

A Full Year at Apollo

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Apollo Nudist Club members in Perth enjoyed another full year of activities in 2004. January began with a champagne breakfast on Swanbourne Beach. A good-sized crowd had a relaxed time and some tans topped up, albeit behind windbreaks. We were also almost blown off Warnbro beach before Christmas and the sausage sizzle had a little extra seasoning thanks to the fine sand. It was therefore unanimously decided that Tony is banned from selecting the date for beach days as he is obviously jinxed! A Country and Western night ended January's events on a high note.

A four-hour nude river cruise culminating in a fireworks display (not planned, just good timing) was the highlight of February. Always a fantastic event on a warm summer evening with all the food provided by Head Chef Laurie and his culinary team.

The flagship summer event was a long weekend at Rottnest Island. The detached accommodation and secluded beach allowed full enjoyment of the naturist lifestyle. A weekend camping experience at Margaret River also gave an opportunity to relax with the free run of a farm property. Our summer program was capped off with a car rally which ended with a nude BBQ if you made it to the finish.

The Club moves indoors during the winter months for obvious reasons. A pizza night with food from "the best pizza restaurant in Australia" (seriously), a casserole night, and a Mexican theme night with flags, cacti, and appropriate cuisine provide variety through the next few months.

The Club decided to partake of the Olympic spirit with a Greek theme night in August. Many thanks to John and Julia who transformed their house with posters, leaflets, Greek paraphernalia, music, dancing, and costumes - particularly John as an ancient Greek soldier (i.e. a soldier from ancient Greece, not the Greek equivalent of an RSL pensioner).

A weekend stay at John and Maureen's bush block in October was closely followed by a stay at Allan and Hilda's property in November when the weather was a little kinder to naturist pursuits. A bush walk on the property evoked comparison with the "lost patrol". A game of mini golf of only four holes strained the mental arithmetic abilities of some members as the number of stokes climbed alarmingly. The year finished on a high note with a Christmas party at Ralph and Mary's home in their beautiful back yard. Although a cool evening breeze caused many of us to don clothing we nevertheless had a great time.



Bush Walking Apollo-Style!

All the above activities together with our monthly swim nights made 2004 a memorable year. Many thanks to those who worked behind the scenes to make it happen.