



The Bush Telegraph

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Next meeting: 4th Sep 2023 @ 7:30pm

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty: Frances Gibbon

Guest Speakers: This presentation will be a chance to learn about a rare and remote lifestyle. Andrew Bayly is an adventurer and mountain climber who has walked and dragged sledges to both the Antarctic and Arctic poles. You may remember a previous presentation he gave us about those escapades. He recently spent a month in Mongolia on another of his intrepid father-and-son journeys, this time with his youngest son, George. They spent time with the Dukha people, who are some of the last of the nomadic reindeer herders in the world. This adventure involved, among other things, riding horses on frozen rivers and reindeer in deep snow. Andrew will give us an insight into a very different way of life at the top end of the world. Don't miss this one!



New Members – Warm Welcome to: Philip Allen and Caroline Zeeman

“Where am I competition”

David Lawrie identified Barry's photo as a Red Crested Grebe. The photo was taken at Wanaka, where community efforts to provide safe nesting pontoons has had positive impact on the population. Here is an article about it <https://www.doc.govt.nz/news/media-releases/2015/lake-wanaka-grebes-thrive-with-a-bit-of-help/>



Photo provided by John Kelsey: where am i?

President Notes

The weather gods have been feeling benevolent of late, so though track closures have meant changes to the schedule, trips have been able to go ahead, and some have even seen sunshine. The august weekend schedule culminates with a planting day on Motutapu. It is great that the club can give back with some sweat equity for all the enjoyment we get from our regional parks and acknowledge Conservation Week 2023.

Speaking of giving back, Rangitoto Station baiting weekends for 2023 kick off on the first weekend of each month from September to December. Another wonderful opportunity to contribute to a program that is having a big impact on the Kokako population and enjoy a fun social weekend in some beautiful bush you'd otherwise never see.

Another thing to look forward to next month is the FMC Mountain Film Festival Tour, coming to Waiuku in September, thanks to the efforts of Barry Gibbon and the Waiuku Lions. The Pukekohe Tramping Club is proud to be co-sponsoring this not only to give members and the wider community the opportunity to enjoy this year's winners, but also to help provide a "sponsorship grant" for a senior College student living within Franklin, so they can attend either a Spirit of Adventure OR an Outward Bound course with a focus on Leadership / Self-development. Last year we saw some incredible stories, so I am looking forward to this year's offerings.

There are still a few places left on the first aid course that takes place on the morning of Wednesday 6th September. This is free to trip leaders and at a very reasonable \$40 for members. Get in touch with Raewyn asap if you would like to take up this opportunity.

Raffle tickets are still available for the beautiful kauri bowl. Only \$5 a ticket, they can be purchased online by payment to the club account, or with cash at the meeting. Proceeds will be going to The Backcountry Trust.

Dee has lined up a very interesting talk for September's meeting where we will be introduced to a culture few get to see. I hope I will see lots of you there.

Becky

Future Trips – Programme

Spring programme 2023

Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost {฿}
Wed 30th Aug				
Septemeber				
2/3 Sept	Rangitoto Station 1 Assist again with the Kokako Programme	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M	65
Thurs 7th	TBC	Frances Gibbon		
10	Maratoto/Wires track	Becky Banks	M	25-30
Wed 13 th	Remuera - Ellerslie	Gail & Jenny		
17	Kaimais Pylon Peak Loop	Becky Banks	M	25-30
Thurs 21st	Hunuas	Delwyn		
24				
Wed 27th	Remuera are, Mt Hobson	Prue		
October				
1st Oct				
Thurs 5th	Longford Park - Panurehue Inlet	Mark		
7th/8th	Rangitoto Station 2 Assist again with the Kokako Programme	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M	65
Wed 11th	Patumahoe	Annette Egbers		
15				
Thurs 19th	Whitford bridle path	Shahar		
21/22/23	Kawekas	Becky Banks	M	125
Wed 25th				
29				

November					
Thurs 2nd Nov	Ocean to Mountain	Mark			
4th/5th	Rangitoto Station 3 Assist again with the Kokako Programme	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M	65	
Wed 8th	Mt Victoria – North Head	Annette Egbers			
12					
Thurs 16th					
18	Mt Karioi	Mary Crawford			
Wed 22nd					
26	Karamatura to Mount Donald McLean	Shelena Wiqqill			
Thurs 30th	Morrinsville	Shaaron			
December					
2nd/3rd Dec	Rangitoto Station 4 Assist again with the Kokako Programme	Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)	M	65	
Wed 6th					
10	Awhitu Regional Park Walk and pre xmas picnic. Camp overnight?				
Thurs 14th					
<p>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 For mid week costs (e.g. A/C with/without Gold card)</p>					
<p>Version- August 28</p>					

PUKEKOHE TRAMPING CLUB

ONLINE RAFFLE IN SUPPORT OF THE BACKCOUNTRY TRUST



KAURI BOWL, DIAMETER 340MM, 150MM DEEP
RETAIL VALUE APPROX \$250
TICKETS \$5 EACH

To purchase deposit money in club account 12-3023-0324204-00 with your name and bowl as reference.
Email Raewyn once done and if you want a particular number/s (1-100)
Winner will be drawn at club meeting once all tickets sold

NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL

NATIONAL TOUR



SCREENING HERE:
WAIKUKU LIONS STATION, BELGIUM ST, WAIKUKU
SEPTEMBER 9th & 16th at 8.30pm - Completely different shortfilm selections each evening
TICKETS - Two night SPECIAL \$25pp, One night Early Bird \$15pp, Door Sales (Cash ONLY) \$20pp
Online @ www.eventfinds.co.nz/2023/nz-mountain-film-festival-2023-national-tour/auckland/waikuku
Brought to you by Waikuku Lions Club & Pukekohe Tramping Club - More info on either Facebook pages

www.mountainfilm.nz

Trip Reports

Trip report

Saturday 19th August, Daly's Clearing Loop, Leader: Becky

Participants: Anne and Owen Porter, Welcome to Joseph McGowan first tramp with the club.



With heavy rain watches for Sunday this trip was hastily rescheduled to Saturday to get in before the rain. A small group so we were able to hop in one car for the trip to Franklin Road | end. With boots laced we hit the trail

at 9.30am. Conditions were partly cloudy, we did see some shadows on the ground throughout the morning. We took Dean's track off to the right, tackling the loop anti-clockwise. This climbs up through paddock with immediate views



of the Waitawheta river and surrounds. We soon entered the bush and the track gently undulated its way through to meet the track between Dicky's Flat and Daly's Clearing hut. We stopped at a favourable log for morning tea along

the way. Once joining the track it was less than an hour to the hut where we had an early lunch and met a gentleman celebrating his 70th birthday. After the hut the track climbed down to the Waitawheta river and the tramway track. We met a couple of groups climbing up to spend the night at the hut. Once at the river we followed it back to the car, reaching it at about 1.30pm, early enough to grab a treat at Ngatea on the way home.



Trip report 6th August 2023 Mt Karangahake summit loop Leader Becky, accompanied by John Kelsey and Mary Crawford



A very select group of 3 left Pukekohe at the usual time, full of excitement at the prospect of a day in the sun. Scotsmans Gully track is closed due to storm damage, so we travelled up Crown Hill Road to the parking area. We then followed the road on foot passing Scotsmans Gully track and soon came to the summit track branching off on the right. The track is wide and was once used by vehicles, we met one gentleman on a quad who was doing some Possum hunting. It climbs steadily



skirting around the mountain, there was some discussion about taking the more direct track when we reached the junction, but it was felt this would be a slippery scramble after recent rains and we continued as we were. There were some puddles and muddy patches but nothing major. Eventually we passed the junction with the Country Road Track and popped out of the bushline to see the summit in front of us. There was a steep rocky scramble down and then up to reach it in time for an early lunch enjoying views out to Waihi and the coast, the kaimai ranges and across the Hauraki flats out to the Firth of Thames. It was sadly too hazy to see the mountains.

We backtracked before taking the Country Road Track which continues the sidle around and gently down the mountain. When you reach a junction, follow the orange markers to your left, the track had to be redirected to bypass slip damage. It passes through lovely bush and further down there are mine shafts and lovely views of the gorge below to enjoy. Eventually we popped out onto the gravel road we started on, turn left and you will almost immediately see the start of the summit track you took up the mountain. Follow the road back to the start, which we reached at about 1.30pm. The whole tramp took about 4 hours including lunch break leaving time to stop in Paeroa for refreshments.



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, 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.

