



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

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July 2020

Next Meeting: Monday 6th July 2020 at 7.30pm

VENUE: *Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.*

Supper Duty July Meeting: Anna & Peter

Guest Speaker: As this is the AGM there will be no guest speaker.

“Where am I?” Competition:

Last month’s picture was correctly identified by Hamish as a bach on Rangitoto Island. Hamish has supplied the picture below for us to identify.

To go in the draw for the prize at our next club night, email the correct identification to deekeys22@gmail.com or put your entry in the boot before the meeting on club night.



Trip Leaders please inform David Lawrie (2388407 or 021656369) or Glenn Clark (2386568 or 0212457468) about your trip intentions as they are the PTC Emergency Contacts. If they have no knowledge of when/where/who is on your trip, then they can’t be of any assistance if help is required. They also each hold a Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) and First Aid Manual for trip leaders use. Please return these promptly so they are available for the next week’s trip.

“President’s Post”

It was great to see such a large turnout at our last meeting which was the first since the Covid restrictions had been eased. It is clear from the comments that people were grateful to be able to physically meet again and participate in their walking activities.

The crowd was also partly because of the interesting talk by Joy and Charlie Browne on their trans Siberian adventures last year. For us in New Zealand it is hard to comprehend the sheer distances involved in crossing those vast countries. It also makes us thankful for the conditions we have in our own country.

There are several interesting meetings coming up with the Annual General Meeting on 6th July. If anybody wishes to be nominated for a position on the committee do not hesitate to contact Mark Lees.

The meeting on 3 August will include a guest speaker, Wendy Goad, who will be speaking on the volcanoes around Pukekohe several of which are mentioned in our trail guide.

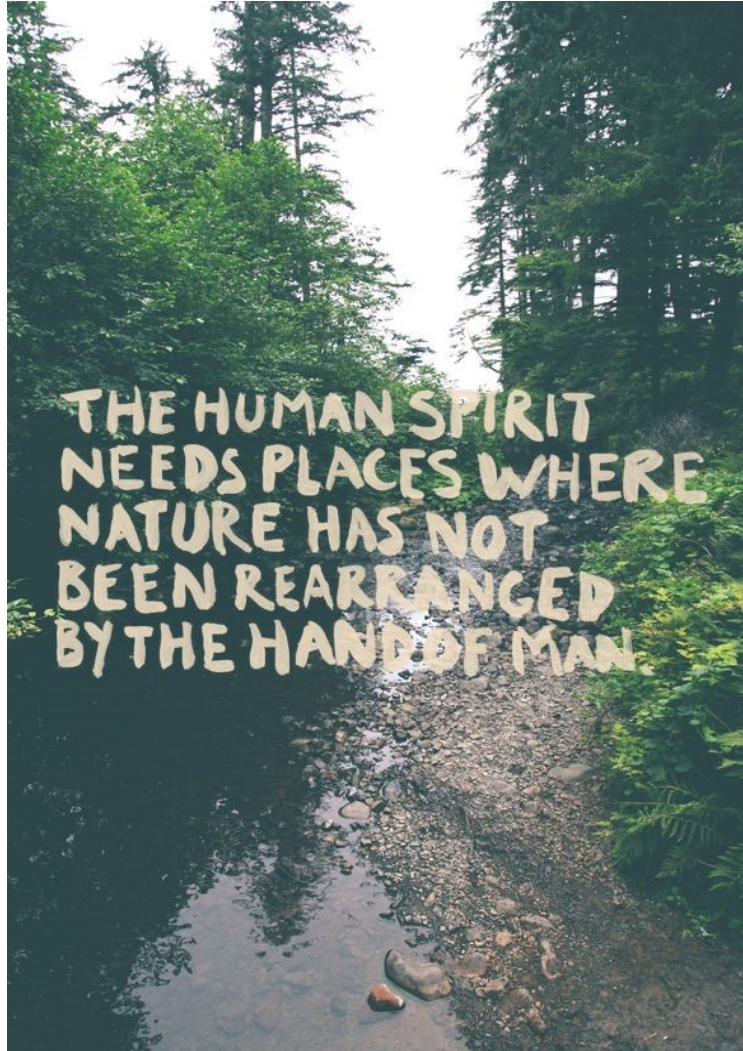
The September meeting on the 7th will be our photograph competition. This year it is being judged by a professional, Bruce Shanks, who will also provide us with some tips on taking and composing photographs.

In the meantime Glenn Clark and Betty MacDonald have been preparing a winter programme of trips. Hopefully as many of you as possible can participate as this is the real reason we are members of the club.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the annual meeting.

David Lawrie

Quote of the Month



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Trip organiser and committee meet four monthly. Members should put forward any suggestions for trips they wish to do

Promos for Future Tramps: Weekly promos for the Franklin County News to Becky rbanks2016@gmail.com .

Promos for weekend tramps to Barry bandfgibbon@gmail.com

Promos for midweek tramps to Betty macdonald.betty@gmail.com

Trip Reports: For inclusion in The Bush Telegraph these should be emailed to the editor,

Peter Stewart at: gardeningpete@xtra.co.nz

Emergency contact details: Please check yours and update with Secretary Mark Leys if necessary.

Trip Reports

Waiuku Estuary Walk (Unofficial Trip) -Thursday 4th June

Leader: Maxine Gadd

A keen group of 18 walkers met at the Kentish carpark to walk along the paths & reserves of the Waiuku estuaries. Though there was only a light drizzle when we started, by the time we got to Sandspit Reserve it was very wet and so were we.

After morning tea under the barbeque shelter, we had a look at the extensive waterfront development – new jetty, new sea-wall & steps, and even new sand. We continued the loop via the waterfront reserve. With lessening rain, we were able to enjoy the views of the estuary at full tide.

Arriving back at the band rotunda, and it being too early for lunch, some people decided to go home early to dry out while a hardier group of 8 started on the second part of the walk along the other side of the Waiuku estuary.

Following the path and reserves along the eastern side of the estuary, we reached the reserve at the end of Racecourse Rd, where we could look across to the sandspit for which the reserve is named. We returned to our starting point via the far side of the golf-course in lessening rain. We sat in the band rotunda to enjoy lunch and Anzac biscuits, before leaving for home with the sun appearing and no rain.

Glenbrook Beach—June 10th.

Leader: Shaaron Mckee

On Wednesday 10th June on a fantastic sunny winter day, first week in level 1 of lock down 37 walkers appeared at Glenbrook beach boat ramp for a walk but also for a catch up after being in lockdown for 5 weeks. We first walked the track around the new subdivision which starts behind the subdivisions headquarters. The track will be extended as part 2 and 3 of subdivision ground work happens in the future. We crossed over and had morning tea on Glenbrook beach. This was followed by the old cliff track back to the boat ramp. This track is full of tree roots and we took it slowly. Most walkers than came to my place to eat lunch and meander around our 15 year in making subtropical garden. My husband Alan popped home to answer any plant questions



Trip Reports

Rose Garden / Domain 18th June

Leader: Ray Handcock

21 People braved the changeable weather to take the train to Newmarket. We walked to Newmarket Park for smoko and then through Ayr Reserve with nice urban bush with some shelter. We continued to the Parnell Rose Garden but not many roses this time of year. We went to Parnell station for lunch to sit under shelter. Most people decided to quit and go home at this point but 3 stayers completed the walk through the Domain and the Winter Garden. This turned out to be the best conditions and terrain for the day. We arrived back at the station at 1.30 just as the rain returned in earnest.

Here's a rare photo of how my parents supposedly got to and from school.



Heaphy Track

We have a club member interested in walking the Heaphy Track this coming summer and wonders if any other members would be keen to join in. If so please contact Julie Quilty on e-mail juliequilty@gmail.com



Pukekohe Tramping Club Photo Competition for 2020

Our competition was inspired by the Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (FMC) photo comp. As a club affiliated to FMC, our top 2 photos in the seven categories stipulated by FMC and following their rules will be put forward by PTC to compete in the nationwide FMC competition.

In addition, to cater for all of us who simply take photos for fun and to preserve those great memories, we will have three extra categories of our own. So, start thinking about your entries NOW!!! What better way to spend a dull winter day than reliving your past escapades as you sort through your photos! You can enter as many of the ten categories as you wish.

The club competition will be held at club night on Monday 7th September.

Even if you are not entering the comp, please do come along to enjoy other peoples' photographic stories. Learn tips for capturing those special moments from our professional guest judge. All invited, it will be fun!



****FMC ENTRY RULES AND SEVEN CATEGORIES****

Entries must not have been entered into the competition before. Photos that have been previously professionally published (in magazines/commercial websites/books etc) are not eligible for entry.

Each club member can enter a maximum of 2 photos per category, which are the same as the FMC competition:

ABOVE BUSHLINE (With no Human Element)

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BELOW BUSHLINE (With no Human Element)

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HISTORIC (Any image taken pre 2018)

LONG EXPOSURE

NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA (Plants and Animals)

By entering the club comp, you are agreeing that if your photo wins, it will go forward to the FMC comp and that you agree that the photo can be used by FMC for promotional purposes. All photos must relate in some way to activities that the club participates in. Photos must be taken in NZ during 2018-2020, except Historic which must be pre 2018. All entrants must be paid up, current club members. Digital manipulation by cropping, adjustment for tone/contrast and stitching of photos is allowed. Filters are not. For more details about the FMC comp and the rules/prizes, visit the website: <http://www.fmc.org.nz/photo-competition/>



****PTC's OWN 'EXTRA' CATEGORIES****

Again, photos must relate in some way to activities that our club participated in, but not limited to any particular year, with maximum 2 photos per category. Calling all members, even retired trampers; here is your chance to dig out those fantastic photos from present day to way back. The PTC categories are:

8. HUMOUR (plenty of scope here, go wild and tell us the funny story! Remember Joy would like these for the club history booklet that is being collated.)

9. URBAN (town/city walks, people, parks, modes of transport besides feet, scenery, come on mid-weekers!)

10. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES (club nights, dinners, movie nights, cafes, hut parties, mid-winter Xmas, 50th anniversary celebrations, etc)

These sorts of photos are valuable for our club archives so your reward for entering is to have them go down in PTC history. In another 50 years at the 100th anniversary celebration, the future members can see what the 'old days' looked like!



Check out the FMC website to see last year's amazing winning images. Don't be put off entering our comp though, as we are all amateurs!

****HOW TO ENTER****

Bring your print(s) to club night on **Monday 7th Sept. at 7pm.**

NOTE- this time is earlier than usual so photos can be set up before the meeting and judging, which both start at 7.30pm.

Please write your **name** and **category code** on the **back** of each image:

Eg. Your bird photo: "Joe Bloggs, FMC 7"

Eg. Your humorous photo: "Joe Bloggs, PTC 8"

There will be blue tack for you to attach your photos to the correctly labelled section of wall.

Please make sure you have the code correct and put your own photos up promptly at 7pm.

****JUDGING****

Our professional guest judge will make choices during the formal meeting from 7.30pm.

Supper will follow the meeting and give everyone time to view the display. We will then be treated to a talk about the winning images from the judge with lots of advice for taking great photos.



PTC members in **action** :



Rangitoto Island Tramp last summer our intrepid member John put his photography skills to good use for the posing lady at the wharf.



Another intrepid member, Peter takes great photos with his phone. Just goes to show you don't need fancy equipment. Garden gnomes...hmm.

Winter programme 2020

Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost (\$)
Thur 2 July	Graham's Beach to Awhitu Reg Park	Meryl Finlayson (0274 239 724)	E	A
4-5th	Mid Winter Xmas (limited to 12) Rangitoto Station	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)		60
Wed 8	Harker's Reserve	Raewyn Lane (2328005)	E	A
12				
Thur 16	5 Summits Trail (part)	Betty MacDonald (2357079)	E	A
18/19	Mt Pirongia	Becky Banks (02102382178)	M	B
Wed 22	TBA	Wendy Quinn (2360704)	E	
26				
Thur 30	Karaka Harbourside	Shaaron McKee ((027 257 0789)	E	A
2nd Aug	Kaimais Visit new Te Whare Okioki Hut	John Kelsey (021 711853)	M	B
Wed 5	TBA	Ray Handcock (09 278 5878)	E	A/B
9	Social event?			
Thur 13	Hunuas – Massey/Cossey track)	Delwyn Connolly (021 1254261)	E/M	A
16	Hunuas Rata Ridge	Linda Gillard (2351441)	M	A
Wed 19	5 Summits Trail (part)	Annette Teague (2389815)	E	A
23				
Thur 27	Cornwall Park	Gail Moy and Jenny Hari (021 317627)	E	A/B
30				

As a guide: Easy=up to 4 hours tramping, Medium=4-6 hours, Hard=>6 hours

Costs- the leader will confirm final costs (A= up to \$10, B= \$10-20, C= \$20-30, D=\$30-45, E=\$45-60)

Weekend trip costs are estimates only

GEAR REQUIREMENTS

Day Trips:

Small pack	Suitable footwear
Lunch and snacks	Full drink bottle
Rainwear	Hat (woollen or sun)
Gloves	Small first aid kit / whistle
Thermal blanket	Change of clothes

Weekend Trips:

Waterproof pack large enough to hold all your equipment and food

Sleeping bag	Boots
Rainwear	Warm clothing eg fleece garments, polypropylene, etc
Woolly hat	Gloves/mittens
Torch or headlight	Thermal longs for winter trips or if above the bushline
Toilet gear	Plate and mug and cutlery

Small first aid pack / whistle

If in doubt ask the Trip Leader for advice for day, weekend or longer trips. It is recommended for all trips that the NZ Mountain Safety Council's pack liners be used. These are available from Charlie & Joy Browne (Phone 238 7298) at a cost of \$4.50 each.

Use of Whistle:

Please remember the whistle should be your equipment of choice to attract attention if needed. If anybody falls behind and loses sight of others, feels unwell and must stop for a rest, becomes injured, etc then the agreed call to alert the Trip Leader and others in the party is **THREE (3) LONG whistle blasts, REPEATED as necessary**. The Trip Leader and/or others in the party will respond with **TWO (2) LONG blasts** indicating they have heard and are coming to your aid. It may be helpful in some circumstances that a repeat whistle blast will allow accurate location.

Club Gear:

All Club gear is stored at Charlie & Joy Browne's residence, Jenkin Road, Pukekohe West. All Club members are welcome to use the gear for Club and private trips (however Club trips have booking priority) – hireage to non-members is not encouraged. Club gear is, at all times, to be returned in good, clean condition. All losses/damages must be reported to the Club's Gear Custodians.

HANDY INFORMATION

Monthly Club Meeting:

The Club meets at the Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe on the **first Monday of each month at 7.30pm** unless otherwise advised.

Annual Subscriptions:

\$35.00 single \$45.00 family (two or more)

Saturday/Sunday Trips:

Unless otherwise stated **SATURDAY/SUNDAY** Club trips leave from the carpark opposite McDonalds in Hall Street, Pukekohe. Members who wish to be picked up elsewhere must make arrangements with the Trip Leader. Leaders must be contacted by **Thursday** night if you are going on a **Sunday** trip or **Wednesday** night for a **Saturday** trip. Leaders reserve the right to refuse any member participation in any tramp not considered suitable.

Weekend and Longer Trips:

Monday night is cut-off point. Any member who does not adhere to this will miss out. The reason for the cut-off point is to allow time for the Trip Leader to arrange, transport, food, bookings, etc.

Midweek Trips:

Contact Trip Leader for start place and time for trip.

Clarification of Trip Leader's Responsibilities under OSH Regulations:

Only **PAID** (ie Commercial) group leaders are under legal Health and Safety obligation to members of that group. As all Pukekohe Tramping Club leaders are **UNPAID VOLUNTEERS**, the responsibility is on **ALL** members of the group to observe and take responsibility for their own actions.