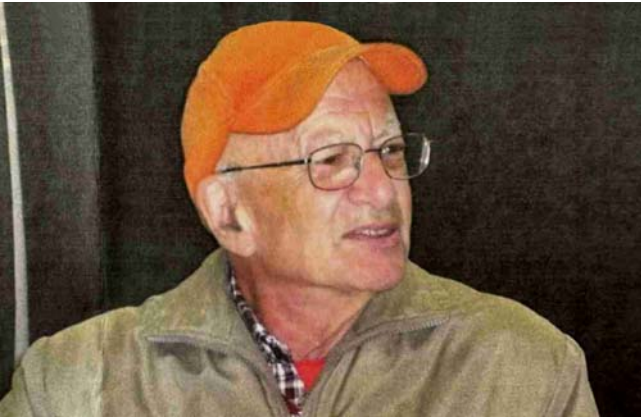




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News from the raw edge!

December - January 2025



RIP Ian Moller

Ian David Moller, 82, died in hospital following a fire at his flat last week

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A Stokes Valley man critically injured in a suspicious fire last week has died, prompting police to launch a homicide investigation.

Ian David Moller, 82, died late on Sunday afternoon after being pulled from the "deliberately lit" fire. According to Detective inspector Haley Ryan, police were called to a block of flats on Hanson Grove on November 5 after an arson was reported at the building — third arson at the address in the past month.

Speaking on behalf of her wider family, Moller's niece Denise Harrison told The Post her uncle was a born and bred Wellingtonian, who grew up in the Lower Hutt region. "He was a quiet but very intelligent man, full of natural curiosity about the world and loved books and history." Harrison said.

With Harrison based in Auckland, Moller was able to regularly exercise his love of letter writing

"He loved hearing updates from his great niece, Zara, my 8-year-old daughter, who would send him photos and drawings."

Moller had also always loved being part community groups and was a committed Christian. "He was very involved in his local church and had a lovely circle of friends through that group who he spent time with, especially in his retirement"

While Moller wasn't married and didn't have any children, he had three nieces and one nephew, as well as two great nieces and one great nephew.

"Suffice to say we are quite devastated by what has happened and the tragic way in which he died.

"I would like to thank the police for their professionalism and caring during this challenging time and the fact that they have moved very quickly to investigate and make an arrest."

thepost.co.nz November 12, 2024 Katie Ham

Ian has been an FBNZ member since June 2000 and in my memory, he has attended every locally held AGM or event, since then. (JL)

I first met Ian Moller in 1983. I had just joined the Railway Stores Branch at Woburn. Ian was in the Stores Office and in charge of records.

I had no idea that he was a naturist. Nor was I aware that other railway officers were of a similar mind.

My memory of Ian is that he seemed to be endlessly working on various mathematical calculations. I was too polite to ask. Ian took redundancy in 1990, and didn't work again.

I followed in 1991 and discovered Breaker Bay between various no-end jobs where I would occasionally find him and another former member of the Railway staff from Woburn. He was still working with the notebook and figures.

I met him again at the last hire of the Cannons Creek Swimming Pool and at other events in Wellington organised by the Free Beach Group, of which he was a member. We last spoke at the FBNZ AGM, held at Chris's place at Otaki, last year.

He had an astonishing command of detail.

Getting to Breaker Bay on public transport was no mean feat. Ian had at his fingertips all you could ever know or want to know about the various routes and connections, and he had a sunny secret spot at Petone on the mouth of the Hutt River.

Ian was single - content with his own space. My thoughts are with him and his family.

Gerald Davidson



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A visit to BoPSC discloses an interesting tweak to their name!

My last trip to BoPSC was well before the devastating flood of 2005! But I hadn't heard anything about who was there at the time of the Federation's AGM at Waikato Outdoor a couple of years back - when I'd promised myself to visit - soon!

Then I heard (accidentally) that Gerry and Vicky had 'taken over'. They had apparently moved there from Kapiti a couple of years ago in an apparent attempt to save the club from becoming yet another loss to naturism.

I originally met them around 20-30 years ago, while they were running 'Nirvana Naturally' (near Waikanae). However my trip to the Bay of Plenty this week was not long after the unexpected and sad death of Vicky, a few weeks ago. Gerry had warned me that he wouldn't be there the day I planned to arrive. He was actually back with family members on the Kapiti Coast, so I wasn't able to talk to him directly.

On arrival the most obvious change I noted was a subtle tweak to their name: from 'BoP Sun Club' to BoP Sun *Camp*.



It appears that this was a commercial move to clearly mark it a Clothes Optional venture, thus more easily ac-



The pool (left) & spa (above) are well set up and safe for kids cessible for the tempted public. It has also departed from the Federation, presumably to save some money. (A new grounds lease renewal was recently signed by Gerry this year.)

The camp is in the centre of the orbit including main centres like Whakatane, Kawerau, Ohope, Tauranga and Rotorua, suggesting a reasonable potential for hosting their family events.

I have mentioned previously that there is an independent Family Camping organisation seeking 'new places to try'. This looks to me like an ideal opportunity to give it a try! (JL)



Someone's been busy - the grounds are immaculate!

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Your last one?

Following the AGM in Christchurch in September, your subscription became due. If you haven't paid it yet: then *the next one* will be your last newsletter!



Note: if you pay it (\$35 single or \$40 for a couple) **before the end of March, 2025;** your FBNZ membership can continue as: unbroken!
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On behalf of the **Burner Bum Sun Club** I wish to thank Free Beaches NZ for the funding provided to establish a naturist theme camp at Kiwiburn. The funds were used to buy the supplies needed to build the structure that was the centre-point of our camp along with the other things that were needed to set it up.

The structure was put together by Hauraki Naturally's Andrew Cook with the assistance of a couple of other campers, then transported to Hunterville to be assembled on the paddock. This was the centre of the naturist camp which Andrew used for the seminars he ran for burners interested in naturism.

Colleen used it for her naked juggling session and it was also used for other activities organised by the camp.

For visiting burners we had old copies of **gonatural** magazines, along with brochures from clubs and Free Beaches, spread out for browsing.

We set it up so that it faced the "Temple" which was burnt on the Sunday night. For the Temple Burn we had a prime site and ended up hosting a number of people in our camp, including "Yonderman", (a member of the Rotota Sun Club) who was the founder of New Zealand's Kiwiburn. It was also a chill-out area for the campmates who had come from around the country, where we could socialise and chat as a camp, building the connections that will help co-ordinate the camp in coming years.

"Burners" are generally relaxed about nudity. Showers and washing facilities are not provided at Kiwiburn, so most people use the adjacent Rangatiki River, where around 90% of people would be nude.

After the effigy burns on the Saturday night the tradition is for burners to run naked around the ashes, with about half the participants (1000-1200 people) taking part. On the paddock clothing is optional, with many walking around in minimal clothing, partially or fully nude. As such, the burners are a good audience for the promotion of naturism & our naturist camp was a good vehicle for achieving this.

In our debut on the paddock we were able to make an impact & were noticed. As mentioned, Andrew Cook held a number of seminars; naked juggling classes & lawn games (pétanque, kubb, cornhole & horseshoes) at the camp.

We also arranged to take over a sound system for the afternoon & held a naked rave, where about 200 burners came to dance nude. During these activities we were able to talk with people about naturism in the clubs & beaches around the country & let them know where they could go skinny-dipping.

Overall the camp was a success in promoting naturism & we are already in the planning stages for returning to the paddock next year.



We thank Free Beaches NZ for backing us and providing the funds that enable us to establish the theme camp. Yes, we plan to continue promoting naturism in New Zealand at Kiwiburn over the years to come.

Yours Naturally, Brent Anderson/Gerald Davidson
Camp Co-Leads: *Burner Bum Sun Club* at KiwiBurn

Northland Naturists - update

The final get-together at our home resulted in us hosting well over 20 people, about half of whom were actually Nudvan members.

Clint seems to be organising something for the Northland group. We are still open to hosting naturists from any organisation. Brian & Heather Moore

Next February & March: connected South Island club options in 2025!



Southern Naturally's Silly Sports competition begins in Feb, Saturday 8th (opening Thursday 6th) and includes members from Orchard, South Canterbury & Alpine Lakes. Feel free to take advantage of a long weekend in February - Thu 6th to Sun 9th



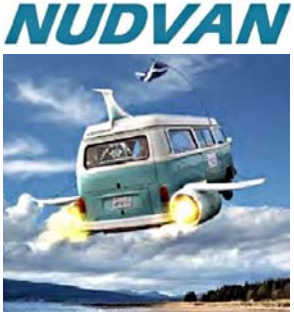
Booking: 027 224 2724 or southern-naturally@gonatural.co.nz

Southern Free Beaches Waitati Bike Ride - Sun March 9th Ph: 022 603 1439 or: southernfreebeaches@gmail.com



During March 14th, 15th (St Patrick's day!) & 16th K-Cup & 50th celebrations at Orchard Naturist Park:
 (Facilities include indoor pool and the sauna; combined kitchen and TV room, 4 bedrooms plus the outside suite.)
 +64 027 443-6127
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During the intervening days, of course, those with alternative means of transport have a simpler job of making bookings among the various clubs! And Allan from Southern Naturally, points out that, *certainly* if you have your own accommodation: **WELCOME!**





Southern Free Beaches

Naturist Retreat

Where: Berwick Lodge - Berwick

When: Friday 28th Feb to Sunday 2nd March 2025

Cost for the weekend is:
\$100.00 per Adult / \$50 per child

Southern Free Beaches are providing free kayaks, sauna and Sausage sizzle for those who are keen (otherwise you can bring your own food)

Or if you just want to come for a visit, Berwick Lodge charges \$15 per person for the day

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Getting Naked: Bangkok Embraces the Bare Body



It's 7 o'clock, and down a dead-end alley in Phrom Phong the air is thick with the singular sweetness that follows the first storm of the rainy season. On this street, between the Japanese supermarkets, karaoke bars, and ramen joints, you'll find the Royal Oak, an open-air place with floorboards that bend, a weathered wooden patio, and long happy hours. Tonight, like most nights, a motley mosaic of Bangkok's expats and locals packs the pub: writers, office workers, young Thai women, and teachers, some passers-through, others old salt stuck somewhere between willing participant and prisoner in the local culture. None, however, seem to be aware of what's going on two floors above them at this very moment. In a small room with blacked-out windows, Arisa lets down her hair and slips out of a dark cotton blouse, stepping onto a well-lit stage that's surrounded by a dozen chairs. She drops down to the floor, her bare hip pressed against the carpet, and stares out into the audience. There are nine sets of eyes on her. "My first time doing this, I remember, there were 22 people," she'll say later in the night. "The first five minutes, I felt so nervous. I'd never been naked in a professional way. But after that, the energy in the room calmed me down and I started to concentrate on my poses."



The Drawing Corner regularly receives local volunteers like Arisa (being sketched in this picture) as nude models for its life drawing classes. Arisa is a nude model for non-academic life drawing classes run by a group called The Drawing Corner. The group of artists meets every week for two-hour sessions on the third floor of that long-standing expat haunt, the Royal Oak, rotating models as often as possible. Models typically start with an hour of one- or two-minute poses, followed by an hour of longer 20-minute poses (which sounds downright torturous to the clinically inflexible). While artists don't have to be professional to join, it's made clear that the classes

aren't intended to satisfy any sexual urges. Photography is disallowed, and so are creepy advances. Since November, Arisa has posed five times—three times with another female model and twice solo. "It's my meditation class," she says with a laugh. "I feel free, like I can detach from my body." During the day, the young Thai professional is an entirely different person: a career-driven high-riser working in corporate finance. But, she explains, because of her position and ambitions, she can't tell her co-workers or family what she frequently does in her free time. "What are you doing? What's your job, something in the black market?" Thai people are still too conservative," she explains. "So I'm kind of selective with whom I talk about this."



Thailand is now the top tourist destination for naturists, and attracts people from all over the world. As Arisa suggests, Thai culture broadly disapproves of the bare body. In recent years, Thai women have been publicly admonished for displaying their breasts, and the ruling military government has even sought to cover up the country's notoriously risqué car models. Nudity is apparently only stomachable when it involves Thailand's quasi-regulated sex industry, which accounts for an estimated ten percent of the GDP each year. While it may sound like a deep-rooted societal issue, this moral hang-up with nudity actually began less than a century ago. In the early 20th century, the standard attire for Thai citizens wasn't much more than a sarong wrapped around the waist. During the reign of Rama V, however, the government aggressively modernised, hoping to make the country appear less barbaric to its European suitors, and Western dress became the norm among the elite. In the 1940s, Field Marshal Plaek Pibulsongkhram took taboos to another level, declaring twelve cultural mandates, including: "Thai people should not appear at public gatherings, in public places, or in city limits without being appropriately dressed. Inappropriate dress includes wearing only underpants, wearing no shirt, or wearing a wraparound cloth." "Many conservative-minded Thais really do believe that Thai culture and traditions are 'old, civilised, and clean,'" says Kaewmala, the author of *Sex Talk: In Search of Love and Romance and the Thai Woman Talks* blog, who prefers to go by her penname. "Anything that makes it less than that is automatically not Thai. It's 'circular illogic.'"

Thai hang ups with nudity and conservatism are a relatively new thing. In the early 20th century, it was not uncommon for the locals to dress in nothing more than a "sarong". This moral righteousness, adds Kaewmala, is largely the result of "conservative Thais (urban, middle-class, and bureaucratic

elites) who have drunk the Kool-Aid about Thai culture being prim and proper, when it's never really been that way. If it has any roots in Thai culture, it can be said to have applied to royal court standards. The modern Thai court was influenced by Victorian ideals, which trickled down to nobility, and later the upper and middle classes." If women dancing topless in public and nude models signify anything, though, it's that not everyone in Thailand subscribes to a rigid line of thinking regarding the body. But barriers to becoming better adjusted to complex individual emotions persist in Thai culture anyway. "The meaning of nudity, in general, is so not talked about. It's just not a thing. In a way, it's still alien to me," admits Varin Charnyapornpong, an interior designer and fan of classical paintings, who attends The Drawing Corner most weeks to sharpen his budding skills. "No one tells us openly what we're supposed to do, and yet everyone has such a clear idea of how things should be," he says. "Since [our values] are so hard to pinpoint, and no one writes them down, and it's taboo to discuss them, things have stayed that way. A lot of people aren't even aware of what they think, of what they feel."



Despite the nudity, naturism is supposed to be a desexualised experience. But there's no funny business. Moller and Disraporn have made desexualising the experience a point of emphasis. He says that many people come to Barefeet having tried swinging first, "and you can almost hear a sigh of relief" when he lays out the nonsexual credo. While naturism is still something of a fringe pursuit, Moller points out there was a naturist club in Thailand before 1932, started by a well-travelled Thai man named Salin Foothai. "He had a good compound, way bigger than what we can afford now," he says. There was an almost militaristic aspect to naturism then, with physical exercise being a core part of the "healthy lifestyle" concept. According to Moller, since the group got going around the time of Thailand's democratic revolution, all those exercises gave the impression that Foothai was training resistance fighters, so he closed the club before he got arrested. Now in its second incarnation in the country, naturism has steadily gained steam, but its leadership has chosen to remain discreet. "So far, we're being tolerated by the community. That very Thai idea of, 'If you don't bother me, I don't bother you.' As a concept, naturism is still new to modern Asia," says Moller. "We've had to do a lot of education." To that end, both naturists and artists would agree. "I learned drawing outside school," says Varin. "Before the Drawing Corner, I'd never been to a life drawing class that had a real model. Where I went, we had a plaster model of an old guy. And even he had on underwear." Craig Sauers



The Naturist Association of Thailand has more than 3000 active members. There are signs of change, however. To find them, look no further than Barefeet Naturist Resort, the flagship venue of Thailand's very own naturist (i.e., nudist) association. "We launched in 2007, and when we started getting media attention, naturists who hadn't known we were around came out of the bushes," says Gregers Moller, who first came to Thailand as a foreign correspondent in 1988 and later founded the Naturist Association Thailand (NAT), as well as a couple nudist resorts, with his wife, Disraporn. "These were people who always liked being naked in nature—going for walks naked or having a picnic naked—but didn't know there were others who were also weird," says Moller, with deadpan humour. Now, Thailand is leading the charge for naturism across Asia. "We get guests from all over: Malaysia, the Philippines, China, India especially, Singapore. We're a tourist destination for naturists, and it's the kind of tourists Thailand wants to attract. They visit temples and markets in the day, and then strip down and go for a G&T at night." The NAT claims nearly 3,000 members, including, Moller notes, civil servants, upcountry couples who come to Bangkok for weekend excursions, and even a few taxi drivers. ("Somehow, taxi drivers always know everything about everything in big cities," he says.) And the group now extends from Phuket in the South (Lemon Tree Resort) to Chiang Mai in the North (Oriental Village) and Pattaya in the East (Chan Resort), with plans to expand to Kanchanaburi. Not to mention the mixed-gender onsen Moller is building next to Barefeet.

Membership Cards

We have just become aware that the Federation's new digital membership cards are **only issued on request.**

So, if you **need or want a membership ID card, could you please let me know** by replying, via email to: beab06@hotmail.com

Beatrice

Answering naturism's call

Thailand has a fledgling nudist scene, and those who are comfortable in their skin are keen to strip away the misconceptions.

In an isolated area of Ram Intra in Bangkok, a typical, modern Thai house sits at the end of a quiet street. There is not much to distinguish it from the few neighbouring homes. But ringing the doorbell at Baan BareFeet opens the door to a whole new world. "Welcome to BareFeet Resort, please study our rules before entering the premises and using our facility," says a professional and well-mannered man before explaining the conditions of entry.

Once inside it doesn't take long to figure out what kind of resort it is as naked guests walk nonchalantly around the reception area. Some guests are seated at computers, others relax in the pool or sunbathe.

The BareFeet Naturist Resort is the first and only dedicated nudist resort in Bangkok. The nudist community of Thailand is growing at a rapid rate, fuelled by both locals and foreigners who are happier to ditch their clothes. But, as many of the naturists explain, it is difficult task to change the perception of many of the general public who equate it with some form of sexuality.

BECOMING A NATURIST

Disraporn Yatprom, 46, is a graphic designer who works a nine to five job. Her life changed completely when she met her Danish husband, Gregers Moller, 63, 14 years ago.

"He likes to be naked around the house," said Ms Disraporn. "I didn't really get it at the time but I got used to it after a while. However, my family didn't understand and were a bit uncomfortable whenever they came to visit me. It was a bit difficult to explain about this kind of lifestyle to those who have no knowledge about it."

In 2006, Mr Moller took her to Denmark on a vacation. He took her straight to a naturist camp in a forest. When she arrived, Ms Disraporn was shocked by what she saw.

While everybody else was wearing nothing in the public area, Ms Disraporn kept her clothes on. She said it was quite cold at that time and she didn't feel like stripping in front of everyone just yet. But when it was time to take a shower, she had no choice as it was located outside. She took off her bath robe and felt free.

"No one really looked at me," she said. "They didn't care if I was fully clothed or naked. They looked at me as a person. That was when I started to become more comfortable being nude in front of other people, even until today."

THE NAKED LUNCH

Mr Moller was born into a naturist family and sees nudism as a lifestyle rather than a perversion. The dinner party he organised was attended by eight people. Some of them got naked while others didn't. They used the backyard of a friend's house which was surrounded by tall vegetation and obstructed the view of neighbours.

After the first event went well, Mr Moller wanted to organise something on a more regular basis. He gathered a group together to discuss the possibility of setting up a proper club. Taking into account Thai cultural sensitivity and trying not to have a negative impact on other people, Mr Moller consulted his lawyer.

After discussions with the lawyer and other future members, they agreed that Mr Moller could establish an association backed by the International Nudist Federation. After certification by the INF, Mr Moller founded the Naturist Association Thailand, the first official club in Thailand, in 2007.

Mr Moller organised multiple events both at private residences and outdoor venues which they rented to guarantee privacy. Many times the club has travelled to Pattaya for private beach parties on secluded islands offshore.

"There are almost no other people except for us and sometimes a few divers. We spend the day on the beach doing touristy things except for clothing. We then clean the area up, pack our stuff and go back to the mainland."



GROWING COMMUNITY

After the establishment of the club, Mr Moller set up a website which attracted growing interest. From the initial gathering of eight people in a backyard, the club has attracted hundreds of new members who participate in monthly organised events which are limited to 30 people. Mr Moller says whenever they publicise a new event they have fresh enquiries.

When the group got together, a frequently asked question was why they didn't open a dedicated naturist resort. Mr Moller found a solution when a member in Pattaya invited the club to stage monthly events at a resort that was going out of business. Inspired by the experience, Mr Moller eventually negotiated the opening of the Chan Naturist Resort in 2011.

The resort owners came to realise naturist guests were better quality tourists who did not drink all night and return to their rooms with escorts as many "sex tourists" did. In contrast, the naturists are respectful and well behaved. Mr Moller said the owners said that since the naturist resort opened they had never had any problems with guests.

In 2012, another club member opened a naturist resort in Chiang Mai called the Oriental Village Chiang Mai. Last year, Ms Disraporn decided to open the BareFeet Naturist Resort in Bangkok due to the high demand. Another naturist resort opened last year in Phuket is attracting guests from around the world, while there are more plans for a new one.

All the resorts are located in major tourist cities, which makes it easy for each resort to transfer guests. Based in Thailand and overseas, after 10 years, they have 3,000 members.

Mr Moller will be travelling to an INF event in Wellington New Zealand, later this month, to promote the Thai resorts. It is one of the world's biggest naturist conferences and aims to promote the naturist lifestyle and communities globally.

"The biggest challenge is the perception of local Thai people toward nudism," said Mr Moller. "If they understand it and separate it from sexuality, the naturist community will grow. That's why we're trying to keep our standards and set an example for being a clean and friendly naturist community."

Nov 2016, Chaiyot Yongcharoenchai, (significantly abridged)
The Bangkok Post asked for 'likes' on the content of this article.
The response: **43 Yes - 7 No.**

<https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/special-reports/1134077/answering-naturisms-call>

I've been thinking: sorry

Since my couple of days in hospital a few months ago, I've had more time to think. My recovery has seen a return to being able at least to restart editing duties for Free Beaches. But the 3-year stint with *gonatural* has reshaped my picture of naturism in this country. In short, I think it's on its knees, as indicated by the steadily increasing average membership age, a commensurate decline in numbers of clubs, compounded by an unsteady decline in number, of available naturist venues.

Recently though, I've discovered the Thai Naturist Federation - as promoted by the INF! Well, as you can see on previous pages, the Thai experience is actually due to one Gregers Moller, a Danish man who had taken on INF's responsibility for the South East Asia Region - a year or two before our justified resignation from it, at the time. (The INF's unfortunate situation has since been largely corrected and our Federation has rejoined the INF.)

Meantime, since 2007, the number of Naturist clubs in Thailand has notably increased. Nick & Lins counted ten last year.

My then wife and I joined the Wellington club only six years after it was started by Percy Cousins in 1956. Those were heady days: watching the acquisition of land for clubs all around the country - the excitement of meeting new members at the annual rallies; the *certainty* of a new beginning for NZ society, no less!

Founders of Barefeet Naturists, Thailand



Disporn Yatprom and husband Gregers Moller

Gregers Moller, from Holland, landed the job of South East Region co-ordinator for the INF about ten years ago.

Since then, along with several other local clubs, he's set up the Thailand Naturist Federation - his last being the 'Barefeet Naturist Resort' in Bangkok.

He's been busy - there are now eight clubs or resorts in their Federation, a number of which have already been visited by our *gonatural* membership! (See previous pages) (JL)



After about ten years or so, us oldies (30+) decided we needed to cater for our kid's futures, and encouraged the formation of the Nudist Youth Clubs. (Twenty years later they had all gone. We hadn't realised that our naturally-grown kids didn't really want to follow whatever their parents' lifestyle, was and our 'movement' hadn't grown big enough or fast enough to merge into a second generation.)

Then, a little known event in the far-off USA, changed the world. Some pop-star had an alleged wardrobe malfunction at a footy game. Not Cricket! This heralded the end of the world as the American's knew it, and in 1992 New Zealand, we worked out how put a naked man on telly without having to acknowledge the existence of his whole kit and caboodle.

Who were we to realise then, that in less than 20 years almost our entire 'media life' in this county would be fully controlled by that foreign ethos - nudity on TV? NEVER! - despite the fact that, in this country both formal and backyard nudism, and it's public depiction here; is *still* entirely legal!

So where has that left 'formal' nudism in this county? On it's last legs, as I see it. What to do? Panic, or stop and think?

Eventually following through on a general prompt from the Federation to visit the BoP Sun Club, I finally arrived last month. My first discovery was that following Gerry Foxley's arrival there, it has been renamed from 'club' to 'camp'. Why? To help clarify that clothing is now an Official Option there. (Whoops, is that Dr Rootsey's screams I can hear from here!)

But the place looks immaculate, has all the facilities one might want - why not invite others to join in?

Not very long ago, I was asked if there were any clubs that a New Zealand-wide family camping group could approach, to see if that club might be amenable to offering them a new and novel place to host some of *their* families, occasionally.

This approach was initiated by a current naturist club couple, so they knew what they were asking. But I took to long to think about it. She finally just asked her club if they would be amenable to hosting a clothes-optional family camp, for those newbies interested in trying the experience? 'No!' was the (apparently horrified) response.

Well, what are we here for? To spread the message; or simply 'shut up shop' and wait, with our last legs crossed?

I note that Alice, our new *gonatural* editor, is seeking any information on naturist-friendly venues around the country, presumably because there's no easy way to look that up, currently. (And she's kinda busy.) At present 'BoPSCamp' cannot be found on any official naturist site, because they've stopped paying the required Federation fee. So, should that be 'it'?

Northern Naturists have never been in the Federation's site (apparently) because they were "independent." (Also irrelevant, because they have now disbanded - no questions asked.) Auckland Sun Club is endangered (just a handy film set) and Auckland Naturist Orewa seems to have switched gender to 'private'). But other northern places are still open to naturists.

Rather than simply being 'let go', surely it would be better to include an official category of: 'Naturist-friendly place', or group (or trust?) among the standard Federation membership choices? (I do realise that various forms of these types of option have been tried - but failed - due to a lack of any actually **free** association membership category. Can we simply change that? If not, why not? Do we not need a future? We have governance of database, admin and (club) membership. The only other thing needed is: a 'complementary' category. (JL)





Fancy spending this summer in the sunny Tasman area? The **Nelson Naturist Park** is looking for a friendly naturist couple to take on the role of **club hosts / caretakers** for the coming summer season (1st December 2024 through until 30th April 2025).
For more details please contact secretary@nelsonnaturistpark.co.nz

NZNF Festival - Come Fly With Us

30 December 2024 - 5 January 2025









Pineglades Naturist Club, Christchurch

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* Note: Except for the hat, a \$6 charge applies for local postage to a non-member.
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Thousands to strip off on Brisbane's Story Bridge for Spencer's Tunick



Thousands of people are set to strip off on Brisbane's Story Bridge this Sunday morning, Oct 27th, all in the name of art and inclusivity. It's part of the latest work from New York photographer Spencer Tunick, who has captured similar photos at other landmarks like the Sydney Opera House and Bondi Beach. "What I like about photographing the nude is that you don't have to deal with clothing, as clothing is someone else's artwork," he said. "It really comes down to the core of how we are on this Earth, together against all elements.

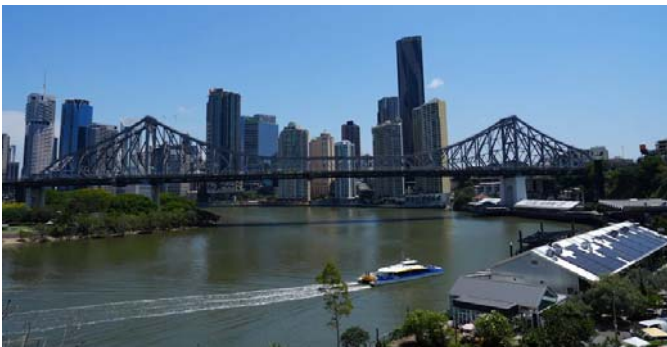
It's the renowned photographer's second visit to Brisbane, after he photographed a series of images called TIDE along the Brisbane River last year.

This new series, which will also feature shots of nude people on Brisbane's River walk, will be called RISING TIDE.

It is the centrepiece of Melt, a Queer arts and culture festival set to run in the city until November 10.



"The LGBTQIA+ community needs to be elevated. It needs to be respected," Mr Tunick said. "So just doing the work here is important to me, because it confirms my belief that there is some support in a huge way coming from cities that I wish were coming in cities in the US."



He said utilising the Story Bridge was the perfect metaphor for spreading that message. "Bridges to me are about connections and connectivity, I think the connection of the LGBTQIA+ community to its allies, who are also posing together, is such an important message.

"There's definitely a bit of rock and roll in my work. Less so me, but more so the participants. You know, you really have to be rock and roll to want to get naked in a city."



The bridge will be closed from 1am on Sunday until about 9am to accommodate the shoot. Brisbane Powerhouse program manager and RISING TIDE producer Emmie Paranthoene said it had taken about a year to pull the logistics of the shoot together. "It's been quite a big group of people that have been involved in the logistics side of things, in closing the bridge especially," she said.

She said the 2023 production near the Powerhouse had opened up conversations around public nudity and art with the council and the Queensland Police Service. "That smaller work was more of a shock [for stakeholders] for just having to deal with public nudity and going through those logistics," she said. "It was so small scale that it was kind of doable. This time around it was a bit of an easier conversation, I felt like they saw it coming."



Mr Tunick said he was hoping to see up to 5000 people attend the shoot, and was still seeking registrations. "People are flying in for this, which I tried to say no to as I don't feel worthy enough for people to do anything I'm organising."

"But I'm honoured, and I'm privileged that people want to come from far away... some people are coming from Sydney, some people from Asia." ABC News, Tobi Loftus

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2024-10-24/spencer-tunick-brisbane-story-bridge-thousands-get-naked/104507872>

North Island ~ Events Calendar

AUCKLAND

December-Janary

* [Parakai Springs](#) visitors, **please check / book or** 0800 468 766 (HOT POOLS) as it is **not available** for nude use **after** mid-December until mid-February. But outside School months, it **can still be already booked!**

February

Thu 13 th	Parakai Springs*	10am - 7pm 150 Parkhurst Rd, Parakai \$26 (20% discount with ID card)
Thu 27 th	Parakai Springs*	10am - 7pm 150 Parkhurst Rd, Parakai \$26 (20% discount with ID card)

WELLINGTON

February

Sun 16 th	Peka Peka Swim & BBQ	If <u>fine</u> : 1pm - meet at Te Hapua Rd roundabout. If <u>wet</u> it's from 3pm at Chris' place Either way there's a Pot Luck tea/BBQ & spa at Chris' place 021 375 119, from 3pm
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South Island ~ Events Calendar

CHRISTCHURCH

December

Sat 7 th	Beach Meet Spencerville	13.00 for details: Michel 021 159 8426
Sun 8 th	Beach Meet Camp Bay	<u>9.00am</u> Linda 027 249 8483 (Carpool from Halswell Library - low tide: 11.12am)
Sat 21 st	Summer Solstice Swim	Dawn! South New Brighton, Beatty St. For enquiries, Michel 021 159 8426
Sun 22 nd	Beach Meet Woodend	1.00pm For enquiries, Linda 027 249 8483

January

Sat 4 th	Beach Meet Spencerville	13.00 For enquiries, Michel 021 159 8426
Sat 11 th	Beach Meet Hikauraki Bay	10.00am For enquiries, Linda 027 249 8483 (Carpool from Halswell Library)
Sun 12 th	(replacment) Hikauraki Bay	(Rain off day - <i>if Saturday 11th is cancelled.</i>)
Sun 12 th	Skinny-dip on a moonbeam	20.30 Beatty St - SNB. For enquiries: Michel 021 159 8426
Sun 19 th	Beach Meet Woodend	1.00pm For enquiries, Linda 027 249 8483
Sun 25 th	Day without Bathing Suits	11.00 For enquiries, Michel 021 159 8426

February

Sat 1 st	Beach Meet Spencerville	13.00 For enquiries, Michel 021 159 8426
Wed 12 th	Skinny-dip on a moonbeam	20.30 Beatty St - SNB. For enquiries: Michel 021 159 8426
Sat 15 th	Beach Meet Taylor's Mistake	10.00 for details: Michel 021 159 8426 (low tide 13.39)
Sun 16 th	Beach Meet Woodend	1.00pm For enquiries, Linda 027 249 8483
Sun 23 rd	River Picnic Ashley Gorge	10.00pm, Meet top of main picnic area, for more: Linda 027 249 8483

March

(Don't forget the **Takaka WNBR** starting at the Tarakohe Cement Works - midday March 1st!)

Friday 7th MARCH to Sunday 9th - Campout at **LEIGH LODGE** confirmed! Enquiries to Grant, 027 235 9978

DUNEDIN

December

Sat 21 st	Summer Solstice swim	6pm St Kilda Beach, contact Julie for details: 027 471 8941
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February

Fri 28 th	Berwick Naturist campout	From Friday 28th February... (to Sunday 2nd March)
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March

Sun 2 nd	Berwick campout continues	Thru to Sunday 2nd March
Sun 9 th	World Naked Bike Ride	Midday at Waitati - bike around the township. Contact Julie: 027 471 8941