



The Bush Telegraph

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Next meeting: 04th March 2023 @ 7:30pm (no Feb meeting due Waitangi)

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty: Frances Gibbon

Guest Speakers: Barry and Frances on Sub-Antarctic Island cruise

New Members – None

Presidents Notes

Greetings from the trail all, I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.



I write this holed up in St Arnauds resting my feet and preparing to tackle the track from Nelson Lakes to Lewis Pass via Waiau pass in the next couple of days. I had an amazing adventure in the South Island so far. I woke up Christmas day in Captains Creek hut and went to bed in The Rocks hut on the Pelorus track. New Years Eve was in Tarn hut and New Years day was spent tramping up the breathtakingly beautiful Wairoa river (photo attached). I hope everyone is managing to get out and enjoy our beautiful outdoors too.

I have great news on the Kauri Bowl raffle. In total this raised \$300 which has gone to help the Backcountry Trust with their work restoring, maintaining and enhancing our backcountry huts and tracks as a living



heritage for all. You can find out more about their work at Backcountrytrust.org.nz or in their Facebook group, huts and tracks-home of the Backcountry Trust. The draw was held at the Midweek Christmas lunch. David Lawrie was delighted to be



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the winner, declaring 'i never win anything!'. Thanks goes out again to Hamish's brother in law, the talented wood turner who donated this valuable piece.

The new year bbq is early this year to make use of the tides, sadly I will still be in the South Island so can't attend. This is a lovely social occasion when all members can get together and catch up, and bring family members along too.

The rest of the upcoming schedule will be released once it is more or less filled. Do get your trips in to Glenn so he can put this together.

Otherwise, enjoy the rest of the summer break until we meet again.

Becky

Future Trips – Programme

Summer programme 2024				
Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	\$
January				
Thurs 11th				
14	New Year BBQ Te Toro	Barry		
Wed 17th	Harkers Track Onehero	Raewyn		
21				
Thurs 25th	Auckland Museum & Gardens	Shaaron		
27, 28, 29	Auckland Anniv Weekend	Becky		
Wed 31st	Daleys Clearing	Shahar		
FEB				
4th Feb				
Thurs 8th				
11	Kaimais Daleys Hut loop plus swim	Becky		
Wed 14th	Waiuke Forest	Erna		
18				
Thurs 22nd	Totara Park	Ngaire & Rita		
25	Mt Karioi	Mary Crawford		
Wed 28th	Thames	Annette T		

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March				
3rd March	Hakarimata Through tramp	Becky		
Thurs 7 th	Waihi- around the gold mine	Annette T		
10th				
Wed 13 th	Beach walk TBC	Frances		
17	Awhitu Landcare sea week farm/coastal walk	Barry		
Thurs 21st	Pukemokemo Reserve	Joan		
23/24	Rangitoto Island Weekend Stay over night at a bach	Michele Jameson		
23/24	Rangitoto Station Bait line work and stay at house	Glenn & Maree Clark (2386569)	H/E	B
Wed 27th				
31	Easter Kaimai - Traverse?	Becky	M/H	
April				
Thurs 4th				
6th or 7th	TBA Kaimais or Waihi?	Mary Crawford		
Wed 10th	TBC	Gail & Jenny		
14				
Thurs 18th	Murphy Bush or Barry Curtis Park	Shaaron		
21				
Wed 24th	TBC	Delwyn		
28-Jan				
	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 For mid week costs (e.g. A/C with/without Gold card)			
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Trip Reports

On December 6th a small group of keen walkers trained to Britomart then ferried to Devonport. We walked up the main Devonport road and found the entrance to Mt Victoria. The clear day made the views from the top great.



Then we road walked to Cheltenham Beach for lunch. We found the back entrance to North Head and walked up to see the views of Rangitoto and the city. Walking back along the harbour road to the ferry. Great Day. Thank you to Annette E for suggesting the walk. I enjoyed leading it. Raewyn

Kauri Bowl Fund raising Raffle

The brother-in-law of Hamish Brownlie donated a beautiful Kauri Bowl to the Pukekohe Tramping Club. It was in recognition for the help members of the Pukekohe Tramping club gave to Hamish after he had a major accident nearly 2 years ago.

The club decided to raffle the Bowl and donate the procedure to the BackCountry Trust to help with the upkeep of the tracks. The raffle was drawn on 14th December, at the end of year lunch for the mid week trampers.

38	Margaret Bell	021 0426169
39		
40	David	Lawrie
41	"	"
42	"	"
43	"	021 151310

The money raised came to \$300. This was donated on the 16th of December.

The winner of the raffle, number 41, was David Lawrie, who is a member of the Pukekohe Tramping Club

On Thursday 29th November 21 walkers met up at the Morrinsville Recreation grounds for the walk. After morning tea we followed the riverside walk. The river was rather muddy but path was dry and it was a lovely day. We passed the water falls. Went under railway lines twice and across a swing bridge.

The most interesting part was the sign boards giving a history of Morrinsville. There was a lot of damage to river due to January floods but one board showed photo of flooding in early 1900s with the water covering the train line we were standing under.



Lunch was at Holmwood Park 5ks into the walk and from here we headed back via town center and had a good look at a lot of the "Herd of Cows" status.

We had a lovely coffee stop at Cafe Frock. The staff were extra nice and very interested in who we were. A group photo under the mega cow made for a great end to a lovely day. Walk was led by Shaaron McKee.

Thur. 16th Nov. - Sculpture On Shore - Fort Takapuna. Leader: Betty MacDonald

26 trampers caught the train to Britomart. The trip leader, Betty, met them at the Downtown Ferry terminal and we took the 10.30 ferry to Devonport. There one member opted to visit the historic sites and museums in Devonport instead, while the others set off on the 40 minute walk to Fort Takapuna (overlooking Narrow Neck Beach). It had been a long time since the last visit and the trip leader was relying on Google to find the shortest route but unfortunately left her mobile at home :-(. We got there with the help of other members, but it took a bit longer than anticipated.

After paying our entry fees, we wandered off in different directions to view the sculptures. There was a record number on display this year and it is an extensive reserve area with fantastic views so we had a good walk too. There are also tunnels to explore where school art work was on display. It was a beautiful sunny day making it a popular day out which meant a long queue for lunch for those who didn't take their own. We headed back to the ferry at various times - some walked while others hopped on a bus. Without a mobile, this was difficult to co-ordinate!

Unfortunately 3 other members who decided to travel by car had a bad start. The motorway was closed between Papakura and Takanini after a serious crash and they were caught up in the gridlock. They bravely carried on and arrived at the venue 5 hours later! - Probably just after the rest of the group left :-(. However, despite a very long day, I was assured they were glad they didn't miss the trip.

This event is normally held every 2 years and was on the mid-week calendar a few times, but thanks to Covid the last one was 5 years ago. It's a major fundraiser for Women's Refuge and definitely worth a visit.

(The trip-leader absconded to USA to avoid the muddy-boot!!)

Trip Report -Tanzania - By Two club members- September 2023-Mt Kilimanjaro-The Lemosho Route



Participants - Rita Green and Ngaire Currie plus 13 keen hikers from around the world and 54 support crew, guides porters and cooks, 69 in total for our group alone.

We joined our group in Arusha at the Moivaro Lodge for our 8 day trek via Lemosho Route giving us the maximum acclimatization time.

Starting from the Lemosho Gate our entry into the national park we walk through forest for next 3-4 hours onto the 1st night stay at Lemosho Big Tree camp 1. Next day we will climb steadily through the moorland zone of heathers to reach rim of Shira plateau our 2nd night stay -6-7 hours walking – Shira One Camp.

Great views. Our porters are always busy and smiling setting up our camp gear and preparing meals checking on us, nightly talk about the next day's hike.

Next we head up to Shira Hut camp plateau about 5 hours walking passing volcanic formations. We actually walk higher then descend to the camp for the night, another day of stunning views and we can see Mt Meru, but our lungs are already saying what are you doing !!!!to us. Tomorrow we climb to the Lava Tower Junction 4550m

leaving the Plateau Have lunch here then descend to Barranco valley 3900m our next nights stay. The terrain is rocky and not always kind to our feet or legs.

These days help with acclimatization

Next morning the climb is short but steep to Karanga camp. Little did we know we would do hand to hand rock climbing up the Barranco wall, gloves a definite here. Kili mountain always in our sights including the icefields.

Still breathing.

We are getting closer. Tomorrow off to Barafu campsite 4600m a steady climb up. Reach camp have lunch then it's off for acclimatization walk to 4800m and back down to camp for the night. Its D day tomorrow last minute preparation chat from guides.

The summit. It's a huge day walk up and down -up to 15 hours walking. Get up at night 10pm –not much sleep, eat and off at 11pm, head torches on start walking slowly with guides leading the way –its really hard climbing higher we notice the altitude, take breaks but got to keep going people all walking in lines with torches from many different groups on the mountain. We climb slowly higher the sun is rising great sunrise views but no real time to enjoy. Our guides are singing to encourage us to keep going getting closer it's in sight the summit !

Finally we are there all that hard work, we are relieved, stuffed, no time to take it in as we have to descend now to our camp for the night a long way down scree and rocks ,2195 m descent need plenty of stamina to keep it together. Arrive at Millenium camp absolutely worn out. Fall into our tent. What a BIG DAY.

Tomorrow we descend to the National Park gate at Mweka where the certificates of completion are given out to the group ,we thank our guides and porters have lunch together for the last time and we head back to Arusha at the Moivaro Lodge a hot shower ,a bed, a real toilet cant wait and a glass of wine to celebrate.

A great experience!



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	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 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.

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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.

