



# The Bush Telegraph

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**Next meeting: 06<sup>th</sup> May 2023 @ 7:30pm AGM**

**Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe**

Supper Duty: Frances Gibbon

Guest Speakers: None as we are holding the **AGM**

New Members – Welcome Alison Wagner

## Where am I Competition?



## Presidents Notes

It's great to have the winter schedule out with a great range of trips on offer. There are a few gaps still on both the weekend and mid-week programme, but I'm sure they will fill up over time. Thank you to those leaders who have contributed to the schedule so far. If you feel you can offer a trip for one of the gaps, reach out to Glenn (weekend) or Raewyn (mid-week) to discuss.

This month is our AGM, we are looking for a new secretary and bush telegraph editor. If you have a little time to spare and think you might like to contribute to the club in one of these roles, I urge you to have a chat with Shelena before the meeting about what they entail.

We have heard from a number of people and organizations sharing their condolences for the loss of Judy, including the Native Forest Restoration Trust, Howick Tramping Club, and Bike Auckland. She was a huge presence in the outdoors community and it is felt throughout. We have maintained contact with her family, who are working through things. Incident reports are underway and as they are completed, we will start to see what we can learn from this tragedy. If you have been impacted by this or any traumatic event, there is great support available from Manaaki Tāngata/Victim Support (<https://www.victimsupport.org.nz/> 0800 842 846).

Tramping in winter increases the risks posed by weather. There is lots of information out there about how to keep safe when out exploring our great country. The Mountain Safety Council is a great place to start (<https://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/>), their handbooks are available to buy at cost from the club. The Plan My Walk website and app takes you through the process of planning a tramp and ensures you receive any alerts in place associated with your trip (<https://planmywalk.nz/home>). If you are interested in further training the club subsidizes OTNZ courses (<https://www.outdoortraining.nz/>). Of course, another great source of information is your fellow club members, so do ask questions and chat about safety when you are on any club trips.

Stay safe everyone, and I hope to see many of you on Monday.

Becky

## Future Trips – Programme

Winter programme 2024				
Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost (\$)
<b>MAY</b>				
Thur 2	TBC	Ray		
5				
Wed 8	Te Huia- Hamilton	Jenny & Gail		
12	Montana Heritage trail	Becky	E/M	
Thur 16	Papakura East	Mark		
19	TBA	Mary and Pip		
Wed 22	Waiaatarua	Shahar		
26				
Thur 30	TBC	Dzintra		
<b>JUNE</b>				
1/2/3 June	Crosbies Hut?	Becky		
Wed 5	Duder?	Erna		
9				
Thur 13	Waiata Shores	Robert		
16	Dickeys Flat	Linda Gillard		
Wed 19				
23	Wairongomai Valley	Mary Crawford		
Thur 27	Dingle Dell Reserve	Ray		
28/29/30	Matariki Weekend			

## Future Trips – Programme

July				
Wed 3 July				
6 & 7th	Weekend Trip (TBA)	Mary and Suzanne		
Thur 11	City By Ways	Mark		
14	Huntly Lakes and Pukemokemoke	Linda Gillard		
Wed 17	Waiuku Forest	Annette E		
21				
Thur 25	Mt William	Pru & Alison		
28				
Wed 31	Lower Mt Eden	Jenny & Gail		
August				
4-Aug	Waharau Loop Track	Shelena Wiggill		
Thur 8				
11				
Wed 14				
18	TBA	Becky		
Thur 22	Kaiaua	Mark		
25	Hapuakohe Walkway (Northern end)	Shelena Wiggill		
Wed 28				
	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 \$15, B= \$15-25, C= \$25-35, D=\$35-50, E=\$50-70)			
	Weekend trip costs are estimates only			
	Version- 8 May			



## Completed / Past trips

Suspension Bridge – Wairoa loop track 10km 4hrs easy

Leader: Becky

Participants: Shelena, Joe, Anna & Owen, Stephanie, Alison, Karen, Bill, Barry, Michelle C, Peter

Three cars left Pukekohe at 8am, it was overcast but mild. We arrived at the Wairoa loop carpark at 8.30am and were on the



8.30am and were on the Suspension bridge 10 minutes later. The benched track climbed up steadily before dropping down to a lookout over the Mangitawhiri reservoir. We were down at the dam by 9.30 where we had a brief stop. The water level was looking quite low, but we have just come through summer. We followed the road, past plentiful quail, until we came to the Wairoa loop track. Then we were back to climbing. We detoured briefly to the lookout, recently renovated, and popped out at the repeater station at the top. The track then follows the road for a time. We passed lots of people out enjoying the

park, also several good doggos. We reached the repeater campsite just after 11am, the sun was breaking through, so we stayed and enjoyed the facilities for an early lunch, entertained by a couple of kererus in a kowhai. We set off again at about 12pm, stopped at the nearby lookout, also recently refurbished. The Mangitawhiri campsite was in clear site and pretty full. We then had to backtrack to pick up the Wairoa loop track again which took us down through lovely bush, and along a stream back to the carpark by just after 1pm.

## Mt Mangatangi – 4 April 2024



We assembled at the base of the Mangatangi Dam | and 20 of us left to climb the hill. We had morning tea at the dam. We then walked up the gravel road for an hour and arrived at base camp for lunch.

Some of the group decided to carry on to the trig before returning to base camp for lunch.

After lunch we retraced our steps down to the Dam base we covered 7.5 Kms over 3 hours inclusive of lunch.

One really nice thing that happened, a wallet was

Found on the wall outside the toilet at the carpark. We identified the owner and through his gym, made contact with him and handed him his wallet at his home, just before Pukekohe.

We then went to Kauai where you had a choice of venues, the pub or the dairy to have your ice creams.



We were back in Pukekohe mid-afternoon.



## Rangitoto island 23, 24 March



Just reporting back on our trip to Rangitoto which went smoothly.

Becky, Suzanne, Mary and myself.

I think we managed to clock up over the two days about 34 kms. The Coastal walk to Islington Bay. 12.6 kms. It was raining so we had to be extra cautious with our footing on the scoria and rocks, but definitely a nicer route to take as close to the coastline.

We got to Islington Bay just after

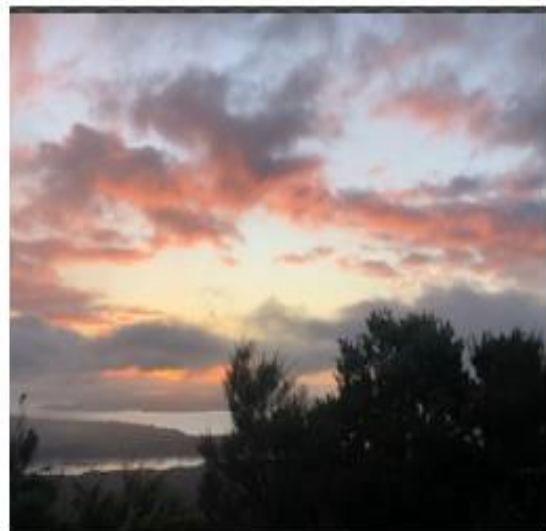
12.00 pm to be welcomed by Quincy who showed us around the Bach. How things work and what was required of guests. Our chilly bin was run by a 12 volt battery. Kept everything cool, including our wine ☺ slept 7 comfortably.

Bach 114 was huge with a hint of nostalgia .A wonderful experience to step back in time.

We also managed a jaunt to Home bay Motatapu Island on Saturday afternoon. 8.7 kms out and back.

A change of plan for sunset at the summit Saturday evening became, sunrise at the summit due to rain Sunday morning. 10 kms up and back.

Then a slow relaxed walk back to the wharf via the road and a look at all the other historic baches, and museum before boarding our ferry home.



Michelle

## Gear Requirement

**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
Rainwear
Woolly hat
Torch or headlight
Toilet gear
Small first aid pack / whistle

Boots
Warm clothing eg fleece garments, polypropylene, etc
Gloves/mittens
Thermal longs for winter trips or if above the bushline
Plate and mug and cutlery

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 nonmembers 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, and Pukekohe on the **first Monday of each month at 7.30pm** unless otherwise advised.

**Annual Subscriptions:**

\$25.00 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. **Online:** with your surname as the reference and "Sub" as the code, to the PTC bank which is ASB Pukekohe, account number **12 3023 0324204 00**

**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 cutoff 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.



## PTC Committee 2021/2022



Rebecca Banks – President

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### Other Positions but not on Committee

Anna Low – Supper box for Club nights

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Eric and Linda Muir – Archives and 50th Anniversary booklets

### Trip Leaders

Please inform David Lawrie ( 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.

