



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

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EDITION 556

December 2020

Next Meeting: Monday 7th December 2020

VENUE: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.

Supper Duty November Meeting: Christmas Meeting with gentlemen on Supper Duty.

Guest Speaker: Nil—although Santa has been known to appear.



Muddy Boot Award:

There were a number of very worthwhile nominations this month however one member was nominated as follows:

- 1) On the recent Tongariro Crossing weekend this member jumps from the moving van, in such a rush to grab a beer.
- 2) While gathering for a tramp at Hall St this member enquires of Anna Lowe “You didn’t book for this tramp did you?” To which Anna was able to not only produce the text sent to the member but also the response from the member acknowledging the booking.
- 3) As trampers piled into cars at Hall St to embark on a weekend tramp this member exits the car to salvage his ute keys left on top of the canopy.



So by sheer weight of numbers Barry Gibbon wins the muddy boot this month.

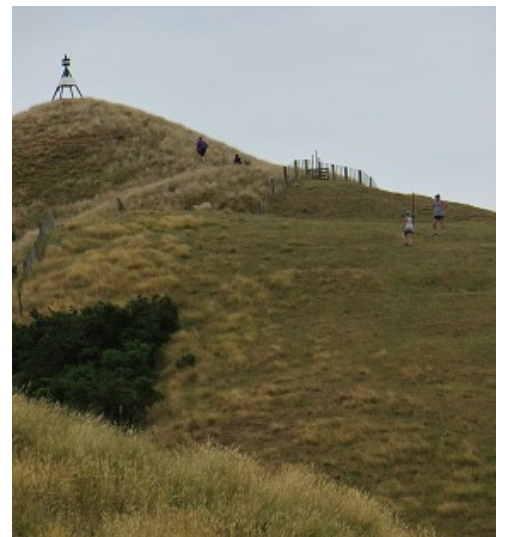
New Members : A warm welcome to the following who has recently joined: Peter Thumath and Joanne Allington.

“Where am I?” Competition:

Last month’s picture was identified by Raewyn Lane as Crosbies Hut—Coromandel Forest Park.

This month’s photograph is to the right.

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"



Well we are approaching the end of a rather strange year with the Covid-19 restrictions that meant for several months we were not able to meet or have trips. I am proud of how the club responded to these restrictions even though we were all disappointed.

The end of this year also sees the end of another era which is Betty McDonald moving out of the Franklin area. Betty has been a driving force behind the mid-week group organising and coordinating trips and also in training new leaders. She will leave a huge gap and we wish her well in her new location which is in Auckland. However I also understand that she will remain a member and will join when possible our trips into the Auckland area.

I would also take this opportunity to thank the leadership team and the committee who have ensured the club runs smoothly despite the president.

We recently held a Committee meeting and there were several issues that I want to raise. Glen is working on a trip program for next year and is short of suggestions. The trip planners are going to meet on the 3rd December so if you have suggestions get them to Glen before then. If you want to visit an area make the suggestion, but better still offer to lead the trip.

Another item that was discussed is the lack of leaders. The committee is going to look at a way to give guidance to new leaders to build their confidence. However another way that new leaders can be helped is by more experienced people assisting and guiding them. It is also very important that members on trips listen to the leader and follow their instructions. Nothing undermines a new persons confidence than people wandering off doing something else. So remember that the trip leader is the boss for the day and all members should support them.

The photo competition was a great success thanks to the organising of Dee. The photos showed some interesting places and trips. The committee have decided that this will be held every second year, so start saving photos for 2022!!!

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the December meeting as we bring this year to a close.

David



PTC Committee 2020/2021



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Trip Leaders please inform David Lawrie (2388407 or 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.

Trip Reports

Hamilton River - October 22nd

Leader: Shaaron McKee

36 walkers had a nice walk Hamilton river. We met at Scientific reserve on the Huntly bypass. Good place to stop and 1.4k walk and read about the Maori statues on the bypass and history of the area. From here we drove to Melville Park Hamilton (3 hour parking) We followed river path North to Victoria on the river in central city for lunch. We crossed over Claudelands bridge and path South to Parana park and Soldiers Memorial park. Lovely park with water features, aviary, rose gardens, statues and Bush tracks. We walked south again on river track to cross over at Claudelands bridge. Due to time restraints we missed having coffee at Hayes Common cafe. (To shorten this walk you could cross at Anzac Parade bridge). A few went on to Hamilton gardens for coffee. It was a hot day but the group took their time and enjoyed Hamilton's river path. Photo is at Victoria on the river.



Waiuku Forest Trip

November 11th.

Leader : Annette Egbers

We all met at the entrance to the forest at the end of Ghessie Rd with a group of 24 at 10 am . Annette led the cars to the beach carpark where we all embarked and had morning tea on the beach using the logs provided by the tides.

The walk commenced along the beach heading north and then a path was taken that negotiated the cliff side to head into the forest. We all walked up to an area for a lookout over the river mouth and Port Waikato. One member sustained cuts to his hand from cutty grass (pampas grass) which was attended to. We then headed down the hill , through the forest negotiating horse trails until we reached the river carpark where we picnicked for lunch at 12:30. Over the course of the walk 4 members fell but no injuries sustained. The weather was a lovely Spring day with some breeze but sheltered in the forest.

After a 1/2hr walk back to the cars, we travelled back to Waiuku to enjoy afternoon tea at Chaos on Queen in Waiuku



Future Trips

Mid Week- Wed 25th November- Te Tapui loop track
Leader- Shahar (2390662)

29 November

Mid Week- Thurs 3rd December- TBA
Leader- Ray Handcock (092785878)

Rangitoto Station (Otorohanga)- 5 & 6th December

Leader- Glenn and Maree Clark (2386569)

Cost- Approx. \$60

Fourth weekend of the season for the Rangitoto Station Kokako recovery program. Help carry in and put out bait.

Medium+ 7-8 hours.


Mid Week- Wed 9th December- Kariotahi walk and Pot Luck lunch
Leader- Annette Egbers (2359382)

Local- 13th December

Leader- Dee Keys (2359921)

Town and around walk. Picnic lunch for weekend walkers

Quote of the Month



**WITHOUT NEW EXPERIENCES,
SOMETHING INSIDE OF US
SLEEPS. THE SLEEPER MUST
AWAKEN.**

FRANK HERBERT



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.