



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

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EDITION 552

August 2020

Next Meeting: Monday 3rd August 2020 at 7.30pm

VENUE: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.

Supper Duty July Meeting: Judy, Frances & Hamish

Guest Speaker: Wendy Goad - Pukekohe Volcanoes

New Members : A warm welcome to the following who have recently joined:

Andrea Whiting

Muddy Boot Award:

On a July mid week excursion a couple decided rather than exploring with the rest of the group they would visit Kathmandu, Newmarket and take advantage of the "sale" on offer. Well done Vivienne & Kelvin Fitness—great lateral thinking. Vivienne described it as her most expensive tramp ever.



"Where am I?" Competition:

Last month's picture was not identified. Hamish believes it is probably on Mt Taranaki. Hamish has supplied the below picture for identification.

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.



"President's Post"

There was a good attendance for the last meeting which was the delayed Annual General Meeting. Most of the present office holders were re-elected although Vice President Derek Hopkins stood down because of the pressure of his current work load. Glen Clark was elected to fill the vacancy.

I would thank all those office holders for continuing to serve the club although because of the relatively smooth management there is a relatively small work load.

The subscription for the coming year was retained at the same level as the previous year and these are now due for payment. These can be paid directly to the treasurer or into the bank account, the number of which is listed in this bulletin.

At the ordinary club meeting which followed the AGM there was discussion about safety on trips where there is a large number of people. This arose from a recent trip where the group split which in itself is not a problem. However if the group does split it must be with the knowledge of the trip leader so that they know where everybody is at any time. Following a lively discussion it was agreed that all trips should have the radios to enable the front of the group to communicate with the tail end Charlie. This will allow for much greater communication between the whole group. It should be noted that the radios for mid week trips are held in my office at 14 Hall Street, Pukekohe and someone from each group should be delegated to uplift the radios and return them at the end of the trip. I will then arrange for charging the batteries ready for the next week's trip.

It is good to see such large attendance at these trips but we must all acknowledge that the leader must be fully informed if any participants are diverting from the leader's anticipated route. If everyone keeps open good lines of communication, we will all enjoy trips and there will be 5no, or minimum confusion.

I have just been contacted by the organiser of a trip for the Cambridge Tramping Club who are coming to walk our five summits trail on 2 August. Another example of an out of town club enjoying our hard work. Say hello if you see them on the trail.

Enjoy your walks in the rain and we will see you at the next meeting when Wendy Goad will provide details of the history of the volcanos around Pukekohe which are mentioned in the trail brochure.

David Lawrie

Quote of the Month



PTC Committee 2020/2021



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Eric and Linda Muir – Archives and 50th Anniversary booklet

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

Mt Te Aroha Horseman's Track to Tui Domain Track 21 June

Trip leader: Ros Campbell

Party: Peter, Romi, Linda, Hamish, Becky, Jade, Marg and Sue.

Our group met up at Te Aroha Domain by 9.30 and set off from Mokena Geyser around 9.45am. We headed to Whakapipi lookout via Upper Domain Loop and Summit Tracks. This is a popular track so it was well maintained and suitable for most walkers. A quick morning snack at the lookout with views over Te Aroha and Hauraki Plains.

Continuing our ascent we turned off Summit track to Horseman's track and followed the path down to Tui Domain track and Crusher Falls and the water treatment plant. Due to the recent rain the water courses and waterfalls were in flood so few of us escaped with dry feet, but that didn't dampen our spirits. It is a great walk that is well maintained and ideal summer or winter.

Our lunch spot was in the Rotunda overlooking the Domain around 12.15 then it was off to the hot pools and a hot drink at Ironique Café.

We arrived back in Pukekohe around 4.30. 200kms round trip.



Mokoroa Falls 28 June

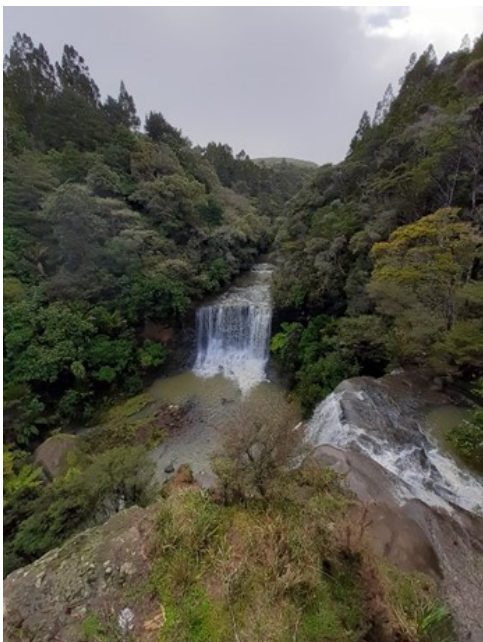
Leader: Becky Banks

Party: Ros, Hamish, Peter, Jade, Barry, Sue, Wendy



It was a showery start as eight hopeful trampers left Pukekohe and headed across Auckland towards Muruwai. We managed to squeeze into the carpark at Constable Road, a close thing as a Meet Up group of 45 arrived at

the same time. We set off down the Goldies Bush Walkway, at the swingbridge we found the Mokoroa Stream was up considerably making the stream track unviable. We headed to the Falls via the Walkway to find them in spectacular form and quite swollen.



The base of the steps soon became crowded, so we trooped back up past the Meet Up group and had morning tea at the lookout. We then retraced our steps back to the cars and had lunch in the bus shelter as a shower passed over. The sun soon peaked out again, so we went down the road to see the Gannet colony at Muruwai.

Trip Reports

Mokoroa Falls 28 June cont:



It was cold and very windy so we made a quick exit to grab hot drinks at the café before heading home. Back in Pukekohe around 3.30pm and looking forward to attempting the stream track again come summer.

Five Summits Walk Part Three. 23rd July.

Leader- Annette Teague

This walk was a substitute for Wendy's Wednesday walk which was cancelled due to bad weather.

A group of 12 trampers departed from Cinema 3 carpark in sunny weather. We joined the 5 Summits trail at Bledisloe Park, continuing on to Samuel Millar Park for morning tea and then up Pukekohe Hill enjoying the views.. Two walkers left us at the halfway mark due to prior commitments.

Walking past new subdivisions we left the trail at West St and proceeded to Rosa Birch Park for lunch.

After an enjoyable walk with no rain we finished up at the Flour Mill for coffee.

FMC Expedition Scholarships 2020

Dear Club Officer,

This email is to let you know that applications for the 2020 FMC Expedition scholarships are now open.

Two types of scholarships are available:

- Youth Expedition Scholarships – for applicants under the age of 30
- Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship (no age restrictions)

Applications close at 5pm on Friday 18 September 2020; eligibility criteria and application forms are available online at <https://www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/>

A poster to promote the scholarships is also attached to this e-mail.

We would appreciate it if you wanted to forward this information to your club members, and encourage young members to apply.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Officer

Pukekohe Tramping Club Photo Competition for 2020

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!

****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.

Winter programme 2020

Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost (\$)
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.