



# Phoenix Naked News

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## THE YEAR IN REVIEW

### Phoenix Nudist Club

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#### NOTICES

Membership Fees Pay-  
able by 31 August, 2011.

Do you have an up-to-  
date ANF Passport? See  
the Secretary to get your  
2011/12 INF stamp. All  
Phoenix members are  
issued with this interna-  
tionally recognized natur-  
ist identification card.

Got something to say?  
Want to sell a valued  
possession of interest to  
Naturists? Don't be shy,  
send your article, joke or  
advert in to Phoenix Na-  
ked News.

Yes, it's been a while since Phoenix produced a Newsletter, so much so that we can't fit all the news and reports into one edition! The last Newsletter reported on the Christmas in July party (that's 2010) and had informative articles on Free Beaches, Women in Nudism and a commentary from the "Interim President" XX. She has been a bit more evasive this time around so no contribution from XX, or the incoming President XXXX [We'll try harder for the next edition – Ed]. But to make up we have lots of event reports with great photographs that show the Phoenix family at play.

So what have we been doing for the last year? Well in late October we held a rather delayed Annual General Meeting to put the Club back on its feet after all the disruption of early 2010. We had great fun at XXXX's place for the Christmas party in December and then moved into the New Year with a host of different social events including a Warnbro Beach Day & BBQ, Rottneest Weekend, River Cruise, a BBQ & Pool day in Karnup, Margaret River luxury weekend getaway, and a Movie Night in Como in June. In addition we celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday and to top the year off, the 2011 AGM returned to its regular spot in July [Report in next edition – Ed].

We were no slouches on the sporting front either, but perhaps a little more practice is required on the volleyball front. Ah but at darts, we shone. Not sure what it says about the Club, that we excel at indoor pursuits traditionally associated with the consumption of alcohol, but we digress.

The one thing yet to mention is the regular Swim function that was held each month. As the year progressed it became clear that

this was not attracting the numbers of members and visitors to make it worthwhile keeping on the calendar. Your Editors have included some musings on this topic on page 6.

As we enter 2011/12 our club has 34 members and Perth has four nudist clubs affiliated with the ANF. All the clubs have events calendars on their web pages and two even have Facebook pages (Phoenix and Bare Essentials). You can keep up to date with what Phoenix has in store by using our Functions Calendar on the web, but if you are on snail mail, don't worry because this Newsletter and Function Flyers will be posted out to you [Yes, all 4 of you—Ed].

You might also like to check out the Australian Naturist Federation link on our "Links" page. At the last Convention in 2009 it was decided to change the name from Nudist to Naturist. Always a contentious issue that.

As you will be aware, Sunseekers is hosting the 2011/12 ANF Convention from Thurs 29 December 2011 to Sat 7 January, 2012. All the booking forms and information are available on the Sunseekers web page.

By a strange quirk of space-time, page 6 is able to bring you the 2011/12 Phoenix Committee with 3 new incumbents joining the "old crew" of XX, XXXX and XXX. We welcome XXXXX, XXXX and XXXX to the zoo!

#### TIME WARP

Some of our readers may have noticed that this edition is a little late for a June publication, and that the last Newsletter was in August 2010. The Club has never had a regular publication but your editors fully intend to put this right. Phoenix Naked News will appear on a quarterly basis and the Spring issue will follow promptly in September to put us on track. [Ed]



## APRIL YALLINGUP WEEKEND GETAWAY & WINE TASTING

Phoenix organises lots of different functions and social events throughout the year that hopefully cater to all tastes and interests. But I ask you, what could be better than to take over a luxury lodge in the Margaret River region, to enjoy

with like-minded naturist friends? At a significantly discounted price of \$200 per couple for the weekend this was a great deal, but we still had some rooms free that unfortunately had to be paid for. Never mind, those that were there had a seriously good time as the photos show.



Sundowner Drinks & Nibbles

We arrived on Friday with some lucky folks driving down to arrive just after lunch. The rest arrived in time for sundowner drinks. Then off to find somewhere to eat, which turned out to be at the Yallingup Hotel for an al fresco dinner. The evening finished with a very relaxed crew sitting around the communal lounge for a coffee or nightcap. Our hostess had set up the lounge with free tea and coffee, plus plates & cutlery if we wanted to eat in. No washing-up to do either, bliss!

The next morning the guys set about creating a big BBQ breakfast to get us in the holiday mood. The weather was just perfect the whole time we were there so we took our meal around a huge wooden table in the garden. Cont/d page 3.



Breakfast Chefs in Action



Sienna Lodge, off Caves Road, Yallingup



Al Fresco Dinner, Yallingup Hotel



Relaxing Nightcap, Phoenix-Style



Breakfast is Served





Cont/d from Page 2.

In line with the relaxed theme of the weekend people spent much of Saturday doing exactly as they pleased. Some went swimming, others shopping or exploring the delights of the district. Some went driving around in a topless car, and I don't just mean that the car was a convertible! XXXX had his massage table with him and spent many hours providing a great additional service

for Phoenix members. Thanks XXXX.

We had decided to stay nude for the rest of the day so meats and salads were organised and we prepared for dinner at the Lodge. As evening approached we set out across the gardens to taste some of the estate's fine wines. We tried a full selection of whites and reds with nibbles and a very informative presentation on each wine. What was even better was the fantastic discounted price of just \$10 per bottle of Margaret River wine for guests.



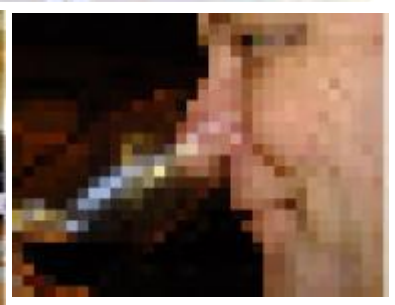
Off to taste the wine



Rapt Attention



Our Hostess



XXXXXX looks like a professional

After another big breakfast on Sunday morning some of us were starting to get a bit concerned about the state of our waistlines, so it was decided that the badminton net should go up. After some bullying from XXXX most of us had a go and used up a few calories. As time moved on to early afternoon we had a last game of boules and then we started to think about heading back to Perth.

So let's hope all you who couldn't make it this year will reserve a room if (when?) we do it again next year.



At full stretch



Where did that one go?

*Do you have a joke, item of interest, or want to sell something that might interest Phoenix members? Then why not send it in to [Phoenix Naked News](#)? Our advertising rates are **ridiculously low**!*



Good shot Sir!

Bono, lead singer of the rock band U2, is famous throughout the entertainment industry for being more than just a little self-righteous.

At a recent U2 concert in Glasgow, Scotland, he asked the audience for total quiet.

Then, in the silence, he started to slowly clap his hands, once every few seconds. Holding the audience in total silence, he said into the microphone, 'Every time I clap my hands, a child in Africa dies.'

From the front of the crowd a voice with a broad Scottish accent pierced the quiet ...

'Well, f – ckin stop doin it then, ya evil bastard!'





## FEBRUARY ROTTNEST ISLAND GETAWAY

Phoenix took over the Sergeant's Mess again this year for a 3 day long weekend of relaxation on our favourite holiday island. Lots of fun had by all, the educational itinerary also included drumming lessons and knot tying.



## FEBRUARY SWAN RIVER CRUISE

Phoenix held the popular nude river cruise with members of Sunseekers and Apollo on the 26<sup>th</sup> of February this year. Some folks took the bus from Sunseekers so they didn't have to drive, whilst others just found their own way to the Diving Academy at Rous Head in Fremantle. A beautiful balmy night, perfect for a naturist event, set the scene for a night of dancing, feasting and socialising. Our new Treasurer seems to get lucky each year as the cruise is held at the end of February, which just happens to coincide with his birthday. So there was cake just in case anyone was still hungry after the sumptuous smorgasbord. Always a popular event for others on the river who get an unexpected surprise! Certainly all of us on the boat enjoyed the evening and the happy responses we received to our innocent nudity.



Happy Cruisers on the Bus. Cheer Up in Front!



Food, Glorious Food.



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More Food!











Another Year Older!





# PHOENIX FUNCTION CALENDAR

	<b>JUNE PHOENIX SWIM MEET Saturday 11th</b> East Perth. From 1pm to 4.30pm. Visitor charge: \$17.00 Large heated swimming pool – spa pool plus pool table area. Relax in the lounge area and chat with other members. Tea & coffee available. Members and visitor are welcome to bring other refreshments if so wish.
	<b>JUNE MOVIE NIGHT Saturday 25th</b> Venue: XXXXXXXXXXXX Como 6152. Your hosts: XXXXXXXXXXXX (tel: 9999-9999). Starting 5.30pm Its movie night folks, so grab your nibbles, drinks, towel for the spa, and something for the BBQ and enjoy a great night at the movies. Raffle for the best seats & movie quiz to keep you on your toes. See the flyer for further information.
	<b>JULY PHOENIX SWIM MEET</b> <b>SWIM MEETS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY.</b> The Committee is developing a new concept for a regular function. More news in the next edition.
	<b>JULY INTERCLUB DARTS Saturday 16th</b> At Sunseekers club grounds, Hovea. From 7.00pm, between Phoenix, Apollo, Sunseekers and Bare Essentials. BYO everything (plus your darts if you have some) and get ready to uphold our proud winning record in front of the darts board. Alternatively just come to support the team and enjoy the social atmosphere. No entry fee to Sunseekers for this evening event.
	<b>JULY PHOENIX CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 24th</b> At 3pm in Bassendean. This would have to be one of the clubs most important events. This is a time when all club members get to have their say as to the direction of the club. Members get to vote in a new committee. Don't forget, all members that turn up to the AGM go into the lottery to win twelve months <b>free membership</b> . Fish & Chips for dinner afterwards subsidised by the Club, for only \$5 per person!
	<b>JULY CHRISTMAS IN JULY Saturday 30th.</b> Perth City, Starting 6.00pm for 6.30pm. We have a great night planned for everyone this year with a restaurant booked for your enjoyment. A great deal for only \$20 for Club members (\$35 non-members) at a city-centre restaurant with a help-yourself smorgasbord. Pay for your drinks yourself. The hotel also has an offer of \$149.00 a room for the night which also includes buffet breakfast and 12pm checkout.
	<b>AUGUST CONTINENTAL DINNER &amp; SOCIAL NIGHT Saturday 27th</b> Venue: XXXXXXXXXXXX, Orelia 6167. Your hosts: XXXXXXXXXXXX (tel: 9999-9999). Starting: 7pm. Door Fee: \$5.00 A great evening with an Italian theme. Spend the night wining and dining to Italian music and who knows some great dancing. Why not come with some Italian head gear to add to the atmosphere. Bring your favourite continental dish to share with your other club members. Dish can be Italian, Indian, Chinese?? etc. plus bring your own drinks.
	<b>SEPTEMBER INTER-CLUB POOL</b> Venue: XXXXXXXXXXXX Bassendean 6054. Your hosts: XXXXXXXXXXXX (tel: 9999-9999). Date and start time to be advised. No entry fee. A Great night of pool competitions between all local nudist clubs. Come along and support your clubs team. All Perth nudist clubs welcome to participate. Bring your own nibbles and drinks.
	<b>OCTOBER HALLOWEEN NIGHT Saturday 29th</b> Location to be advised. Start: 7pm. \$5.00 entry fee. Its a night of ghosts and goblins and things that go bump in the night. Come along wearing your Halloween hats and masks or any other scary outfits. Bring a plate for supper. Bring your own drinks.

For further details call the Club on 0409 740 964, or check out the [functions](#) page on the Club web site for up-to-date news. Not on the internet? Don't worry we will be posting out Newsletters and Function Flyers in future, promise!

Note: If the function is at a member's home it would help your hosts with arrangements if you let them know you will be coming **AT LEAST A WEEK AHEAD OF THE FUNCTION DATE.**



## THE LAST WORD...

Like many publications, the editors of the Phoenix Naked News are going to highlight one or more topics in each issue.

We will put a view to the membership to hopefully stimulate thought and discussion. Feel free to contribute, disagree etc. and we will include your comments as space allows.

The Phoenix Club, in common with many other naturist clubs-without-grounds has used a monthly Swim function at a public venue as its "front door" for visitors and potential new members. Besides the facilities such a venue can provide such as spa, sauna, pool etc., it has the benefit that it is a public place where visitors can feel comfortable that they are not intruding on someone's home. They can come and go as they please. Experience at other clubs has shown that holding a "Swim" in a private home just does not fulfil these expectations. The result is an inevitable decline in the membership of the club as fewer people make visits and the pipeline of new members is broken.

There is no doubt that to some members, the East Perth venue in a brothel/swingers club was hardly a suitable location and was not family-friendly. This, xxxxxxxx xx xxxxxxxxx x xxxxxx xxx xxx, meant that the Phoenix monthly Swim also became a significant drain on

the Club's finances. Hence the Committee decision to suspend this regular function.

Phoenix could look for an alternative venue for a regular function such as a swimming school (e.g. Kenwick or Fremantle) where the cost may be slightly lower, but they are unlikely to provide a spa, sauna or other facilities for socialising.

So does the Club need a "front door" to encourage visitors to take the plunge into social nudity as a fulfilling and enjoyable pastime? Arguably not, as clubs such as Adam & Eve (ANF Affiliated) in Brisbane operate as a social club with clothed and clothing-optional functions. Potential visitors are met at a café for lunch or coffee by members of the Committee before attending any club functions. But this does depend on Committee and other members being prepared to take time out to meet new people for coffee, probably on the weekend.

Phoenix could adopt an approach that embodies the best of both systems. Arrange a series of regular functions at public venues that are well publicised and visitor-friendly. Perhaps every second month hold a function such as: a picnic/BBQ next to the river or at a park

(clothed); a swim at a Swim school (nude); a counter meal at a pub (clothed); a beach day at Swanny or Warnbro (nude); wine tasting & lunch platter in the Swan Valley (clothed)? Such functions would be suitable for singles, but we should strongly encourage non-nudist partners to attend the clothed events.

Communication would be the key, with such functions specifically listed on the "Visit Us" page on the web site.

Phoenix has xxx xxxxxxxx xxx x xxxxx xxxxx xxxxxxxxx xxx xxx. Xxx xxxxx x xxx x xx xxx xxx xxxxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxx. We need to think outside the square and develop a different strategy to just holding "The Monthly Swim."

### THE HARD WORD...

**Membership Fees Payable by 31 August, 2011.**

Post your cheque to the address below or make an electronic transfer to:

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BSB No: 999 999  
Account: 999999999

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