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NEW ZEALAND NATURIST FEDERATION



On Tuesday evening, a well-known and respected member of our community, David Saunders, said his final goodbye to this earth.

David was a member of Pineglades for 50 years, having joined when he was 21 as a Canterbury University law student. He also served on the NZNF for 4 years - 2 years as SIVP and 2 years as NZNF President, before retiring at the recent AGM held in December. He was the president of Pineglades, but even after that, continued to support the club and committee.

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IN LOVING MEMORY



David was a district court judge for 27 years before retiring a few years ago. Being a retired judge, David could offer his expertise and skills in the field of legal advice and assistance to clubs, and in particular, to assist clubs and the NZNF with updating their constitutions for the new Incorporated Societies Act.

Even after the recent AGM when he was no longer NZNF President, David still helped the naturist cause. In his last message that he sent to me a few weeks ago, he offered to have the plaque engraved for Orchard Club's 50th anniversary, and mentioned his wish to present it to Orchard Club, as past NZNF President, and a longstanding supporter of the club. (this was sadly right before his health deteriorated and he was hospitalized).

David was a very knowledgeable, generous and kind person, always thinking about the welfare of others and the naturist cause. I could always ask him for advice anytime, as others did, since he was a very approachable person, always willing to listen.

Though most of us were aware that David had cancer, the shock of losing him so soon is difficult to comprehend, and we especially think of Donna, his wife, and his children and grandchildren during this difficult time, as we carry them in our hearts and thoughts.

The NZNF had postponed sharing the sad news for a few days, to provide some privacy for his family in their time of bereavement. David offered an immense amount of devotion to Pineglades, the clubs, and the NZNF, but he was also a beloved husband, father and grandfather, and it's the little things that will be missed most about him.



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From a personal level, one of my last memories of David was at the recent NZNF Festival at Pineglades, where he let my son drive his train set, and remarked on how his grandson loves driving it. In some ways I feel that he was like a "fatherly" figure to most of us.

David's energy and contributions are edged into the naturist community, and it will stay on, for us to keep and to build upon, as we will cherish his memory - today, tomorrow and always. His life on this earth may have come to an end, but his memory never will.

Here's to David Saunders.

Alice De Wet, 20 Feb

A new year with new challenges awaits us and I am happy to step into the role of NZNF president alongside, what I think is a fantastic executive team and an amazing federation of clubs and groups. We already had our first exec zoom meeting in Feb (next one to be held in March) and I enjoyed being part of a meeting with good communication and passion. I would like to thank the exec for putting up their hands and for bringing everything they can to the table.

As I mentioned at my speech at the opening festival of the NZNF: each president will give something different because we all have different talents and strengths to offer, to add new bricks to an existing foundation.

It is important to me that the NZNF supports all the clubs/parks, groups and Free Beaches. No single club is the same as another club, and yet they are all similar in spirit, atmosphere and energy. It is also important to me that the NZNF offers equal support to both the North and South Island. Some may not know that, even though I live in Auckland, I stayed in CHCH for almost 2 years prior to moving to Auckland over 14 years ago. The SI was our first home in New Zealand, and therefore carries a very special place in my heart, even though my home is in Auckland.

On an INF level, I am (and have been) attending regular zoom meetings with the newly formed INF communications group. I have also had a meeting with the INF president (Stephane) and the new ANF president (Shazz), both of which were very amicable chats and I find that, even though we are many miles apart in distance, all naturist federations share the same values and principles.

I would like to express our sincere gratitude to David Saunders for his exceptional contributions as President of the NZNF over the past two years and as SIVP for the two years prior.



I would also like to thank Murray Nash for his many contributions as the Digital Platforms Coordinator for the NZNF. He will, however, continue to assist Dion in the Digital Platforms role, specifically focusing on email maintenance for all clubs.

A heartfelt thank you to Pineglades for an amazingly spectacular NZNF Festival! I attended the first three days, and the New Year's party in particular, was exceptional, with a lively crowd and live band in the Marquee welcoming 2025! Special thanks to Donna from Pineglades and her team for their hard work and for making everyone feel welcome. I don't think we can appreciate how much work, effort and planning went into that week of festivities. Unfortunately, my family and I had to leave after 3 days but we are thankful to have been able to share in the joy, spirit and wonderful memories that we can all treasure, of the 2024 NZNF Festival. Well done Pineglades! What a show!

As you all know, Jude from WNC has kindly put up her hand for the Gonatural Nudesletter Editor, and I have all the confidence in her abilities. Please continue the momentum by sending her your contributions.



PRESSIE'S PIECE (CONT)

On a sad note: Wilma S, has resigned as NZNF Marketing Manager. She had expressed her struggles in the marketing role at the AGM and had recently decided that she no longer wishes to continue. Having been the NZNF Marketing Manager myself in the past, I can appreciate that it is a challenging role, with no clear/specific guidelines. Perhaps, over time, we may look at ways to improve the role and guidelines of the Marketing portfolio.

Murray Nash has proposed at the recent AGM, that the NZNF launch a (paid) TV advertisement, after which a yearly budget was approved and set aside for Marketing. We appreciate Murray's enthusiasm for this and the research he has done and the Exec has invited him along to our upcoming half-year meeting to discuss and to plan a launch of advertising.

I have also done two interviews this year that came my way, on Stuff and on More FM Radio. Personally, I do believe that there are naturist families out there – we just need to reach out to them. Look at the 60's through to the 90's – each club was packed with families. The world may have changed since then but it does not mean that naturism is dead amongst the younger generation.

When we joined AONC 6 years ago with my family, there were no other families except one. Now, there are several families and children at the club. Off course, safety always comes first, but that is a given at any naturist club/place in NZ, for all naturists to want to feel safe and comfortable in a family friendly environment, regardless of their age. As I have already written a longer blurb than what I had planned (sorry Jude! 😊),

I want to finish off by saying that I would be happy to travel to and visit any NZNF club/park if I receive an invitation from that club (as much as is practically and financially possible, off course). Though I don't specifically intend to attend club's AGM's, Paul and Andrew are off course, happy to attend any club's AGM per invitation.

Lastly, I will leave you with a quote from J.K Rowling: "We are as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided" Regardless of our age, sex, background etc, we all have one thing in common, and that is to preserve the present and the future of naturism.

Alice De Wet
NZNF President



EVENTS COMING UP

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| 14-16 March | Orchard 50th Anniversary |
| 15 March | World Naked Bike Ride |
| 16 March/27 April | WNC Life Drawing |
| 26/27 July | ALNC Naked Dinner & Polar Plunge |
| November | WNC 75th Anniversary |

Let us know if there is an upcoming date you would like to include

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- * Promote health and fitness through cycling
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- * Improve mental health through body-positivity



Orchard Naturist Club 50th Anniversary

March 14th, 15th & 16th 2025

SCHEDULE OF WEEKENDS EVENTS

Friday - 5pm Happy Hour BYO

7.30pm 'Welcome'

Meet and greet

Saturday - 11am miniten

25th K-Cup Anniversary

5pm Happy Hour BYO & prize giving

7pm For the catered meal Dress Up Theme

is **SILVER & GOLD**

Raffles, Blind Auctions & celebrations!

Sunday - Pickleball competition

- Relax or play golf, pétanque,
kubb, have a swim, spa or sauna

**RSVP via email by 7th March 2025. Tent &
caravan sites still available so email
bookings.onc.park@orchard.gonatural.co.nz
OR send a message to 0274 436 127
\$60 per person plus accommodation.**

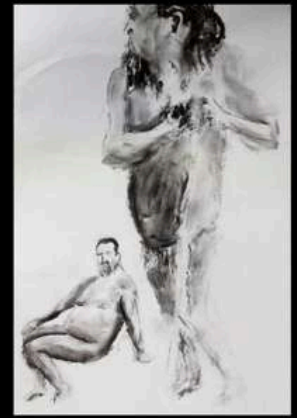
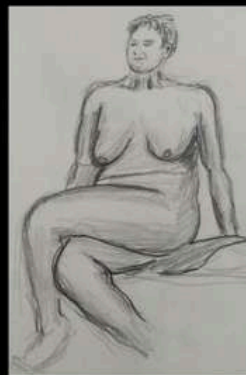


EVENTS COMING UP

LIFE DRAWING @WELLINGTON NATURIST CLUB

Sun 16th March 11am-
Sun 27th April 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.



Balloons Over Waikato

NEW ZEALAND

On 18 – 22 March there is an awesome hot air balloon festival happening. Come stay at WOS, go to the events then enjoy a lovely hot spa. There is a “Love the Centre Walk-thru Balloon” on the Saturday 15 March.

The link below will take you to the web site with all the information.

<https://balloonoverwaikato.co.nz/18-22-march-2025/>



ALPINE LAKES NATURIST CLUB

Invite you to join us for

THE NAKED DINNER 2025 PORTOBELLO HOTEL

2 Harrington Point Rd

Portobello, Dunedin

26 July 2025 6 pm onwards

Cost : \$75.00 per person

To book or enquire Contact

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Payment will need to be made by the 12 July to bank account Alpine Lakes Nudist Centre ANZ 11 8570 0092732 11. Unfortunately refunds for cancellations can not be made without 7 days notice prior to the event. Tony and Sarah are our hosts for the evening and guarantee you will all have a great evening. Seating is limited so get cracking and book yourself a seat. The team at Alpine Lakes N/C look forward to seeing you all.

On 30 December 2024, the NZNF “Come Fly with Us” flight carrying 126 passengers touched down at Pineglades.

The passenger list included members from different clubs from around New Zealand. All arrived with smiles on their faces, ready for a great time.

The marquee was set up on the main lawn area between the pool and tent alley and was the hub for all of the functions, and as dictated by the weather, some of the sports.

Day one consisted of the NZNF AGM, during which Alice was elected as the new national president. Following the AGM at 3 pm, the official opening ceremony was held, followed by The Party in the Park. Unfortunately, the weather made this The Party in the Marquee. Never mind, lots of fun and laughter was the theme for the remainder of the day.



Day two, New Year's Eve Day, saw the start of the sports competitions. Yet again, mother nature wasn't playing nicely and only indoor sports were able to be held.

The day was rounded off by the Out of Africa New Year's Eve party. The marquee was well decorated to reflect the African theme. There were so many amazing costumes. As usual, Mandy and Mark provided the music that had everyone up and dancing until the wee small hours.



Day three, New Year's Day, started with a catered brunch, and we saw the sport continue. Thankfully, mother nature decided to play nicely, and the outdoor sports commenced.



TOUCH DOWN AT PINEGLADES (CONT)

Day four, sports continued throughout the day, and the day rounded out with the Spanish-themed function. Again, the marquee was decorated to match the theme and everyone dressed in amazing costumes sipped sangria and danced the night away. Spanish music was provided by our very own resident DJ, Michael.



Day six saw all the sports completed, much to the delight of the organisers. The afternoon saw The Great Kiwi Bach and Garden Tour where visitors and locals alike were taken on a guided tour of a number of the local baches and gardens. The day rounded out with an empty your fridge pot luck dinner in the marquee.



Day five, sports continued with Mother Nature again allowing the outdoor sport. The day finished off with a catered dinner and the theme for the evening was Ooh-La-La France. Again, the marquee was decorated for the occasion and everyone went all out, and the costumes were amazing. DJ Michael provided some great French music to complement the evening.



Day seven, the final day. Mother nature got grumpy again and the medal presentations and closing ceremony were held in the marquee. The feedback from attendees during and after the ceremony was extremely complimentary of the whole festival.



TOUCH DOWN AT PINEGLADES (CONT)

The Festival Team

All of the above would not have been possible without the amazing team who donated so much time in ensuring the planning and success of this amazing event. There were so many others who also contributed throughout the festival in many key behind the scene roles to make this event such a success..



Summary

The entire event from go to woah was a huge success. The planning and details were second to none, and despite the weather, the positive comments received from those who attended were heartwarming. Thank you to everyone for all your support.





Nelson and Orchard Playing Around

Annual golf competition between Orchard Naturist Park and Nelson Naturist Park

The Nelson and Orchard clubs have much in common. Both are member-owned, set in rural locations south of Cook Strait and used to be identified by the potentially misleading euphemism 'sun club'. I'm pleased to report that in recent years both clubs have abandoned this outdated and term in favour of the more descriptive and accurate designation, "naturist park".

But aside from their locations, ownership and recent changes of nomenclature, the Orchard and Nelson clubs have something else in common; the two clubs possess the only clothes-free golf courses in the mainland. .



In the last five years the relationship between the two clubs has been enhanced with the reintroduction of an old tradition; an annual inter-club golf competition.

The first of the revived competitions was held at the Otago-based club in 2019 and the trophy and bragging rights were duly won by the visiting team. Since then, with a couple of interruptions for Covid, the competition has flip-flopped back and forth between the two clubs.

Last year I was part of a group from Nelson which made the trip south and was soundly beaten by the Orchardists (can I call them that?). This year, following the New Year festival at Pineglades, a group from the Orchard club continued north to spend the next weekend at our club.

Despite some unseasonably chilly and wet weather, as is usually the case when naturists get together, we had a great time socialising, dining together and sharing stories.

As for the golf itself, as always, the competition was light-hearted with teams having to complete a fun challenge after each hole. It was especially amusing to see some of the more competitive players handicapped by having to wear vision-impairing spectacles for most of their rounds.



And as for the results, when the scores were announced I'm pleased to report the home team took the honours and the cup has returned to Sunrise. Now all we have to do is get the trophy engraved. *Geoff*



Nelson Naturist Park



SILLY SPORTS @ SOUTHERN NATURALLY

Southern Naturally was the host club for the 'Silly Sports' which was once held by all four southern clubs, the Waitangi day giving us a long weekend enabling members of all four southern clubs to meet on our grounds.

We currently hold the trophy so we automatically became the host club. Weather wise, a perfect day: calm and hot, for fun and frolic all sorts silly sports above ground and in the pool.

Marking the field with spray marker for lawn darts and the hammer throw. In this case soft drink bottles were the darts.



The hot day drew crowds to the pool, some having to retrieve items from the pool floor of hit ducks bobbing on the surface. To score a duck had to be hit with a ping-pong ball.



Rolling up for a turn.



Golf along the rock paths was a 'hit'



Food always makes the occasion; Paua Patties



WAIKATO OUTDOOR SOCIETY MINI RALLY February 2025

Another great Waitangi weekend was enjoyed by a full house of visitors for the WOS Mini-Rally. This popular annual event again attracted keen naturists from various sectors of the country who were treated to a variety of games and social events with a festival and fun atmosphere prevailing throughout the five day event. The renown WOS hospitality included not only a great range of quality meals but an extravaganza of evening entertainment with an in house party band, Bingo and card games and even an outdoor movie theatre night.

The various games and events scheduled each day provided challenges and emerging champions along with fun and frivolity for one and all as old and new friends enjoyed rivalry of a special kind where the friendship, camaraderie and good natured banter is always flying high.

I can clearly see through my rose coloured glasses tuned by my tractor mechanic that the crew from WOS have a magic teamwork setup operating that allows them to run this annual naturist event so very well - so be sure to book yourselves a spot for next year.

Kevin M



THE ORANUI GAMES

The Oranui Games, held at Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club, is the club's biggest annual event. This year was no exception and we even ended up with almost more campsite bookings that what we could accommodate. This perhaps calls for additional camping to be set up for future Oranui Events, as the interest from other clubs and naturists to attend our yearly event is growing.

On Friday night the festivities already started with a big BYO social BBQ, followed by an opening ceremony on Saturday Morning (which included a speech from our Club Patron, Les Olsen).



The games were, as always, a blast and camaraderie and sportsmanship came alive as some talented members played it out to the bitter finals, earning their well-deserved medals (adults and children alike) at the closing ceremony on Monday. To all those who did not win any medals, we commend you for giving it your best shot and remember that there is always next year to give it another go! The weekend was not just about "serious" sports as we had lots of fun with the colour run (aka throwing powder paint at each other!), random wet sponge fights and the egg toss.



On Saturday evening we enjoyed a delicious dinner with "Make your own Burger night", arranged by Brad and his team, followed by Nude Bingo, hosted by Glenda (originally intended for outdoors but the weather decided that it needed to be held indoors).

On Sunday evening the party kicked off on a Greek Island, with our Toga event, and our own live music, performed by club member Hamish (who also happens to be a musician – how fortunate we are!). As we danced the night away, Rachael and her team set up some delicious supper finger foods.

Off course, no Oranui Games will be complete without the (compulsory) Auckland Anniversary showers. It has almost become a new way of "welcoming in" the weekend, by way of at least a bit of rain, followed by (mostly) sunshine, humid weather. Though games continued and some players improvised, by staying in club uniform (no getting wet clothes!) whilst others wore, erm, plastic rubbish bags. Lol!

The award for the best "stirrers" of the weekend (given to those who are the loudest and most spirited) was awarded to our group of (regular Oranui games) campers – Kim, Paul and their group of friends.

Whatever one chose to do at AONC on Oranui Games, fun was the theme of the weekend, and we hope to have an even bigger event next year, with perhaps more camping space for those from other clubs in NZ to join us.

Alice

AROUND THE CLUBS

WELLINGTON ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND JANUARY 2025

Friday night started off with the usual Fish n chips orders in by 6pm. Wow what a challenge for Brown Owl Fish Shop with 39 orders totaling over \$411 worth of fish and chips. Great start to the weekend.

Visitors from England and Australia helped fill up all available accommodation. The Australian guests were taken to Kaitoke Regional Park for a look at Rivendell, a Lord of the Rings movie set, a walk across the swing bridge and a short walk through native bush to see Wellington's original rain forest with impressive trees.

The flags flying at the gate entrance have been a hit with our international visitors.



Sunday morning the usual life art drawing class took place outside. Always new artists giving it a go as either models or artists.

Sunday after lunch saw the start of the annual single v married cricket match on the main lawn. Some interesting batting and bowling with a pickleball, ensuring no smashed windows in the clubhouse. The singles won by a narrow margin. Steve did a great job keeping score and ruling on some dubious actions and a brilliant catch by Wayne. Afternoon tea was also a great turn out with the tables being set up on the main lawn.

Monday saw the single v married swimming relay. Stunning day for it and so great to see everyone enjoying the fun. The marrieds won the relay. The biggest bomb also created a great deal of hilarity with one female trying a new technique of using a board under her body. Did not work and it was not the largest body that won. All in all a happy afternoon followed by cold mulled wine (it was too hot) for the competitors and also afternoon tea.

June



A scorcher of a day

It was a scorcher for the annual nude walk near Wainuiomata. Patrick did a great job organising the day and is a font of knowledge regarding the history of the water works and terrain. The walk covered 12km over well-formed access roads and included some of the best lowland native forest in the region.



Murray Nash awarded prestigious Pat Trott trophy for third time

At the Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Naturist Federation (NZNF), held on December 30, 2024, at the Pineglades Naturist Club, long-time contributor Murray Nash officially stood down from all NZNF Executive positions.

Murray has been a cornerstone of the Federation's digital presence, serving as the NZNF Internet Coordinator and later as the Digital Platforms Coordinator (DPC) intermittently since 1998. His dedicated service and commitment to naturism in New Zealand have left an indelible mark on the community.

To honor his exceptional contributions, Murray was awarded the prestigious Pat Trott Trophy for the third time. This coveted accolade recognises individuals or clubs that have gone above and beyond in providing outstanding service to naturism in New Zealand. Murray previously received this honor in 2010 and 2020, and his latest recognition highlights his enduring impact on the naturist movement.

While stepping back from executive responsibilities, Murray remains committed to supporting the new DPC, Dion, and offering his expertise to any club or individual seeking assistance. As Murray humorously remarked, "Some might say my skills are limited, but there you go."



The New Zealand Naturist Federation extends its heartfelt gratitude to Murray for his decades of service and looks forward to his continued contributions in a mentoring and advisory capacity.

Murray also received two certificates, one to go with the Pat Trott trophy and other for his services, again, as the Digital Platforms Coordinator



The changing online landscape and its' impact on naturism

I'm excited to have been elected to the NZNF executive team following 2024's AGM to the position of Digital Platforms Coordinator. I look forward to contributing my skills and background to the NZNF.



I want to thank Murray for staying on as "Digital Platforms Assistant" – he is still working hard and has been an enormous help. I also want to thank him for the incredible work he has done for the NZNF since the late 90s: so much of the email, website and IT infrastructure the clubs and the NZNF rely on was setup by him over the years. He has done – and continues to do – exceptional work. This is reflected by having been awarded the prestigious Pat Trott trophy for a third time in 2024.

The NZNF website <https://gonatural.co.nz> is often the first place overseas visitors look at when coming to our country. There is a directory of all our clubs <https://gonatural.co.nz/naturist-clubs>. Please let me know if any of your club details (phone number, secretary email etc) change: webmaster@nznf.nz. There is a blurb for each club too – if you want to update that, let me know.

You will also find recent news items, such as Alice's interviews with Moore FM and Stuff.co.nz on the news section <https://gonatural.co.nz/news>. If you have a major event please also let me know so I can add it here <https://gonatural.co.nz/news/tag/Events/>

So many important things have been happening in the online landscape since Dec 2024 that directly affect naturism – there is a need to talk about it, chiefly the censorship and removal of naturist content on the internet.

Early December 2024 I was woken in the wee hours of the night by my phone constantly beeping from notifications. It was from Facebook and Instagram – saying that numerous posts had been removed from the AONC Facebook page, as well as the "Go Naked NZ" Facebook page and Instagram accounts, for "sexually suggestive content". Some of these posts were dated back to 2017. Alice got similar notifications.

It soon became apparent that this was happening to naturist pages and groups everywhere. After a while, they were no longer just removing posts – we got notifications that the pages don't qualify for advertising or promotion, I got emails warning my personal account might get suspended or removed...

With this sudden escalation on censorship, the International Naturist Federation decided to act. With the support of the Human Rights Foundation, they compiled a letter – translated into several languages - with the input of naturist federations from across the world – including from Alice for the NZNF, signed by David (president at the time) – explaining what naturism is, why censorship of non-sexual nudity hurts not just our community but society in general and causes mental health issues and negative body images on a global scale.

On 7 January 2025 the letter was hand delivered to Mark Zuckerberg himself (Facebook/Instagram owner), as well as others in charge of Facebook. The open letter was also sent to the press. It was anticipated that the media would pick it up and publish something about it, but then something unexpected happened.

The changing online landscape and its' impact on naturism

Barely hours after the INF letter must have arrived at the Meta offices – Zuckerberg made a rare video appearance – and with a very straight and serious face – said that Facebook had become too strict, their moderation and censorship was too harsh. For a few moments it seemed that the INF letter had the desired effect!

But no, the move was largely political. They were moving the headquarters of their moderation teams from California to Texas – and they were gutting their fact checking teams across the globe. On the premise of free speech, they would essentially allow anyone to say virtually anything – no matter how untrue, sexist, violent or racist it might be – however, the community standards on nudity would remain in place.

This is similar to what happened to X (formerly Twitter) after Elon Musk – the world's richest man – purchased it. He removed fact checking and moderation from the platform. There is a key difference between Facebook and X – of course – in that X does allow nudity. This may therefore seem like a logical place for naturist content to migrate too, and in fact there are many Facebook pages on X already – but there are two major problems with this platform: Firstly, the toxicity. With no moderation – online bullying, sexism and racism are rampant.



Secondly, and probably more importantly, the inability of the platform to combat fake accounts. When Musk purchased Twitter, he fired almost half the staff and sent a letter to the remaining staff stating that he expected them to work “long hours at high intensity”, and that they were no longer allowed to work remotely, which led to mass resignations.

This left the remaining understaffed workforce unable to combat AI bots and other fake accounts. Musk later scrambled to hire back some of the staff he'd previously fired, but not surprisingly they weren't keen on returning.

At one point I did open an X account for “Go Naked NZ”. This was in Dec – following Facebook's censorship drive. Within weeks we had several hundred followers, but about 80% of these accounts were clearly fake – like big breasted bikini models and Nigerian billionaires. I even had Leonardo DiCaprio and Jacinda Ardern supposedly following the page. My news feed was filled with posts from Trump and Musk – even though I never followed their accounts – and also porn. I closed the account soon after and certainly wasn't going to recommend the NZNF starting an X account.

Then on Jan 22, two weeks after then INF letter – Facebook removed the biggest naturist page – Naked Wanderings. Several other naturist pages and groups have disappeared since then too.



However, there is hope. MeWe – an algorithm and censorship free platform – where the NZNF has its' own group, is growing. And more importantly, BlueSky has emerged. BlueSky, if you haven't heard about it, was started by original Twitter founder Jack Dorsey (although he is no longer involved) and has been growing by about a million users a day since mid-December.

So what happened to all those staff that Musk fired at X? Well, many of them ended up working for BlueSky. It is what X used to be, back when it was called Twitter. The INF, NZNF, “Naked Wanderings” and many other naturist groups have already set up pages there.

Whilst it doesn't censor nudity, when you first join it hides "adult" content – but you can switch this off in your user preferences, and it doesn't experience the problems X has with toxicity, fake accounts and pornography.

So it's been a wild ride, and I haven't even touched on all the drama's around TikTok which was taking place around the same time.

Of course Facebook is still – by far – the biggest kid on the block, and we will have to try to find a way to live by the bully's rules if we want to play on his street.

Follow/join the NZNF online:

Website: <https://gonatural.co.nz/>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/NZNaturistFederation>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nznaturistfederationgroup>

Instagram Page: <https://www.instagram.com/nz.naturist.federation>

Bluesky Page: <https://bsky.app/profile/gonatural.bsky.social>

Mewe Group: https://mewe.com/join/newzealandnaturistfederation1_

Terminology:, a "group" is a community where anyone can post and share content. A "page" is like a business website where the admins of the page push content. A "group" is private, whereas a "page" is public.

Nude Acrobatics

I would like to share a link to Nude Acrobatics, which was compiled by my late and dear friend Anna Cruse, (who passed away earlier this week after a long battle with cancer):

<https://gonatural.co.nz/uploads/Misc/NZNaturistAcrobatics.pdf>



Anna offered a few instructional classes in Acrobatics at Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club years ago (she also lived at Auckland Sun Club). She compiled this document and wanted us to pass it onto the NZNF at the time (in 2021), but shortly after was diagnosed with terminal cancer (I actually did not know about this document at the time, and it was never sent out due to her changing circumstances).

But I have, by some inexplicably strange way, acquired this document after her passing and feel that I need to share it with our community. Off course, this does not mean that I expect everyone to do naked acrobatics now and I can appreciate that it may be for some and not others, but I hope that this will encourage and inspire anyone to try new things and also to come forward and share their passions and talents within our naturist community, like Anna did.

Thank you,
Alice de Wet



NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA



Our naturist friends in Australia need our help. They desperately need more modernised laws that differentiates nudity from lewd behaviour.

Your support will help us present the petition to multiple key decision-makers, ensuring that naturist rights are heard at every level of government. With your signature, this petition will go to the right people, in the right places, to drive real change.

Why this petition matters

DRAFT BILL: AUSTRALIAN PUBLIC DECENCY AND NUDITY CLARIFICATION BILL 2025

An Act to Amend Relevant Legislation to Differentiate Between Public Nudity and Lewd Behaviour to Promote Clarity, Protection, and Inclusivity Across Australia

Preamble

This Bill recognises that nudity, as a form of personal freedom and expression, is distinct from lewd or obscene behaviour. Its purpose is to promote body positivity, personal autonomy, and cultural inclusivity while maintaining public order and protecting individuals from inappropriate conduct.





NZNF CLUBS/PARKS/GROUPS IN NZ

Auckland	Auckland Outdoor Naturist Club Auckland Sun Club Counties Sun Club	www.aonc.nz www.asc.gonatural.co.nz www.countiessunclub.com
Waikato	Waikato Outdoor Society	www.waikato.gonatural.co.nz
Bay of Plenty	Katikati Naturist Park	www.katikati-naturist-park.co.nz
Rotorua/Taupo	Rotota Sun Club	www.rotota.co.nz
Hawkes Bay	Hawkes Bay Naturist Club	www.hawkesbay.gonatural.co.nz
Manawatu	Manawatu Naturist Club	www.manawatunaturistclub.co.nz
Taranaki	Taranaki Naturist Club	www.tnc.gonatural.nz
Wellington	Wellington Naturist Club	www.wellingtonnaturists.co.nz
Nelson	Nelson Naturist Park	www.nelsonnaturistpark.co.nz
Christchurch	Pineglades Naturist Club	www.pineglades.gonatural.co.nz
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Central Otago	Alpine Lakes Naturist Club The Orchard Naturist Club	www.alpinelakes.gonatural.co.nz www.orchard.gonatural.co.nz
Southland	Southern Naturally	southernnaturally.gonatural.nz
National	Free Beaches	www.freebeaches.org.nz
	Nudvan	nudvan.gonatural.co.nz



NZNF WEBSITE

www.gonatural.co.nz

INF WEBSITE

www.inf-fni.org

NATURIST LINKS

ANaturistWorld	anaturistworld.com
Naked Wanderings	www.nakedwanderings.com
Hauraki Naturally	www.haurakinaturally.nz
Naturist Friendly B&B	airbnb.co.nz/h/retreat480
KCs Retreat	www.kcsretreat.co.nz

SOCIAL MEDIA

NZNF FACEBOOK GROUP

Join the new NZNF **PRIVATE** Facebook group with this link:

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NZNF MEWE GROUP

MeWe offers a social media platform free of censorship:

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FROM THE EDITOR

Firstly, thank you for your patience and allowing a later issue date.

Most of you will be aware that I have taken on the role as Editor of the NZNF *gonatural* Newsletter since Alice has taken over as NZNF President.

A little about myself - I am a member of the Wellington Naturist Club, for some 35 years now and have been editor of WNCs newsletter for over five years, in two stints.

I am still learning the new programme, so if I have missed anything, please accept my apologies.



Thank you for your contributions, for this issue. There is indeed a lot of fabulous events happening at our clubs.

We rely on your content for the newsletter, so please do share any naturist activities, news, etc, with us. Articles for the next edition, May/June, are due by 15 April to: editor@gonatural.co.nz

Thanks

Judith Mercer



Bye Bye
Ka Kite