



Club Newsletter | Summer 2023

THE QUEENSLAND NATURIST ASSOCIATION



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT RACHAEL

What a year it's been! Our club has fought hard for those arrested at Alexandria Bay, receiving massive media coverage, we hosted numerous events, and had really a great time. We even had members on a Powderfinger music video!

I'm extremely proud to lead a club filled with so many amazing individuals that work together and so cohesively. This is a true testament to our members and executive committee. You are the best!

XO Rachael.



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NEW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

This year, the club has upgraded its membership card software, and with the help of one of our dedicated interstate members, Shane, we were able to automate much of our membership-related tasks, such as renewals and new memberships. Thanks to this new system, the workload on our Membership Secretary has been reduced significantly, and we no longer rely on paper forms or cumbersome manual online forms. This new method ensures that there are no errors while streamlining the process for members to pay their fees and renew their membership.

Also, our membership cards now have a QR Code on them which can be scanned with the camera on your smartphone letting you know if your membership has expired. This new system allows our awesome discount partners to check the validity of a membership card, ensuring the integrity of our cards and stopping counterfeits.



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ASSOCIATION INC.

MEMBERSHIP CARD

**Nude-Aint
Rude**

Member No: 473



2023 Annual General Meeting Report.

Our AGM, which was held on the 16th of September at Pacific Sun Friends in Donnybrook, was a resounding success. We are immensely grateful to James for generously providing his property as the venue for our meeting, and we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to him. The meeting saw an impressive turnout with approximately 40 members in attendance.

During the meeting, we had the important task of electing the new Committee for the upcoming year. We are pleased to announce that the following individuals were elected to serve on the committee:

- Rachael, who will continue to lead the club as President.
- Scott, continuing the role of Vice President.
- Dave, a newcomer who was nominated and voted in as our new Secretary.
- Fonda, who will serve as Treasurer.
- Greg, returning to his position as Membership Secretary.

We want to express our gratitude to those who have devoted their time and effort to keep QNA running smoothly in the past. We also extend our appreciation to the two new members who accepted nominations for the vacant positions and to the dedicated committee members who continue to serve the club year after year. It's important to remember that these committee members are unpaid volunteers who are also members like yourselves, and they go above and beyond to make our club thrive.

We encourage all members to support the committee and their efforts and consider volunteering from time to time. After the election of the Committee, we engaged in a discussion of general club business where many valuable suggestions were put forward. We are confident that the new committee will work diligently to implement these suggestions for the benefit of the club and its members. The club discussed various strategies, including the implementation of a quarterly newsletter and the creation of small signs for campers and travelers to display, inviting like-minded individuals to join us. These initiatives hold great promise, and we are actively working on bringing them to fruition. We've already received quotes from a member's printing business and are in the process of designing these signs.

To conclude our AGM, we all had the pleasure of enjoying a free sausage sizzle prepared by Lloyd, Rachael, and Kylie. It was a delightful way to wrap up the meeting.

Furthermore, some of our members chose to extend their stay and join in the celebration of the 45th Anniversary of the Annual Get Together at Pacific Sun Friends, held the following Saturday night. The event featured a live band called "The Naturals" playing dance music, a scrumptious meal of pasta and salad, and delectable desserts. The festivities included the cutting of a celebratory cake by James.

A noteworthy highlight of the AGM was the highest turnout we've ever had, demonstrating the strong engagement and commitment of our members. We look forward to an exciting year ahead, and we are grateful for the continued support and dedication of our members and committee members, both new and longstanding.

If you see Dave around, our new Secretary, please extend a warm welcome to him, as he is sure to be a valuable addition to our club.

We appreciate the enthusiasm and passion that our members bring to the club, and we look forward to working together to make QNA even better in the future. Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to our community.

Interesting Club Facts

- ✓ We have had an 982% increase in our membership in the last 2 years
- ✓ QNA broke Google with Australia having the highest search for nude beaches in the world.
- ✓ Our website receives an average of 32,000 views per month.



Ironbark Forest Naturist Retreat Report

Article by Scott Rider, Photos by Anita Hayter

It all started with a simple message on Facebook "Hey Jeff, can the club come out to your retreat for the October long weekend?" It took him about 2 seconds to say yes and Rachael and I were so excited for the club. A bunch of people rolled in to Ironbark, not far from Durong QLD on the Friday night and Rach and I arrived on the Saturday morning. As we drove in we felt instantly at home. Nudies came out to greet us, excited to be in such a great place.

We walked over to the clubhouse, and after 33 years of going to naturist retreats this was one of the best I've seen. An indoor and outdoor bar, a big hot tub and pool table, kitchen and a fireplace for those cooler QLD nights greeted us with its rustic charm.



Jeff and Sue, the owners of Ironbark Forest Naturist Retreat greeted us and took us over to our accomodation for the weekend. The room was amazing. A full kitchen, seperate bedroom lounge room and bathroom and a little gift too, a bottle of Black Sambucca.

That night, the girls all put on an amazing pasta bake dinner for everyone and we partied on into the night, soaking up the spa and playing pool. Everyone went to bed pretty late as usual at our clubs functions and awoke with sore heads. That morning, the girls did it again with everyone chucking in ingredients and making an amazing breakfast for everyone.

During the morning the legendary Pricasso arrived much to the surprise of our members. Sue took us all for a walk around the 40 acre property. The tracks are an easy walk, graded and well signed with seats along the way to rest in the shade and take in the surrounds and observe the wildlife. Sue showed us their beautiful big dam with lily pads which would be so inviting on a hot summers day. As the day progressed, Pricasso painted a portrait for Jeff and Sue. Their smiles said it all about what they thought of his amazing artwork.



At Happy Hour we had a drink at one of the bars with nibbles and a spa and then watched the AFL Grand Final on TV whilst sitting next to a lovely fire. There was so much laughter and banter between friends, old and new. On Sunday there was the NRL Grand Final to watch on TV and drinks and nibbles at Happy Hour with Cliff playing the didgeridoo. The boys organised a peg competition! Jeff quickly made a trophy. Scott won for the boys with 62 pegs. Some of the girls had a go as well. So much hilarity but you would have to have been there to understand because what happens at a camp stays at a camp!

The whole weekend we all laughed and talked. All in all, it was a great way to spend a long weekend with some old faces and new, all members of the fun club. If you want more details about Ironbark, just check out our website. Thanks Jeff and Sue for being such great members too. We will definitely be back again.

Postscript: Sadly after publishing this story, Ironbark Retreat has closed down. We wish Jeff and Sue all the best with their future endeavours.



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

- Remember to regularly check your emails for club notifications. As we have only seen an average of 54% of members opening club emails, it's crucial to keep an eye on your spam box too. We don't want you to miss out on any of the fantastic things our club has to offer.
- QNA is a non-profit organization owned by its members. We always welcome and appreciate member suggestions and support. As the club continues to grow, we need your help more than ever. Whether it's writing a blog article for our website, organizing an event, or just sharing an idea, our members will be grateful for your contribution.



Tug-O-War at Australia Day 2023

QNA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our first member spotlight is about one of our awesome members Steven Hills. Each newsletter we will tell one of our members stories.

When did you first get into Naturism?

I first got into Naturism in 2019 after seeing QNA pop up on Facebook. Then my wife Tracy and I went to Bungadoo Breeze four years ago as newbies and we met some really nice people. Word got around that it was our first time at the park and people came up and had a chat and gave us great advice about what's expected at Naturist venues and helped us ease into it in the best way possible. We knew right then that this was definitely for us.

What do you like about Naturism?

I wasn't coping too well with some issues around my mental health like a lot of men and thought I needed to change things up and do something different in my life. I sought some professional help and talked to them about wanting to try Naturism and they said "Go for it!".

After going to Bungadoo Breeze I went to Pacific Sun Friends and met the people from QNA and joined up. I've made some really great friends and have developed new interests and these things combined have done more for me than I could have imagined. I feel good about myself and my mental health has improved so much. Its given me a great way to get away from the normal stresses in life, have a beer and a chit chat. This has then helped me go on to find other interests and make the most of things.

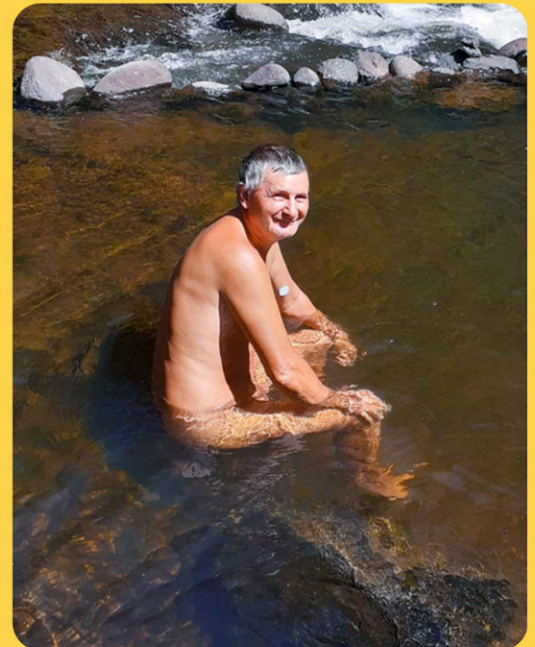
What are those new interests you have discovered?

I enjoy doing pottery and nude gardening in the backyard and have recently gotten into growing herbal remedies in my new greenhouse and have just bought a worm farm for our kitchen scraps and to help make fertiliser for my plants. I've also recently got an E-Scooter and a metal detector and really enjoy going out and finding things. I've found some coins and stuff with the detector and bank them up.

Tracy and I also enjoy getting out in our caravan and enjoy finding free camps and discreet places away from textiles where we can enjoy things naturally.

What do you like about QNA?

We love QNA for all of the info we gat about places to go. The map has really helped us a lot. It's been great value for money for us and we've met heaps of new friends and had the best time.



Thanks Steven for allowing us to tell your story and thanks for supporting our club. It's members like Steve that makes QNA such an amazing club. If you would like to tell your story, please email the club.

ANNUAL HALLOWEEN PARTY AT PACIFIC SUN FRIENDS

BY ANITA HAYTER

This is one of our signature events held yearly at Pacific Sun Friends. This year we ended up providing a record meal for 104 people and there were about 150 people in attendance. WOW, what a fantastic party! First of all, thank you to all who helped put up the tarp and decorate. You did a wonderful job and glad to see you all enjoying yourselves. Thank you to Dwayne (and his team of helpers) who spent days preparing and cooking the spit roasts.

Your efforts are greatly appreciated because the meat was just so delicious. Also thank you to the ladies who made beautiful fresh salads and served out the meal to all of us. Thank you also Fonda our dessert queen and team- the Pavlova, cheese cakes and fresh fruit with cream were really delicious.



The entertainment was amazing. The Golden Girls Drag Queen Rocky Horror Show was hilarious and their singing was wonderful too. Also thank you to Cliff the Didgeridoo player who took it to the next level. Our DJ kept everyone on the dance floor all night long with his selection of music and the lights and smoke made it all more spooky. The costumes this year were so scary. People went to so much effort. First prize was the Dragon King from GOT. Second was a couple who dressed as The Mad Hatter and the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland. Third was Dr Bird with his Lantern and fourth prize went to Amy from NCIS. All winners were grinders when they received their prizes of QNA coffee cups, playing cards and a bottle of bubbly. Congratulations to you all.

There was a Body artist there to Paint up a scary face or add a Halloween pumpkin or two to some body parts. He also did two total body colours for our blue smurf and our green Shrek. Wow this event had everything! Some of the other costumes included a very scary Clown, the Grim Reaper, a couple of Devils and Witches, the Angel of Death, the Scream, lots of Skeletons, Chucky, Day of the Dead girl, Zombies, and some living dead with some very horrific wounds, a Vampire, lots of Peter Peter Pumpkin Eaters with their Pumpkin partners LOL, some Drag Queens, Hippies, a Dead Nun, a Wizard, Guy Fawkes, a man wearing a huge black spider, Dr Evil and a female Chucky.



My apologies if I left anyone out. The costumes were all so amazing. Everyone had a great night and lots of people didn't stop dancing. A special thanks to Scott and Rachael who work so hard and plan this event months and month in advance, Shaun the security guard and Caroline for looking after the door.

This is a yearly event so if you didn't make it this year we hope to see you next year.



KIELS MOUNTAIN RAINFOREST RETREAT MEMBERS POOL PARTY

By Scott Rider. Photos by Anita Hayter



During the second week of November, one of our awesome members Tony put on a pool party weekend at his beautiful Kiels Mountain Rainforest Retreat for all of our members to thank them for their hard work with the Alexandra Beach debacle and also offered those that helped cater, tidy up and entertain free accommodation on the Friday and Saturday night. QNA supplied the food and even a glass of bubbly to welcome everybody when they arrived. Raice was the parking attendant and helped everybody get their cars in there and greeted them at the gate. We had great attendance too with only a couple of no shows.

The catering crew put it on again, this time it was snacks throughout the day and DIY gourmet pizzas. Everybody really enjoyed getting to design their own deluxe pizzas with an amazing array of toppings to choose from. Later on Scott made his BBQ chilli prawns and they didn't last long at all!

After lunch was the disgraceful diving competition and the grand prizes went to Amity and Jason. I honestly thought that belly buster was going to need an ambulance!



Tony took a group of us for a bushwalk through his property showing us all some amazing things, like the massive tress that were logged there in the yesteryear and the markings Koalas scratch into the trees. It was an easy hike for everybody.

The waterfall was welcoming to cool off in and Cliff even did a didgeridoo solo in it. The sound echoed and rumbled to everyone's delight. Later on we played the hilarious nude twister and we did work out it was a young persons game haha. There much laughter as at all QNA events and that's always the main thing.

Heaps of people got in the spa also, swam, drank and then the water pistols came out, a recurrent theme at QNA events.

We'd like to thank to Tony for his support of the club, and he has kindly decided to hold two of these events each year!



GOLD COAST BROADWATER NUDE CRUISE

By Rachael Freeman. Photos by Anita Hayter.



At the end of November our club put on the first day cruise we have ever organised and it went so well! We had 55 people attend for an amazing day out on the water.

Everybody ate, drank, danced and swam to the beautiful backdrop of Stradbroke Island. The weather had been pretty average through the week and we were blessed with a calm day without wind. The MV Rani was like an old pirate boat in some ways with the skull and crossbones flying. The crew were amazing and looked after everyone so well throughout the day.

We were lucky too, the legendary Pricasso and Jessa The Nude Blogger came along, as well as the entire committee. There were heaps of financial members as well as some new faces which is always excellent. The bar had a great selection of drinks and the food platters were wonderful.

One of the best things were the amount of boats and jetskis that came past, all smiling and giving us the thumbs up. Normalising naturism is one of the things we are all about and it works! The best bum competition was a lot of fun too with some very happy prize winners.



The meat tray courtesy of Beaudesert Country Butchers was won by a lucky punter and the club raised some great funds from the raffle.

The whole day went without a hitch and I think we could get another 10-15 people on there next time to make it even more of a party! That night a bunch of us went up to Pricasso's studio in the hinterland and partied the night away. All in all it was really successful and we hope to make this a yearly event in the future.

Thanks to everyone who attended and thanks to our members that helped out on the day. There's so many and its people like you that make this club great. XX Rach.

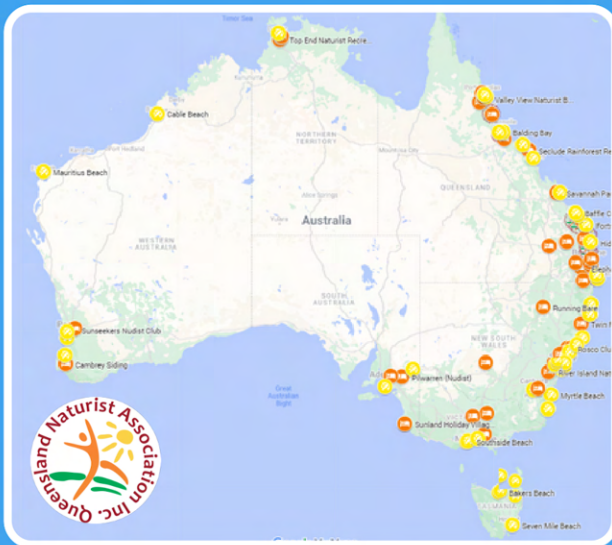


Club Supporters

We are really excited to announce more venues that have kindly decided to lend their support behind QNA and offer our members discounts.

- GG's @ Childers
- Townsville Naturist Community
- Greg & Debs Place
- Mission Beach Escape
- Seagulls B&B
- Arue @ Cooloola
- BB @ Byron
- Pacific Sun Friends
- Kiels Mountain Rainforest Retreat

Jump onto our website for more details



Worldwide Nudist Map

Our map which was originally of Australian Naturist venues has now been expanded after a year of work to encompass the whole planet! Its getting some great use by our members and non members alike. We've found our map we've built being used by other clubs and added to their own websites.

Not bad for a little club from Queensland !!

Two of our members Mark and Karyn have found great use for it whilst travelling Europe on an extended holiday, posting some amazing photos on our social media. We can't wait to hear their tales of such an amazing holiday when they return back to Australia.

Upcoming Events

Coming up in the new year is our fantastic Australia Day Weekend at Pacific Sun Friends, hosted and organised by our members. Lots of fun and games, raft racing and dancing as always and the club putting on some great food. Being a long weekend this time we will be putting on a beach party on the Saturday too! Just bring an esky with your favourite beverages and something to float around on the river. Lots of Aussie music and hopefully a waterslide too. Its going to be so much fun.

The May Day Long Weekend will have us at the fantastic GG's Naturist Retreat for 3 fun days in the sun. This venue has got to be seen to be believed! It will be Queensland's premier naturist venue in the future without a doubt.

And of course there are always more things we organise.

To find out what's on, we have a new calendar on our website. Just go to: qldnaturistassoc.org

What do want from your club?

We are all part of this extraordinary community we've cultivated here, where new friendships blossom, fresh faces join our ranks, and our membership continues to grow at an impressive pace. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for upcoming events, or if you're keen to take the lead in hosting one, we eagerly await your input! Perhaps you've considered sharing your insights by crafting an article for our website or the next edition of our newsletter. In our member-owned organisation, every idea holds value, and your contributions are paramount. With a wonderfully diverse range of talents drawn from various backgrounds and walks of life, our club is immensely fortunate to have you as part of our exceptional team. Your involvement is what makes our nudist community truly vibrant.

Until next time - Stay Nude and Enjoy