were more nude people on the dance floors. It was surreal dancing nude in a camp after sunrise when people came in giving out bacon.



Gerald Davidson

The Temple in the mud



Gerald Davidson

Some random artwork

By Sunday the rain had stopped and the sun eventually came out, but after all the heavy rain over the last couple of days the paddocks had turned into a bog, of ankle deep mud. It was noticeable on Sunday that more people were walking around naked: it was like the photos from Woodstock with naked people walking through the mud. To try to make the roadways around the paddocks negotiable the organisers brought in truckloads of wood chips and mulch to spread around, but this was only partially successful. On the Sunday I was told that unless I could find someone with a four-wheel drive to tow my caravan out it could be days before it dried out enough for me to leave. Luckily I found a helpful burner who got my caravan far enough out so I could tow it home from there. Unfortunately that meant I missed most of the last day and the temple burn on the Sunday night.



The bird 'taking flight' - really?



Kiwiburn



Kiwiburn

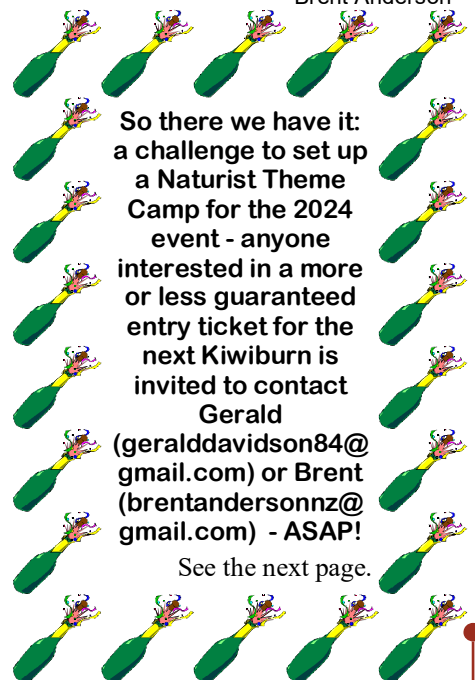


Brent Anderson & Gerald Davidson

Overall, despite the rain and mud it was still an amazing experience. The environment of farm paddocks and the river is so different to the inhospitable desert of Burning Man, but the vibe of the participants, the giving by the camps and the atmosphere; were similar.

For next year there it is propose to set up a naturist-theme camp, with games and activities we can invite people to see what can be done naked, along with workshops and discussion groups on various naturist topics. This will take the commitment of a number of people and a lot of hard work and probable expense to set up a camp from scratch, but if we can get it together I'm sure it would be a good thing for naturism!

Brent Anderson



So there we have it: a challenge to set up a Naturist Theme Camp for the 2024 event - anyone interested in a more or less guaranteed entry ticket for the next Kiwiburn is invited to contact Gerald (gerald davidson84@gmail.com) or Brent (brent andersonnz@gmail.com) - ASAP!

See the next page.



Kiwiburn

The temple burning



Kiwiburn

The effigy about to be lit



Kiwiburn

The Temple stands alone

Have you been to a KiwiBurn?



Camps can be very simple



Would *you* like to join us?



People are everywhere



The next one is between the Auckland & Wellington Anniversaries at the end of January - we'll be there - will *you*?

The 2023 K-Cup



Saturday 18th March dawned with a clear blue sky which was a huge relief as St. Patrick's Day down the road was pretty messy with a real downpour and lots of students under the weather, in a different way.

This was the 24th K cup competition for miniten and saw a good representation from Pineglades members in an effort to retain the cup.

By way of a short history the cup was presented in 1999 by the then national President Kay Hannam on the official opening of the newly finished miniten court at The Orchard club.

It is an annual event held in Middlemarch in the weekend closest to the middle of March. Always easy to remember by the saying, "Middlemarch in middle of March."

The clear winner this year was Berys from Pineglades who now joins her husband Russell with her name inscribed on the cup for 2023.

The day is not just about the miniten but the social gathering for lunch and then a beautifully catered meal and mystery auction and raffle in the clubhouse lounge.



This year a distinctly Irish theme to the menu and nobody left the meal hungry. Irish Stew and a range of vegetables and meats that traditionally would be found in any good Irish restaurant.



The K cup is presented to Berys (Pineglades) by Lois (OSC)

The raffle prize was a magnificent hamper won by Geoff from Rotata who was visiting and took on the miniten challenge rather bravely by playing in jandals, until they broke.

The mystery bottle auction was fiercely competitive with up to \$60 being paid for individual items that had been donated. A great fund raiser for the club and no one cared too much about the fact that they might have purchased the same item at half the price at New World.

The host club and in particular Kevin and Lois can be very proud of the way their fellow club members cooperated to make a very memorable celebration of the 24th K Cup.

Next year will be the 25th Anniversary and of course will take place in the middle of March, at Middlemarch.

Well done Orchard. Text, David Saunders; Photos, Ewen





A Comfort of Naturists

A collection of thoughts on nudity, naturism and society's difficulty in accepting people with a clothing-optional philosophy

Things are going swimmingly

Around April 2022 I read an article in which the German city of Göttingen became the first city in Germany to allow bathers of all genders to swim topless in their public pools at the weekends. It was a trial to run from May 1st through to the end of August and came about in response to a complaint from a person identifying as a man, whom pool staff perceived to be a woman, who was asked to cover their chest. The trial run was announced as a win for gender equality by the authorities.

In September there was an article published announcing that the municipal authority had found that the overwhelming majority of swimmers had approved of the topless equality trial. The four municipal pools would now allow topless bathing for all genders all the time instead of just at weekends. In the same article, it was mentioned that a court in Berlin rejected a discrimination suit filed by a woman who was asked by officials to cover her breasts in a city water park, while men were not asked to do the same.

Recently, I read that the city of Berlin has agreed that the woman had been the victim of discrimination and that all visitors to Berlin's pools will now be allowed to be topless. Interestingly the pool operator the Berliner Bäderbetriebe (BBB) claims that they didn't change their rules, they simply clarified that they require a bathing suit to cover the genitals, and that applies to all visitors, no matter their gender.

I find it curious that if those were the rules all along, why a Berlin court had previously rejected the discrimination case. Was the staff member asking the woman to cover her chest not aware of the rules of the organisation they worked for, and how did it get to court?

That question aside, it seems that Germany is pressing ahead with fair and reasonable rules around gender equality in public facilities.

As I may have mentioned a few times in previous blogs, I am not a fan of any swimwear, but I'll take topless equality as a win and a step in the right direction.

There is an argument that all naturist organisations and "top equality" groups such as free the nipple, should seize this recent development to put pressure on their own local authorities to reconsider the rules about gender equality in swimming pools and public spaces.

I accept that Germany has long been seen as having a mature and common sense attitude to public nudity as part of the FKK movement (Freikörperkultur - free body culture). The German attitude to nudity in parks and public spaces is almost nonchalant indifference, and in some cases, such as saunas, nudity is expected.

I also accept that many perceived advanced western cultures are still hung up about nudity and that asking them to be more tolerant will be an uphill battle. Footage of mass shootings and terrible violence is shown every day and treated as news in the public interest, but we can't show a female nipple because that might cause irreparable harm.

Many western countries have legislation that bans discrimination based on gender, and yet still insist on having different dress rules for different genders.

It could be argued that for some jurisdictions, the fear of legal action around gender discrimination might override their position on the tolerance of public nudity, or at least topless equality.

Perhaps the naturist movements around the world should join forces with gender equality groups and harness this fear to help push the case for all local public pools to allow all people to swim topless if they choose.

I know it's not the outcome that many naturists would want, as swimming naked would be the obvious solution to us, but in terms of taking small steps and fostering relationships with other groups who then might be allies in our own struggles for acceptance, might this not be a smart and strategic move?

Wouldn't living in a world where female toplessness was regarded with the same indifference that we give male



There are options for making the point 'Toplessness' is actually legal in many unsuspected areas of the world, like New York city and New Zealand, for examples.

However also in New Zealand we have seen a few examples of protest groups assembling on Oriental Bay for the picture opportunity, leading as far as I can tell, to more examples of nothing changing. There are still contemporary examples of 'wait staff' asking breast feeding patrons to 'cover or go' please.

In other words many laws are still 'over-ridden' by the *lore* as portrayed by American TV around the world. When will Mewe, or Facebook's new stance, become effective? (JL)

toplessness be a big improvement on the illogical position that we are living in now? Wouldn't normalising the female breast help address gender inequality and reduce objectification?

As a man, I need to be careful not to be too evangelical about encouraging topless equality, as much of society would see that as simply a man wanting to see more female breasts. While unwilling to lead the fight for change, I am happy to lend my support to groups advocating for topless equality, and it strikes me that given the recent announcements in Germany on the issue, now would be a good time for everyone to step up and get behind the cause.

Gender equality must become a lived reality. — Michelle Bachelet

Thank you for reading, have a comfortable day. BoPBadger

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The *Carnivale* triumph - near perfect weather



All the stars aligned for the Festival held at WNC earlier this year. The weather gods listened and delivered a week of nearly faultless weather, no-one had to cancel due to Covid, and ferries were all running! In case you missed this fantastic event, the theme was *Carnivale* and the Wellington team put together a superb variety of events including an extensive sport programme.



Alice in the pool

Just over one hundred full time attendees were hosted, with over 20 others joining in “part time”.

The *Carnivale* theme was supported with an array of handmade clown themed decorations - so the club rooms looked especially festive: decorated with frost cloth, balloon arches and mirrored displays.



Still a Festival by night!

The outdoor lighting was spectacular! How did they paint ‘Welcome’ on the trees, and how many were fooled by the coloured bulbs on or in the lawn?

The festival opened with the performance group Spark & Flare with stilt-walking fire artistes and jugglers. Each evening event had themed-table settings which appeared as by magic after the indoor sports concluded each day. All the evening events were well supported, kicking off with the Wine and Cheese evening on the first night facilitating catching up with old friends and making new introductions.



Spark & Flare - active

The renowned “Night at the Races” followed and true to form the majority of participants were all dressed up in appropriate finery. The paper “winnings” were then used to bid on a number of excellent and joke prizes.



An invitation to the BBQ bar

The Cirque Te Marua catered dinner with circus themed stunning acrobatics from Spark and Flare whilst everyone tucked into the delicious food. A fantastic range of circus-themed outfits were evident yet again. In fact, one participant commented that they had been required to purchase an extra bag to fly to the festival – somewhat ironic for a naturist event!



Richard H - happiness personified

New Year’s Eve was a Mardi Gras theme – interpreted as “anything goes” by the attendees and ably supported by fantastic music and entertainment on the large screen, all rounded off by fireworks at midnight and the legendary swim to follow.

After all the festivities the first day of January proved to be a late start for those who saw in the New Year and carried on partying until the early hours of 2023.



Spark & Flare - inactive

To celebrate the 1st of January, Eru kindly put down his famous hangi for the evening, followed by the movie showing “The Greatest Showman” – sadly the only event affected by sudden chilly weather and so held in the club rooms rather than the newly installed outdoor screen. It has to be said the catering was fabulous, with the organising committee deciding to use a caterer for the salad bar each evening. There were several options for lunches each day – always a great idea so that attendees don’t have to leave the grounds to go food shopping.

It was a slightly chilly start to the final full day but the substantial catered Kiwi breakfast soon warmed everyone from the inside. The final night was a variety show with different acts from Spark & Flare plus planned and impromptu class acts from within WNC and from visitors. The auction raised over \$1000 for Percy Cousins Trust.



BN editors Susan & Andrew on Akatarawa

The Akatarawa walk and sports all had great participation and included 3-Down for the first time – proving very popular, with wide appeal. The newly extended pétanque piste on the main lawn improved the elbow room for playing two games at a time. WNC is to be congratulated for being such welcoming hosts, for the energy, ingenuity and for such a polished festival experience.

Claire, WNC, Jan 2023

If you go down to the park today...

Aside from the obvious reasons for being a nudist, when swimming there is added: no wet togs or trapped sand; carefree sensuality and the possibility of a good story!

Nowadays when people ask if I'm retired I say, "No, just tired." The question is quite reasonable as I look old enough to qualify for Super, but the government's view about what the age to stop working, varies. So my wife and I still work part time, although Father Time has gone easier on her: she still looks as good as when we first met. My tiredness refers is more of an unwillingness to keep lugging away as a forestry worker come fire-fighter after 40+ years.

We live mostly on a spectacularly unproductive, but private, block of land, off the grid, east of Whangarei; or otherwise on a yacht we keep in the Bay of Islands. Our choice of whether or not to wear clothes in either location is just dependant on temperature, work, or a rare likelihood of visitors. Using a chainsaw nude tends to be more nerve wracking than pleasurable, and in normal summers, needing sun protection may be the priority. This summer has been a different kettle of fish.

If we are the sole boat in a bay I see no reason to cover up for newcomers: they don't have to anchor there. Often the sight of an older naked man is an effective method of keeping unwanted neighbours away. My wife generally takes a more modest approach. There's nothing perfect in this world but we do try to enjoy ourselves most of the time.

Once, at a nude resort in Mexico we found it deserted except for ourselves and the owners: a lovely lady cook and her husband, an American version of Basil Fawlty. Maybe Murph was going through difficult times thus perhaps a little uptight. The resort was for sale as he and his wife hoped to return to the States, however this had been nine years ago. A recent search of their website suggests that they are still there, and the reviews only speak well of (presumably) the same hosts...

The resort is located on a beautiful white sandy beach, and included a quaintly romantic jetty; thatch roofed shelter; tall palms and funky rustic bar slash restaurant. The bar was self-service most of the time, with an honesty system. There only being two guests, it wouldn't have required a particularly rigorous stock take to test the user's honesty.

Above the tide-line the beach was stunning, but under water a seagrass flat stretched out for more than a hundred metres at barely more than knee height; harbouring who-knows-what terrors, and we were in just about the remotest part of Mexico. With the owner presenting challenges such as a stern lecture about not dragging the plastic kayak a few metres across the sand; an even sterner lecture about the exact boundary where nudity was no longer acceptable; not to mention paranoia about somebody spying on his internet usage! Had we not been two fish out of water in a wholly Spanish speaking area desperate for any assistance in English; we might not have been quite so timidly compliant.

However, less than a kilometre offshore was the world's second largest coral reef, extending nearly 1000km from the tip of the Yucatan peninsula to northern Honduras. In the lagoon area between the reef and the seagrass flats were healthy coral outcrops and lots of fish.

The national park required a daily admission but this was easily obtained from the resort, proof of payment being by way of an arm-band. The resort owner advised that clothes were not required and gave tips about how to snorkel on the coral-heads from a kayak that he could hire. These tips were appreciated, as the prospect of being way offshore, needing to cross big expanses harbouring unknown terrors, to get to land without a stitch of clothing, was not an appealing prospect. He also mentioned that a life jacket should be carried on the kayak.

Nevertheless, I did venture out on these excursions a few times; not just because the snorkelling was better than I had seen in Fiji, Bali or Thailand but also because I was obsessed with my fitness! I was concerned that sitting in the hot sun drinking volumes of Dos Equi Cerveza must prove detrimental to my girth and health. But snorkelling nude certainly beats the only alternative, required in the rest of the world.

Being a very isolated part of Mexico, it was quite unusual to see other human activity on the reef: an occasional fishing boat could pass but generally there was nobody. One day however, as I climbed back onto the kayak to return to the resort, an open aluminium boat with four people on board seemed about to pass by.



I hoped they'd pass at a distance but they kept coming toward me. At about a hundred metres I could see there was a boatman, a lady and two soldiers in army fatigues - carrying rifles. This was Mexico. I started to feel nervous. Being naked didn't help. I turned the kayak away from them in a pointless attempt to shield my nudity and flapped my arm-band hopefully to show my permission to be in their park. The two sullen soldiers looked like they would relish the any reason to open fire on any gringo menace to the park.

The lady called out in surprisingly good English, a welcome to the Parque Nacional Arrecifes de Xcalac but solemnly advised that a requirement was that a life jacket be worn at all times. I noted no evident life jackets on them, and felt I'd be slightly overdressed in a life jacket. But they had the rifles so I thought it best to just put it on; at which point the lady wished me a good day and we continued our respective ways.

Another time we went skinny dipping one New Year's Eve then couldn't find our clothes. While hunting through the dunes the likelihood of having to return to the party in the bollocky loomed as an uncomfortably strong prospect. But, eventually we found them.

At home one day my neighbour came round the corner while I was digging a drain in just my boots. He was way more embarrassed than I. He's chosen not to visit since. An easy way to get rid of an obnoxious prick, I thought.

It seems to me that some naturists can be a little too earnest; not so much in the clubs or resorts that I've been to, but on nudist beaches there can be stern frowns in a response to a friendly-intended wave. I do accept that most people are not looking for a new friend; but saying hello or parting with a smile is pretty cheap.

There seems to be an unwillingness to acknowledge that what we are doing may be a bit silly to many, but let's embrace the cheerful aspect and have a laugh. There's no need to be shy about what we enjoy. Phil Alley, Ngunguru

The message is getting thru!

Nar: In the Southland town of Gore, constable Amy Wright loves her job patrolling the highway. Southland scenery means extraordinary views.

AW: The scenery - I love the scenery down in Southland.

Nar: It's summer, but Amy's about to meet a driver who's decidedly deciduous.

AW: No, I haven't seen this car before, so... When they pull over pretty quick, they got nothing to hide.

Nar: Nothing to hide and nothing but hide. It's all skin from here on in.

AW: Hey. How are ya?

PM: Very well.

AW: Where's your shirt?

PM: Well, you're lucky I've got pants on.

AW: Oh, I *am* lucky that you've got pants on.

PM: Well I normally drive naked. It's nice and free.

AW: Oh do ya?

PM: Yes.

AW: Oh, well. It's my lucky day that you've got pants on, then. (chuckles)



PM: Yes, because it's not illegal to do it.

AW: Oh, no, it's not. Might be frowned upon but it's not illegal.

PM: I know. I'm in a nudist club.

AW: Are you, where's your nudist club?

PM: Aparima. I've just come from there.

AW: Have ya? Did you have a good day?

PM: I actually did. I've spent the whole weekend.

AW: The whole weekend at the nudist club?

PM: Yeah, not dressed. In fact we saw the new year in and went for a swim in the outdoor swimming pool.

AW: Oh. Well that's fantastic. Hey do you have your driver's license on ya?

Nar: Phillip's a full-time worker. Luckily for Amy he's a part-time nudist.

AW: So you're heading back to Dunedin today?

PM: Yeah, on my way back. I've gotta work tomorrow.

AW: I'll just get you to count to five for me please.

PM: Okay. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Nar: Amy's not scared of heights, but she didn't dare look down.

PM: There's no law about being naked. It's actually quite pleasant.

Nar: Warrant registration and breath test are all okay, so Phillip's free to drive all the way home with the top down.

AW: Just hope he's not gonna shock any other motorists and cause any road trauma. But I'm just glad that he had pants on. (chuckles)



Highway Cops, TVOne, Mar 13, 2030
<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/highway-cops/episodes/s7-e4>

HBNC Dodges a bullet!



I took the picture above about a week after the cyclone, and after a member there (Keith) had spent a couple of days scraping up the silt from the tennis court. He'd filled up two trailers and at this stage and was waiting for information on where it might be dumped.



It seemed to me that the water must have just missed reaching the bottom board of the external cladding. The floor inside Norm's Lodge seemed to be quite dry.



The spring water supply further up hill, though had obviously swept right through and across the grounds, making a bit of a mess of the culvert supports for the road opposite the club's front fence.

(Yes, that's my late lamented car parked up beside the club entrance. I wrote it off on the trip to the South Island a couple of weeks later...)

(JL)

WORLD NAKED BIKE RIDE – TAKAKA, NEW ZEALAND 4th MARCH 2023

After the disruptions to the WNBR schedule over the last couple of years due to the government regulations and the last ride being only four months before, the numbers coming for the ride this time was uncertain. Also the weather forecast was less than favourable for the weekend.

However, Bryan had done a great job organising the event, making trips to the Bay to arrange sponsors and promote the ride. On the day the weather came right and we had about 40 to 45 riders.



Photos: Brent Anderson

People were asked to meet at the Tarakohe Boat Harbour at 1pm for body painting so the ride would start at 2pm. At 1:40pm when I got there the eager Bryan was already giving his pre-ride briefing and we were on our way.



We headed around the bays with photos taken as we passed the “Watch Out For Bikes” sign to a regroup at the Pohara Hall, then through Pohara to cheers from people at the motor camp and Molly B’s Bar (one of the ride sponsors) before stopping at the beach at the western end of Pohara for another regroup. Then it was up the bike path, set up after previous rides and input from locals, to Motupipi, where with careful traffic management we crossed the road to the Kiwi Spirit Distillery.



Kiwi Spirits were our hosts for the official end of the ride and prize-giving. They put on fruit punch using their spirits (rumoured to be 20% alcohol) and finger food for the riders. Good fun being at a distillery having drinks and socialising in the nude. There were some members of the public who happened to be visiting at the time, but didn’t have an issue with the large group of naked people.



Bryan had done a great job getting sponsorship from local businesses like the Mussel Inn, Dangerous Kitchen, Molly B’s the Kiwi Spirit Distillery etc. Bryan gave out vouchers for best body paint, best message, furthest traveller, oldest and youngest riders etc.

Once proceedings had wound down people started to head off, but most wanted to continue naked, so one group headed up to Autumn Farm, another group went down to Pohara, while some went back to the boat harbour, with some stopping for a swim. The weather was still good and the water warm so it was a rather pleasant swim.

Later people gathered at Autumn Farm for a BBQ and Bryan wanted to take photos of bike riders in the dark to be used for publicity for the 20th Anniversary ride next year, but by the time darkness fell most people had headed off to where they were staying.



On the Sunday there was meant to be a beach walk from Wainui Bay to Taupo Point, but rain came in and the walk had to be cancelled. A group of us went up to the Mussel Inn for lunch, then the sun came out so we decided to go for a walk to Milnthorpe Reserve. We walked from the carpark to the beach where some of us decided to strip, but the rain came again; so it was back to the Mussel Inn for fresh drinks!

It was a great weekend of socialising, promoting body acceptance, cycle safety and reducing oil dependence. Brent A

WNBR Golden Bay Mar 4, 2023

It was all fun again for the annual World Naked Bike Ride near Takaka! Tourists, locals and naturists grouped on the roadside at Port Tarakohe and the body painting started in preparation for the long slow 9km ride through the busy Pohara beach settlement.

As this ride is now 19 years old here, the locals were out on force cheering us on as usual until reaching the famous Kiwi Spirit Distillery at Motupipi. This was again our finishing point with cocktails and nibbles generously supplied to the very weary and laughing riders. Big thanks to organiser Bryan Badger and the many local sponsors keeping this a free, open major event on the naturist calendar.

It will be big next year on the 20-year anniversary.

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Top: the iconic event photo, Bottom: Body preparation, Middle: anyone's guess!

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It was a very stormy night here on the Northern Hauraki Plains on the eve of the 2023 World Naked Bike Ride, due to kick off at 10:30 a.m. at Bowentown Park. In fact the wind and driving rain woke me up at 1:20 a.m. and I hoped the advice given by the nice folks at the Met office would prove to be accurate - that the front would pass by dawn and all would be well.

And it was! The 60 minute drive down to the event venue saw rapidly clearing skies and by the time I arrived at 9:30 it was a lovely sunny morning. Charles and Kelvin were already there and had the gazebo set up. All I had to do was to get the banner set up, rig the tailing vehicle with sign and flashing beacon, splash body paint on and sort out the sound trolley - this time to be towed by the electric scooter, as last time it proved a bit too heavy for a bicycle to tow.

I was slightly apprehensive about the scooter's range. The manufacturer's specs claimed 15 Km. The WNBR route is 12.5 Km, but with pulling the extra heavy weight I wasn't so sure. Of course, if the battery did decide to die, it would likely be pretty close to the finish anyway. But as it turned out, the scooter finished the course with over half battery life remaining! I suspect the relatively slow pace and almost flat and smooth course worked in its favour.



Made it! And with battery to spare!

The ride itself took to the streets on time at 11:30 a.m. to the sound of Queen's "Bicycle Race", The Mixtures "Pushbike Song", Nat King Cole's "Bicycle Built for Two" and Shonen Knife's "Cycling Is Fun." And it was great to see a bit more effort by the riders to get into the spirit of the ride with placards and body-painted messages promoting the cycle-safety message. After all - this was never intended to be a nudist event. In fact, while naturists and other clothing-optional advocates try to avoid upsetting anyone with their lack of attire, this protest ride uses nudity as an intention to shock! Because the common excuse given by motorists who strike and injure - or even kill - a cyclist is that they didn't see the rider, the message of the protest event is, "If I take my clothes off and ride naked, I bet you can see me now!"



Keith leads the way ... and we're off!

A notable improvement on the last ride in November was the lack of agro, derogatory remarks or negativity from the public. Not one! And there were also no problems or impatience from motorists as they passed the riders. Folks were out on their balconies and on the street watching the naked riders cycle past them. The shopping precinct on Wilson Road was also buzzing with bystanders cheering and waving. Matt, our videographer, managed to grab a few interviews on camera with some of the townsfolk. One lady remarked, "It made my day!"



"It made my day!" said the lady pointing

After riding around the block, via Citrus Ave, Otto Road, and Snell Crescent, we headed back towards Bowentown along the foreshore roads and Island View Reserve, then taking the cycle trail back to the finish line. We arrived back at Bowentown Park on time and with no casualties. While numbers were down compared to last year, with only 20 riders, it was great to see several new faces - some riding for their very first WNBR event and even their first time being naked in a public space!

After packing down the venue site, it was time for some lunch, a swim, relaxation and socialising across at the beach under a nice warm sunny sky.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the event - both riders and support crew.

Thanks also to Matt, who superbly captured the event on video. You can watch it on our Youtube channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVnwjHpXPHo>

We'll be back for the next one on 16 March 2024. Plan to be there! If you've never done a WNBR before, you really should give it a go!

Andrew Cook



Infectious Disease is Destroying NZ Naturism

Fellow naturists, I am concerned about the growing spread among many female naturists of the highly infectious disease – sarongitis. This insidious disease has become a pandemic that has sadly destroyed most naturist clubs across The Ditch and now threatens to do the same here in NZ. I have mentioned this concern previously, but sadly, nothing has changed - in fact it has got worse.

Sarongitis is a gender specific disease which seems to mainly affect the logic and sensitivity regions of the female brain. Epidemiologists have classified this infection, caused by wearing a sarong, however it can be caused by other forms of clothing such as a long t-shirt, or wrap, etc. Sadly, the afflicted fail to recognise the lack of logic of being clothed but thinking she is naked. Added to this affliction of logic, is the loss of sensitivity to the feelings of those around her. Thankfully, science has also discovered a partial cure for sarongitis, it's called; '50+ sunscreen', and it's readily available without a medical prescription.

I have been a member and club executive of naturist/nudist clubs throughout Australasia for over 60 years and for 20 of those years published a highly successful naturist magazine (TAN) which had a world-wide distribution, that enabled me to visit hundreds of naturist clubs around the globe. I was honoured with Life Membership of the Australian Naturist Federation and I've been a member of Pineglades, for the past 15 years. However, over the past few decades I have noticed the growing spread of sarongitis, which peculiarly seems to only have infected Southern Hemisphere naturists. Sadly, this disease has caused the demise of almost all genuine naturist clubs in Australia, and the virtual demise of the Australian Naturist Federation (ANF) as an organisation.

Sarongitis first hit Australia at an annual ANF Rally in the mid 90's. Members of Rosco Club in Newcastle all wore long t-shirts 24/7 to boast their club affiliation at the NUDIST rally. As an executive member of the ANF at the time I tabled my concerns for this apparent incongruity. Little was done then and sarongitis quickly spread to all ensuing rallies. By the early 2000's the ANF Rallies were no more, as no one could see the logic in travelling hundreds of kilometres to attend a NUDIST rally when most attendees were clothed. To my dismay it also now threatens to do the same in NZ unless we act quickly and decisively. Genuine naturists are not exhibitionists and eventually become frustrated at being continually exposed

to the gaze of non-naturists. Eventually, they see no reason to go to a naturist club to feel embarrassed and coerced into wearing clothes - so they stop going.

Curiously, the spread of sarongitis seems to have been accentuated by the recent covid pandemic. In the three years since I was able to get back here to Pineglades I was amazed at the insidious increase in the spread of sarongitis. Previously, even some who I thought to be genuine naturist members of Pineglades have sadly since been infected. Since the start of summer, we've been mainly blessed with ideal naturist weather, yet invariably even on the most perfect days, with plenty of shade and sunshine, more than half of those on the grounds wore clothes.

Although in recent years I haven't had the opportunity to visit other NZ clubs, I suspect the disease has got its ugly tentacles into most other kiwi clubs. I was asked by the NZNF to judge the best news letters from around the country over the past year for awards at the recent NZNF Rally and AGM. Although impressed with the quality of publications I also noted the profusion of club photographs featuring women infected with sarongitis.

It seems the only solution might be that taken by some clubs during the Covid pandemic. Only accept membership from those who can prove by their behaviour that they're inoculated against the disease and for current members, isolation until the infection has left the poor member's brain. Whether this isolation involves the refusal to enter club grounds or banishment to their bach, until they are cured, is up to the vote of non-infected club members. Expecting infected members to vote rationally on this issue is obviously irrational.

It's obvious that naturism now only attracts an aging population and as we age our bodies no longer reflect the person we envisage ourselves to be. Women in particular are very body-image conscious; a fault in general society. Unfortunately many women become sensitive to appearance as she ages. Hence a desire to cover up. However, genuine naturists understand that it is not the body but the person who matters. The quintessential beauty of naturism is the shared vulnerability, mutual respect and opportunity for true egalitarianism of the sexes. This beauty of naturism once attracted thousands to their local clubs in decades past. Unfortunately, the spread of sarongitis has now virtually destroyed most genuine naturist clubs.

I am not an exhibitionist - I am a naturist! There is a distinct difference between the two. When surrounded by people wearing clothes one is made to

feel like an exhibitionist and this is very disconcerting for genuine naturists who just wish to enjoy the wonderful aesthetics of a naked lifestyle. Clothing-optional clubs don't work - never have - never will, because they attract the wrong types: voyeurs and exhibitionists. Most Kiwi clubs are now clothes-optional - does no one see the danger?

As a naturist I don't need to see people naked - I just feel uncomfortable seeing them clothed. If they're not willing to abide by the club rules and continue to wear clothes in a naturist environment, why are they here? There is the one obvious and unsettling voyeuristic reason, which should be reason enough to terminated their membership. Another reason is that these people are simply rude and insensitive to the feelings of others. If non-naturists are simply living on grounds purely for cheap accommodation, then refuse their next annual application.

It's worth noting that our sarongitis infected members are discouraging new members. Why would a genuine naturist visitor want to join when they notice that most people are clothed. It is intimidating enough to take your clothes off for the first time in a naturist environment but especially so when most around you are clothed. This is especially so for females who wish to join us, but realise that if they do go naked, they'll be one of the very few who are. I take my hat off (no pun intended) to our genuine female naturists, who, despite intimidation from textile females, continue to embrace true naturist ideals.

If clubs are concerned about the sensitivities of these insensitive textile people and decide to tolerate their presence, then one other solution is possible. Just as there's a mandate of nudity only in the pool, why not extend this policy for all adult members, to a specific central area in their club. This area can then be enjoyed by genuine naturists for sports, recreation and socialising. If someone feels the need to cover up due to excess sun or feeling cold, they can shelter in their bach or caravan, or simply go home.

The NZNF is currently considering a Code of Conduct for all NZNF affiliated clubs. I suggest only those who can demonstrate genuine naturist ideals; that include a sensitivity and consideration for the feelings of others, should be high on that list.

I realise there is an element of flippancy in this letter, but I hope the reader also recognises the consequences for this club, as evidenced at dozens of other now defunct clubs, if we do nothing.

"Those that fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it." Winston Churchill

Dr Les Rootsey

Naturism is a state of mind

As a long term Pineglades member I've decided I need to respond to the letter titled *Infectious Disease Is Destroying Naturism*, written by Dr Les Rootsey.

I've been a member of Pineglades my entire life. My parents joined Pineglades before I was born. I was raised a naturist and spent some of my teenage years living on the grounds. I am now only a few years off 50 so feel I have enough lived experience to comment on what naturism means and what my experience has been as a female member of this naturist club.

To me naturism is a state of mind not a state of attire. A genuine naturist is indifferent to whether another person is clothed or not. People are valued for their personality, ethics and moral values, not externalities. Part of the beauty of the naturist mentality is that everyone's equal regardless of financial background, your job, or your suburb.

In 2009 Glenne Findon was interviewed on RNZ as part of the promotion of Go Natural Week. At the time of the interview she was Communications Officer for the NZNF. In it she states "After a while you don't actually notice whether people have got clothes on or not". Her view of naturism seems to align with the concept I was raised with. The full interview is worth listening to and still very relevant as the concept of naturism in NZ has not changed. <https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/nineteenonon/audio/2103412/naturism-in-nz>

For those that do not know, Glenne is the person who wrote the wording for Pineglades' website when she was a member and our PR person. If you look at the *About Naturism* section on our website you will notice that one of the points is "Freedom to live in a state of undress whenever you like, for as long as you like, amongst like minded people".

For naturists, clothing is a functional item and is not used to represent status or as a fashion statement. Clothes protect us from occupational hazards, weather, heat, dust, rain and cold.

You might notice that naturist women are less inclined to wear large amounts of make up or jewellery than the general population. This is because another aspect of naturism is being our natural selves without adornments.

Wearing clothes when appropriate has always been the case at Pineglades as far back as I can remember. The founding members of our club wore clothes when it was appropriate as is evidenced in our historical photos. In the 1980's it was common for women to wear sarongs and men to wear kaftans or long t-shirts when they needed to cover up, so the wearing of sarongs is nothing new.

There has never been a requirement for members to go nude all of the time at Pineglades but that does not make us a clothing optional facility. There are rules about not wearing an item like a bikini. I'm quite certain, that none of us are under the false impression that we are nude when we are not.

In the 80's and 90's when we had roughly double the number of members it was common for people to sunbathe at their bach, caravan or tent site. Some members would put clothing on to go to the clubhouse later in the day to socialise. A large number of our evening social events have always been fancy dress. No one has ever been forced to leave the grounds when they put clothing on. Pineglades is open year round, it only makes sense to wear what is appropriate to the weather conditions.

Naturism is a way of life that promotes a healthy body and mind. Part of maintaining a healthy body includes responsible sun exposure and trying to ensure that you do not get sunburnt. Sunscreen often does not provide sufficient protection to replace clothing. Last year multiple Consumer NZ tests showed that many sunscreens on the market don't meet their SPF label claims. Some people are not able to use sunscreen. Other reasons to seek protective clothing may be that you are doing work around the grounds and don't want to risk getting injured. That it is cold and you don't want to risk illness. That you have a medical condition that prevents you exposing part of your skin to the sun. That there are normal biological functions you happen to be experiencing at a particular time that necessitate you to cover part of your body for both your own and others comfort. Some people need to wear some form of clothing on part of their body for medical reasons when doing strenuous exercise such as playing miniten. There are a variety of reasons that a naturist might put on clothes of some sort at any particular time, but this should never require the wearer to explain to others why they have done so.

Dr Rootsey has observed that naturists cover their skin more often in the Southern Hemisphere but does not seem to understand the logic of this. Due to a number of scientific factors, the UV index is significantly higher in the southern hemisphere summer than it is in the northern hemisphere summer. Australia and New Zealand have the highest rates of skin cancer in the world as a result.

To quote Dr Rootsey "The quintessential beauty of naturism is the shared vulnerability, mutual respect and the opportunity for true egalitarianism of the sexes."

Firstly, I would suggest that naturists don't remove their clothing in situations where they feel vulnerable, especially not female naturists. We are more inclined to seek areas that feel safe, where our privacy is respected; to practice naturism.

Secondly, egalitarianism is the doctrine that all people are equal: thus deserving equal rights and opportunities. Perhaps Dr Rootsey might like to reflect on his letter and realise that what he is advocating for most strenuously, is for women to be forced to be naked at all times that they're visible at Pineglades. He goes so far as describing methods to achieve this end that could only be described as coercion. He says nothing about men who cover their skin with long shirts, wraps, etc, also needing to be naked.

Dr Rootsey talks about the aesthetics of a naked lifestyle. Aesthetic things are appreciated for their visible beauty. I would suggest that naturists do not gaze at naked bodies to appreciate their beauty at all. Naturists are not at naturist clubs to see people naked.

Naturism is about body positivity and acceptance of what is natural, which in turn promotes positive mental health. There are no expectations for anyone to fit societal beauty standards. Family naturist venues have bodies of all shapes and sizes, and all stages of life. At Pineglades we have almost always had a few members who have had scars from surgeries or limb amputations. Occasionally we have had transgender or non-binary people within our membership or as visitors. No one should ever feel out of place at Pineglades regardless of their physical traits. You're more than just a body, you are a person.

Dr Rootsey believes that a habit of wearing clothes when it's felt necessary is discouraging new members. Our increase in new members in the last two years doesn't validate his belief. I've often heard comments from new prospective members that they feel better starting out seeing that there is no pressure to take your clothes off straight away. The pandemic has actually had the positive effect of helping people realise that physical and mental health are important aspects in life that they need to focus on more. The result of this is people of all ages seeking to join naturist clubs.

I'll finish off with the following description of naturism from the NZNF.

"Naturism is a way of life in harmony with nature, expressed through social nudity, linked to self-respect, and tolerance of differing views together with respect for the environment".

Perhaps a little more tolerance of differing views, is what is needed.

Respectfully, Vanessa

Hello from a Naturist World

We are Anna and Steve and we run www.anaturistworld.com. At the start of 2023 we began a working relationship with NZNF and we would love to tell you a little bit about ourselves and ANW. We have two children 13 and 10. We live in Cornwall, UK and have been naturists ever since we met in 2007. Our sons have been brought up with naturism as part of their lives. Both visited their first naturist beaches before being one month old.

Early in our relationship we felt frustrated by the lack of good information and the misuse of naturism on the internet. Genuine naturists were hard to find on social media and although some great websites existed, like **gonatural**, we found that these were only relevant to specific areas and naturists. We started looking at the bigger picture thinking if we wanted to find a way to communicate suitably with other naturists, and share information, then so would others.

After sometime planning we started building ANW and we realised that we had to become used to sharing our naturism with others on the internet and find out if other real naturists wanted to do the same. In 2016 we began using social media purely as naturists and in 2018 we were blogging and vlogging as “A Naturist Family” gathering quite a following. We were also living in sunny Spain.

We spent 10 months compiling an “Explore” area that currently has 4084 pages devoted to individual beaches, clubs, venues and other opportunities around the world. We believe this is the most comprehensive list available and we are always looking for new additions. In May 2020 we launched ANW. We transferred our existing blogs and videos to the site. Many of our blog followers joined ANW continue to communicate almost daily. We consider them friends despite some being in countries we have never visited. Our family situation has guided ANW. “Family friendly” is the key ingredient keeping ANW respectful of naturism.

Covid and Brexit encouraged us to return to the UK at the end of 2020. Since then we have continued to work 365 days a year on ANW and grab naturist adventures when we can, sharing them with fellow members. We have now written around 200 different pieces for the ANW but we are only a small part of the community. Other members create blogs and articles too. There is a forum. Members run groups, vote in polls, share albums and add to the main activity feed.

Hi John.

I found this article on the ANW community chest with the attached URL

<https://www.anaturistworld.com/public-article/46168/the-community-chest>

It is a stunning piece of work... you'll never get it all into a newsletter but you'll have to try.

Allan

Thanks Allan, yes I had a look but no, it is too big for **gonatural** - but I'm quite happy to pass the reference on, for everyone. JL



There are many aspects to ANW. Like naturism in the news and in art, a body reference library for artists, various community projects and we run virtual meet sessions.

Importantly people make friends. Today ANW has 9400 members from all over the world. Our priority is sensible growth encouraging real membership. We offer a free verification service to help build trust in each other. We only make money through honest membership support from individuals and bodies like NZNF. The majority of the site is free as we want as much information about naturism to be shared with as many people as possible but we have some areas and features that are restricted to subscribing members allowing for safer sharing and funding of the site. We do not have cookie style adverts and pop-ups. Your time on ANW belongs to you and is not sold to third parties. It is important that members feel secure. On the very few occasions that we have had complaints about others we act swiftly to ensure the community stays respectful of naturism.

We want to encourage existing naturists to connect and use opportunities out there, but we also want to encourage new people to naturism. We have many thousands of followers across social media and share “public” articles and interviews about naturism that can be read without joining ANW. We have had 100 000 reads since starting this initiative around half a year ago. Our hope is to encourage more and more people to not just try naturism but to also understand it and respect it.

I always send welcome messages to every new person signing up to ANW so if you read this and you are inspired to join then please do say “Hello” and reply to my introduction. Thanks for reading Anna (Steve and boys).

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First are all the ('landed') clubs (Alpine Lakes is an exception) then are listed the known privately operated venues, ending with the National organisations. * Indicates an ad elsewhere.

Please note that the host being visited has complete authority over any visitor - the ID's do not bestow in any 'rights' whatever, over the host's absolute authority.

There'll soon be a curated set of both club and homestay facilities available intended to help travellers and visitors evaluate their accommodation options for their own tours - see p17.

Naturist Federation Members

1. Alpine Lakes Naturist Club, Central Otago, Alan 022 603 1439, alpinelakes@gonatural.co.nz
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2. * Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club PO Box 95235, Swanson, Waitakere 0653, 09 833 9209 www.aonc.nz
3. * Auckland Sun Club PO 755A West Coast Rd, Oratia, Auckland 0604, 09 814 9973 asc@gonatural.co.nz
4. asc.gonatural.co.nz
5. * Bay of Plenty Sun Club Inc. PO Box 838, Whakatane, 3120, 027 440 5157 bopsc@gonatural.co.nz
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6. Canterbury Free Beaches PO Box 20295, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543, 03 310 6447 fredbear@freebeaches.org.nz
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7. * Counties Sun Club 112 Ramarama Road, Ramarama, Drury RD3, Auckland 2579, 027 296 2795
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8. * Hawkes Bay Naturist Club 1504 Glengarry Road, RD 2, Napier 4182, 027 450 0557 HBNC@gonatural.co.nz
hawkesbay.gonatural.co.nz
9. * Katikati Naturist Park 149 Wharawhara Road, RD2, Katikati, 3178, Chris Novis, 0800 456 7567 katikati-naturist-park.co.nz - info@katikati-naturist-park.co.nz
10. * Manawatu Naturist Club Inc. PO Box 980, Palmerston North, 4440, 027 390 4428 pro@mannatclub.com
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11. * Nelson Sun Club PO Box 33, Upper Moutere, Nelson 7144, 027 710 8025 secretary@nelsonnaturally.co.nz
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12. * Orchard Sun Club Inc. 23 Harwood St, RD 2, Dunedin 9077, 022 478 0903 windfallsutton@gmail.com
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14. Rotota Sun Club Inc. PO Box 1164, Taupo 3351, 07 333 7105 rototasunclub@gonatural.co.nz rotota.gonatural.co.nz
15. * South Canterbury Sun Club PO Box 13, Geraldine 7956, 021 123 5904 scsc@gonatural.co.nz scsc.gonatural.co.nz
16. Southern Free Beaches www.facebook.com/southernfreebeaches 027 471 8941 southernfreebeaches@gmail.com
17. * Southern Naturally 329 Guise Road, RD1 Otautau, 9689, 027 224 2724, southernnaturally@gonatural.co.nz
18. * Taranaki Naturists Club 297 Brown Rd, RD42, Waitara, 4382, 027 439 0543, 027 542 1813, 027 444 2941
taranaki.naturists.club@gonatural.co.nz taranakinaturistsnz.com
19. * Waikato Outdoor Society Inc. PO Box 619, Hamilton 3240, 027 631 6883 waikato.outdoor@gonatural.co.nz
waikato.gonatural.co.nz
20. * Wellington Naturist Club 20 Molloy's Road, Te Marua, Upper Hutt 5018, 027 330 6212
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National Naturist Organisations

1. * Free Beaches NZ PO Box 20295, Bishopdale, Christchurch 8543, 06 879 9262, 03 310 6447
fredbear@freebeaches.org.nz freebeaches.org.nz
2. * NZ Naturist Federation PO Box 619, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240, gonatural.co.nz (shop)
3. * NZ NUDVAN PO Box 619, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240, nudvan@gonatural.co.nz nudvan.gonatural.co.nz

Non-Federation options

1. Autumn Farm 37 Central Takaka Rd, Takaka 7183, stay@autumnfarm.com (03) 525 9013
2. Bay of Plenty Naturists Bethlehem, Tauranga, bopnaturists@gmail.com www.bopnaturists.blogspot.com
3. First Light Mangawhai Jude Road, Mangawhai, firstlightmangawhai@gmail.com 021 544 820
4. Hauraki Naturally 1094 SH 25, Andrew Cook, haurakinaturally.nz haurakinaturally@gmail.com (07) 211 9106
5. * Marble Hills Retreat, 78 Moss Road, Marahau, Motueka Michael & Elaine Fry, kmfry@farmside.co.nz (03) 527 8212
6. Mapua Leisure Park 33 Tory St, Mapua, Nelson, bookings@mapualeisurepark.co.nz (togs optional February & March)
7. Northland Naturists Whangarei, nothlandnaturists@gmail.com (09) 438 7163, 027 483 1724
8. Paradise 33c Poplar Lane, RD 3, Kerikeri 0293, Brian & Heather Moore, hobohm19@gmail.com, 021 0274 7407
9. Parakai Springs 150 Parkhurst Rd Parakai, info@parakaisprings.co.nz 0800 468 768
10. Rosco & Raewyn Ostrich & emu Ltd, 388 Kaimaumau Rd, RD1, Awanui, ostemu@gmail.com (09) 406 8807



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