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### **Introduction**

This is my first attempt at putting together a Bulletin for the Federation. I'm sure you will remember the well documented and colourful Bulletins put together by Tony Pinson our ANF Vice President. Unfortunately Tony resigned his position on the Executive and this has left a hole in the communication between the Executive and affiliates. In an endeavour to bridge this gap I have put this Bulletin together and beg your understanding that I do not have the knowledge and skills in doing the level of presentation that Tony was able to apply to the task.

I hope you find this helpful and enjoyable and that the bulletin gives you information on issues your Executive is dealing with every day on your behalf.

### **Future of the ANF**

As you would be aware, at the last ANF General Assembly held at Helios in Victoria, the ANF failed to obtain a quorum for a proper constituted meeting. It was not clear at that time whether this was the case and it was not until some time later that this issue was clarified. To resolve this issue, the Executive put a proposal together that went to all full affiliates of the Federation that would ensure the continuation of the ANF. With the good will of affiliates, the proposal was accepted and the ANF continues on until verification at the next General Assembly to be held at Tindo Club in South Australia in December 2008.

### **Positions Vacant on the Executive**

As previously mentioned, Tony Pinson resigned as Vice President of the Federation. At the time, Tony also covered the position of Affiliate Liaison officer. I wish to thank Tony for the work that he carried out during his time on the Executive.

Following Tony's resignation, the Executive sort nominations for both these positions to ensure the work load of the Executive could be maintained and distributed evenly between the various positions on the Executive.

Due to the need for filling these positions, the executive further decided to provide a comprehensive duty statement and profile of the position so that any potential applicant would be aware of what was involved. This was sent to affiliates and also posted on the ANF website.

The response to the request for nominations has given us four nominees for the position of Vice President and one for the position of Affiliate Liaison Officer.

Details of the candidates for Vice President were sort and these, where provided, have been sent out to full affiliates to allow an informed vote for the position. Nominations close soon and I hope to be able to advise you shortly of the results of the ballot.

I also sort additional information from the nominee for the position of Affiliate Liaison Officer however, after many attempts I have not been able to get a response from the nominee. This position remains unfilled but it is the Executives hope that the second placed candidate for the VP position might take up this responsibility.

**Nominations for the position of VP close on 20 July 2008. Please ensure your affiliate votes so that the work of the Executive can be covered otherwise the ability of the Executive to carry out its tasks will be seriously limited.**

### **Take 5 Promotion**

The Federation has often been criticised for not doing more to attract younger people to the naturist/nudist life style. In an endeavour to address this imbalance, the Executive, on behalf of the Federation took out a serious of ads in the younger demographic orientated magazine 'Take 5'.

This was a very expensive cost but it was felt that we needed to test the waters in attracting younger people to our lifestyle. The ads ran in 5 issues and were aimed at attracting people to seek out membership of clubs, visit resorts, join the Supporter Club or just give an indication to be an interested person and supporter of nudism.

To date we have received over 100 responses to this advertising program and that information is currently being analysed. Further details of the results, success or otherwise of this advertising will be made known once the task of analysing the data has been completed.

### **ANF Loans and Grants**

Due to the decision to promote our lifestyle to the younger members of the community, the Executive decided to not offer ANF Loans and Grants to full affiliates this year. This decision was purely based on financial considerations and was a means to balance the use of the Federations funds this year.

It is expected that these programs will be up and running again next year and you will be advised when applications are being called.

### **Further Advertising and Promotion**

Though we are looking at ways to attract younger members to our lifestyle, the Executive is also aware that we have a great healthy lifestyle and the weather that reflects a great destination for a nude 'get-a-way'. Accordingly, the Federation has decided to advertise further a field by placing ads in the next edition of British Naturist (BN) magazine and Gonatural magazine from New Zealand.

There are many holiday makers to Australia from these two countries who are attracted to our warmer weather particularly if they are struggling under a cold, wet, miserable winter. Our approach is to advertise our climate and lifestyle to the travelling nudist and seek them to follow up with a contact to the Federation or directly to affiliates via the links on our website.

Our advertisement should be ready to go in about a weeks time and will be a ½ page advertisement.

This is the first test in advertising overseas and we need to monitor it for an indication of it's success or otherwise and to the possible expansion of this promotion either in these same magazines or extending the program further by including the USA, Canada and Europe.

### **Legal Network**

On occasions, the Executive is asked for legal advice about certain issues that arise for our affiliates. Unfortunately, the Executive does not have any expertise in this area and often cannot offer assistance. To overcome this shortfall, the Executive has written to some solicitors with a view to establishing a network of legal representatives that may be able to carry out legal work on behalf of the Federation and its affiliates across Australia. To date we have had difficulty getting solicitors to take on this task however the matter is still being pursued.

We did however, have a commitment by a Victorian Barrister who has offered to provide legal advice 'pro bono' on matters that arise in that State. The executive has recently been able to match the Barrister with a local Victorian affiliate to assist on a legal issue that it is experiencing.

If any Victorian affiliate requires legal advice on any issue, the details of the Barrister can be obtained by contacting the Federation at its email address at the top of this Bulletin.

### **INF Congress**

The 31st INF Congress on naturism is to be conducted at Tambaba in Brazil from 9-13 September 2008. Greg Serow of Aquarius and the South East Sun Club has been appointed as our Australian delegate to the congress. This is Greg's first experience as a delegate and we wish him all the best for the upcoming meeting and hope he enjoys the experience. I understand that Werner Jacobs of Helios is also attending the congress as an observer and to catch up with old friends. Werner has been the Australian delegate at many previous congresses and I'm sure he will give Greg every assistance in coping with his duties.

As Brazil is not considered a particularly safe environment, we have been able to work closely with the New Zealand Federation so that their delegate and ours could work closely together in developing travel plans to ensure they have a safe and fruitful journey. I understand Greg is travelling on to Europe with Brian, the New Zealand delegate, after the congress so that he can carry out some private work in pursuing articles for the TAN magazine.

Greg has undertaken to provide a quick, comprehensive report to the Executive about the deliberations of congress so that the Executive can report back to the Federation in a timely manner.

### **ANF Stamps and Passports**

The ANF has provided most of the stamps and passports to affiliates. We have, however, a shortage of stamps at the moment but hope to have this rectified within the next week or so. Please 'bare' with us if you have requested stamps but have not received them as yet.

**If you have not placed your order for stamps for your members, please advise the Federation urgently so that we can ensure that we have enough stamps to cover everyone's needs. It is important for us to provide you with the right number of stamps whilst not purchasing too many from the INF and having left overs.**

### **End of Financial Year**

We have just passed the end of the financial year and Geoff, the Treasurer for the Federation, is busy putting together the financial statements to go to the auditor.

Geoff has done a great job in looking after the financial interests of the Federation and his interest and experience in this matter is appreciated.

Early indications are that the Federation will have a loss over the full year of about \$3,000. This is mainly due to the increased level of promotion of the Federation and the timing of income and expenditure.

### **Privacy Policy**

I previously mentioned the promotion of the Federation through the 'Take 5' magazine. Many of the respondents indicated that they wished to be recognised as a supporter of the Federation and the nudist movement.

This then raised the issue of how we deal with holding information on individuals who are interested in receiving information from the Federation about what is happening in the world of nudism/naturism.

One of the members of the executive has put together a Privacy Policy on this issue and it is currently being circulated for scrutinising by executive members. Once this processed has been completed, it will be posted on the Federation website so that all will have access to this document.

### **ASIC registration**

After much internal discussion within the Executive and advice from the Department of Fair Trading, the Executive decided that the Federation should also be registered with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

This issue was raised by one of our affiliates and, after further clarification of the standing of the Federation as a national body incorporated in NSW, it was decided that registration with ASIC should be sort in order to protect the members of the Executive and the interests of the Federation.

The paper work has been completed and lodged with ASIC. The registered address has been indicated as the home of the President (myself) at 103 Balance Tank Rd., Bowraville with office hours on three days a week between 9:00 and 5:00pm. This information is a mandatory requirement and must be provided on the application. It is not intended that there would be any financial commitment in establishing 'this office' but just a means to meet a mandatory requirement. My wife, Maureen and I are happy for this arrangement to remain in place as long as it is needed by the Federation. As nudist business operators, we are available most of the time for any legal contact that may be directed to the ANF office.

### **Change of Name**

The Executive has been advised by the Bare Tracks Adventurers Group that they have had a minor change of name.

The group is now to be known as Bare Tracks or Bare Tracks Australia. This change was brought in to reflect common usage by other nudists and affiliates and is a means to simplify the use of the name.

### **Swanbourne Beach Carnival**

This year saw the re-commencement of the Swanbourne Beach Carnival. The carnival, though well supported by participants in the past, failed previously due to the lack of offers of support in organising the event. An enthusiastic group of beach users and Freebeach members from the Perth and surrounding area decided to re-invigorate the carnival and sort support from the Executive of the Federation under its Beach Carnival Grant program.

The carnival was a great success and the Federation was pleased to provide support of \$300 from its funds and \$200 from Supporter Club funds.

We wish the carnival every success in the future and hope it gets the support it needs to continue as an icon of the nudist movement in Australia.

### **Future Conventions/General Assembly**

The next ANF convention and Sports Rally will be held at the Tindo Club in the Barossa Valley, SA.

Unfortunately, after that convention, we do not have an agreed venue for the following convention.

At the last General Assembly, the Executive tabled the results of a survey it carried out to determine the interest by nudists in the conventions and sports rally. The results of the survey were limited due to lack of responses and therefore did not give a clear direction for this type of event.

The General Assembly agreed in principle that a decision on future conventions and sports rallies would be made on the basis of any genuine application to hold the event. This would take into consideration the timing, location, duration etc of the proposed activity. Therefore feasibly, the next convention could be held at say Kiata Country Club, over Easter for 3-4 days and be more orientated to social sports and fun activities. Nothing is out of the question.

It may also be necessary for the ANF General Assembly be held separate to the convention as purely a business meeting. It is difficult at this stage to perceive how this will work as it may become more difficult for affiliates to provide delegates at a separate meeting. Our problems of getting a quorum may become greater.

**Please consider within your group whether you may be interested in running a full blown convention and sports rally or a modified event that is smaller and more manageable. Any offers will be considered. The application form to host a convention is available on the ANF website but don't be daunted by all the sections to be completed, just complete the areas that reflect what you can offer.**

**Use of the information provided.**

I hope the information provided in this bulletin has been of assistance in informing you of what is happening within your Federation.

Please feel free to use any or all of this information in your own newsletters/bulletins so that your own members can be better informed of ANF happenings.

Yours naturally

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