



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

Welcome to the fourth volume of the Pukekohe Tramping Club's newsletter
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Next Meeting: Monday 5th October 2020

VENUE: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.

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Supper Duty October Meeting: Betty, Kaye & Annette. Guest speaker: No speaker



"Where am I?" Competition:

Last month's picture was identified by Dee Keys as Lake Taupo Area. Dee has supplied the photograph—right - to

To go in the draw for the prize at our next club night, email deekeys22@gmail.com or put your entry in the book



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“President’s Post”

Here we are coming out of our second lockdown and we hope that this is the last one. We are therefore able to now hold a meeting and re-commence our tramping activities.

I hope that you all managed this latest event and that you are looking forward to sharing activities and news. However it looks like any overseas adventures are out of the question for some time yet.

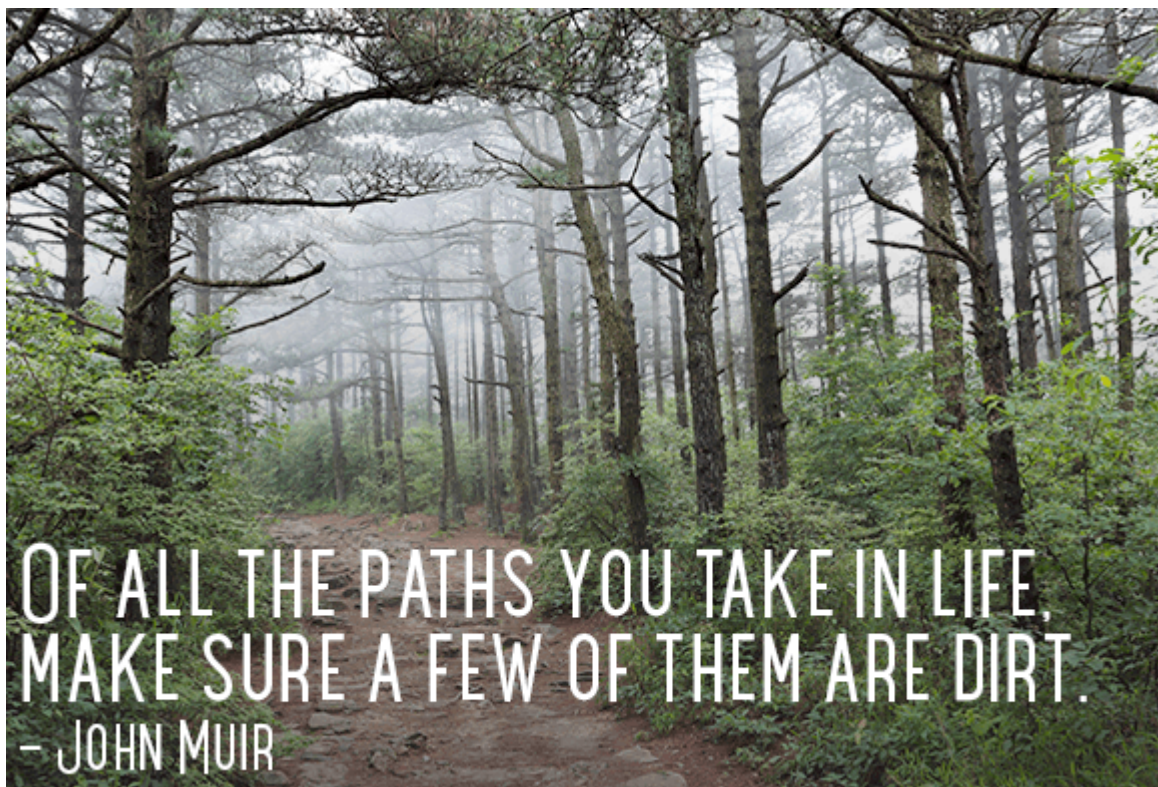
This will give us an opportunity to more closely explore our own country and perhaps visit areas that we have often talked about but have always left it for later.

Do not forget that the photograph contest is being held at the October meeting with the same rules and requirements as listed for the cancelled September meeting. Our judge is still available and we look forward to his comments on the photos and how we can all improve our photo taking.

I look forward to catching up with you all on 5 October but in the meantime stay safe.

David Lawrie

Quote of the Month



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Subs are now due.

\$35 per single

\$45 per couple/family.

Payment can be made in person to the Treasurer, Raewyn Lane at a club meeting

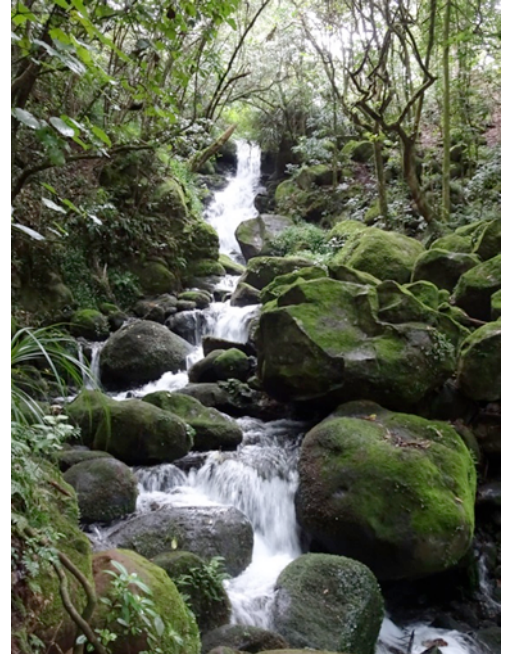
Or pay directly to the club bank account number **12 3023 0324204 00** using your surname as the reference and "Sub" as the code. Once done please email the Treasurer, Raewyn Lane with the date and amount deposited at raewynlane7@gmail.com

Trip Reports

Patumahoe Walkway / Te Ara o Whangamaire - (Unofficial Trip) - September 2nd

Trip Leaders: Maxine & Denis Gadd

On a beautiful spring morning, a group of 10 walkers (perfect numbers under Covid 2.5 restrictions) met at the Clive Howe Reserve carpark. After a short downhill section through the bush, stopping on the way to see the sacred spring, we walked up & down across farmland, where we were intrigued to see two Hobbit houses. The track then climbed up to Hunter Rd and the Henry Reserve. A short loop walk through the reserve led down to the Whangamaire Stream, then back up beside the waterfall to the road, where another mid-weeker joined us. Most of the group went on to Butchers Café to enjoy a coffee and conversation that had been much missed during level 3 lockdown.



Being in level 2.5 the aim was a walk close to Pukekohe so walkers could drive themselves, without public transport and somewhere a bit different. So I decided on part of the Te Araroa trail. Did two weeks first from Rangiriri heading north. I managed to get zapped by an electric fence on this walk. So it was plan b. Plan was from end of Drag way road heading south, 32 walkers turned up. After signing in and briefing. It was over the first sty and past the dirt racing tracks and onto the stop bank. It only takes a few minutes to be in farm land with no sound of vehicles, the river on your right and lovely farm land on left. The young cattle are curious but not intimidating. The walk we had heaps of room for social distance. The track was dry. It could get very muddy at times. The group spread out. At about 1.5k there is an inlet that has Koi carp in. The sun wasn't out so bit hard to see them. We walked to where we were opposite an island on the Waikato river and beside a huge old oak tree. This was morning tea stop. Then the walk back to vehicles. On way back I decided to pick up some of the plastic that had washed up in the last flood. Big thanks to the walkers that helped with this. Plastic bottles, footwear, glass bottles, balls, tyres etc. 2.5 rubbish bags full. We made a dent. . When back at vehicles we drove a few ks onto Hampton downs for a well deserved coffee and cake in a interesting and lovely cafe.



Broken Hills Tramp – Coromandel Forest Park September 13th

Leader : Ros Campbell

7 of us left Pukekohe at 8am heading south towards Pauanui on the Kopu Hikuai Highway 25, glad that Auckland was now at level 2.5. Opposite the turnoff to Pauanui we turned into Morrison's Road then onto Puketui Valley Road, for 6 kms to the roadend carpark.

We set off from the carpark around 9.30 headed for Main Ridge track and the lookout. We passed Broken Hills battery before crossing a small bridge over a tributary of the Tairua River and noticed a lovely waterfall ideal to chill out on a hot day. Continuing along the track we headed uphill to the lookout for 30 minutes stopping to take in the views at the lookout and enjoying morning tea.

Retracing our steps we continued along the track to a path that forked to the left and on to Collins Drive. (Straight ahead the path lead to Hihi Trig). Collins Drive has a 500m long tunnel requiring a headlamp. The sides were all boarded up and the track had been raised above the water pooled along the base. Some of us had to watch we didn't smack our heads on the overhead beams. Occasionally we put out our torches and enjoyed the glowworms above us.

Once out of the gloom it was back into lush bush and views over to Tairua. The track lead us down to the River where we enjoyed lunch around 12. We wanted to take Water Race Track back to the start of the tramp but this track seemed to be closed. Retracing our steps we returned to the River and Puketui Walk, back to our cars around 1pm.

It was time for a cuppa at The Garden Café on the outskirts of Thames, and back to Pukekohe by 4pm.

Return trip 210kms approx. \$20 each.



Morning tea at Broken Hill.



Pukekohe Tramping Club Photo Competition for 2020

The club competition will be held at club night on Monday 5th October

Note: New Date

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)
- ABOVE BUSHLINE (With a Human Element)
- BELOW BUSHLINE (With no Human Element)
- BELOW BUSHLINE (With a Human Element)
- 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/>

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COVID-19

September 7th Meeting cancelled.
Photograph Competition moved to October 5th meeting.

****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!

****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.

Future Trips

Spring programme 2020

Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost {\$}
4th Oct				
3 & 4	Rangitoto Station	Barry Giibbon (2359077) ? <i>Assist again with the Kokako Programme- 2nd weekend</i>	M	E
Thurs 8th	Waihi Mine loop	Annette Teague		
11				
Wed 14th	Patumahoe	Joan Leitch		
18				
1 Nov.				
Thurs 22nd	Hamilton River walk - TBA	Shaaron McKee		
Thurs 5th	Harker's Reserve	Raewyn Lane		
24/25/26 7 & 8 Nov	Labour Weeeknd- Rangitoto Station Stay New Plymouth- Ask Paikari Crossing Kokako Programme- 3rd weekend	Linda Gillard Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M-H	E
Wed 28th	Dubbo 96 track, Waihi	Shahar		
Wed 11th	Waiuku Forest	Annette Egbers		
15				
Thurs 19th	<u>Waterview/Oakley Creek</u>	Ruth Budden		
22				
Wed 25th	Te Tapui loop track	Shahar		
29				
Thurs 3 Dec.	TBA	Ray Handcock		

Date 1 Nov.	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost {\$}
Thurs 5th	Harker's Reserve	Raewyn Lane		
7 & 8 Nov	Rangitoto Station Assist again with the Kokako Programme- 3rd weekend	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M-H	E
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Thurs 3 Dec.	TBA	Ray Handcock		
6				
Wed. 9th	Karioitahi walk and pot luck lunch	Annette Egbers		
13				

**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
For mid week costs (e.g. A/C with/without
Gold card)**

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.