



The Bush Telegraph

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Next meeting: 6th Feb 2023 @ 7:30pm

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty: Frances Gibbon

Guest Speakers: None

New Members:

Welcome B.Hall & Ngaire Currie

“Where am I competition”

Which City on the East coast North Island would you see these beautiful cliffs



President Notes



Happy New Year everyone,

A new year is always a bit of a prompt to set some new goals or aspirations I find. Be that new tracks to explore, skills to develop or experiences to tick off. Do share any you have with your fellow club members, you never know what could happen when the right heads are put together. I'll go first, I am planning on extending my skills and confidence into some more challenging territory this year.

The weather continued to be unsettled for much of January, sadly cancelling another club trip when ex-tropical cyclone Hale arrived on our shores. Fingers crossed that 2023 is kinder to our schedule.

Speaking of which, the summer program has a few gaps still. Many hands make light work, so I do encourage you to think about whether you can offer even one trip in this schedule. Remember, new (and old) leaders will always have full support from our core of experienced leaders. Feel free to have a casual chat with current leaders or our wonderful trip schedule coordinators about what it involves.

As we get back out there keep in mind that Covid is still out there, and we need to look after each other. Stay home if you are sick and maintain good hygiene practices, coughing into elbow, washing hands regularly etc.

Other than that, let's get amongst it and see what 2023 brings.

Becky

Future Trips – Spring Programme

Summer programme 2023				
Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	\$
January				
Thurs 12th	Waihi	Mark		
15	Waiuku Forest	Barry Gibbon	E	
Wed 18th	Harkers Track	Sue Saxton		
22	New Year BBQ Te Toro	Barry is contact		
Thurs 26th	St Heliers (Churchill Park)	Shaaron		
28, 29, 30	Auckland Anniv Weekend			
Wed 1st Feb.	Daleys Clearing	Shahar		
4, 5, 6	Waitangi Weekend			
Thurs 9th	ST Johns Bush	Ray		
12	Kaimais Lindemans Loop	Becky Banks (02102382178)	M	
Wed 15th				
19	Tairua Broken Hills	Peter Stewart	M	B
Thurs 23rd				
26	Waihi Homunga Bay to Waihi Beach	Becky Banks (02102382178)	M	B

Wed 1st Mar.				
5				
Thurs 9 th	Hakarimata- Kauri walk	Dzintra/Larry		
11th/12th	Kauearanga Valley- Camping Camping weekend/day walks	Glenn & Maree Clark (2386569) Delwyn	M	
Wed 15 th	Massey/Cossey Track			
18/19	Rangitoto Station Bait line work and stay at house	Glenn & Maree Clark (2386569)	H/E	
Thurs 23rd	Awhitu Regional Park	Maureen/Frances		
26	Mt Pirongia	Peter Stewart	M	B
Wed 29th	TBA	Ray		
Friday 31 - April 2nd	Coromandel Stay Kirita Bay. Swim , fish, kayak, chill out	Dee And John	E	
Thurs 6th				
7, 8, 9, 10	Easter			
Wed 12th				
16				
Thurs 20th				
23				
Wed 26th	TBA	Jenny & Gail		
	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=\$50-7			
	Weekend trip costs are estimates only			
	For mid week costs (e.g. A/C with/without Gold card)			

Trip Reports

Thames Estuary Walkway - lead by Shaaron McKee

On 23 November I led a walk around Thames. I like Thames heritage so it was enjoyable for me. 14 met at the boat marina just past the bridge coming into town. The path is not greatly signposted and you have to go past the dry-dock boats in the yard to find a little bridge to get started on track. When we left Pukekohe the weather looked grey and rainy but as we set off the sun came out. We had a bit of wind but a lot of the path is protected by mangroves so we had a wind break. The further on the path the better the views of Firth of Thames. We had lunch up the other end of Thames at Kuranui reserve. The walk back we went past half a dozen heritage pubs, lots of beautiful old homes and some of the heritage signage board with town history.

Our third attempt to get afternoon tea turned out to be a great stop. The corner stone Cafe by intersection of sh 25 and sh 2 was busy with classic cars heading to beach hop.

Photo is at a new reserve which is in front of the Thames refuse station.



The walkers came matching the art sculpture colours in the reserve that I don't know its name but it is Thames off the ash dog walking park in front of the refuse depot and has a great back drop. Enjoyable day for a day that looked like it was going to be bad weather.

Waihi trip report for 12.1.23



5 brave souls huddled under by Cinema 3 in the dry bit. This was a serious case of cabin fever. As we

drove to Waihi, conditions deteriorated. The 3 from Tuakau wisely elected to go to a beach front cafe to see if conditions would improve, whilst the 5 from Pukekohe set out on the track as planned. Having climbed for some time, we realised that we were going to have to come down again. At our age, we don't bounce that well



and no wishing to become ACC statistics, we retreated very carefully. We settled for a beach walk until lunchtime then went to Bowen Town. Conditions were marginally better. We did a recky for a future midweek trip. We encountered the Tuakau group who had 'been there done that'. We came back via Athrenee and Waikawiatu on a courier run. We even fitted in a coffee break at the L&P Coffee shop a Paeroa (for your information, open until 2000 Wednesday to Sunday). We were back in

Pukekohe by 1700, damp but cured of cabin fever.



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:

Sleeping bag	Boots
Rainwear	Warm clothing e.g. fleece garments, polypropylene, etc.
Woolly hat	Gloves/mittens
Torch or headlight	Thermal longs for winter trips or if above the bush line
Toilet gear	Plate and mug and cutlery

Small first aid pack / whistle

Waterproof pack large enough to hold all your equipment and food

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~~ 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:

\$25.00 single \$40.00 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~~ 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.

