



The Bush Telegraph

www.pukekohetrampingclub.org.nz

Next meeting: 04th March 2023 @ 7:30pm (no April meeting due Easter)

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty: Frances Gibbon

Guest Speakers:

1. Barry & Frances will show slide show & talk about their Dec Sub-Antarctic expedition to Campbell Island, Auckland Island, Enderby Island, Snares Island, Ulva island & Fiordland Sounds - Company Photographer on board, so have professionally presented 35 min slide show, plus we will show some of our snaps (with mobile phones only) & describe our highlights
2. FLB (Franklin local board) would like to address our members and explain how the Proposed Targeted Rate would be utilised within Franklin to improve connections and enable safe walking and cycling. They are particularly focused on connections to schools, the train station, and for recreation

New Members – None

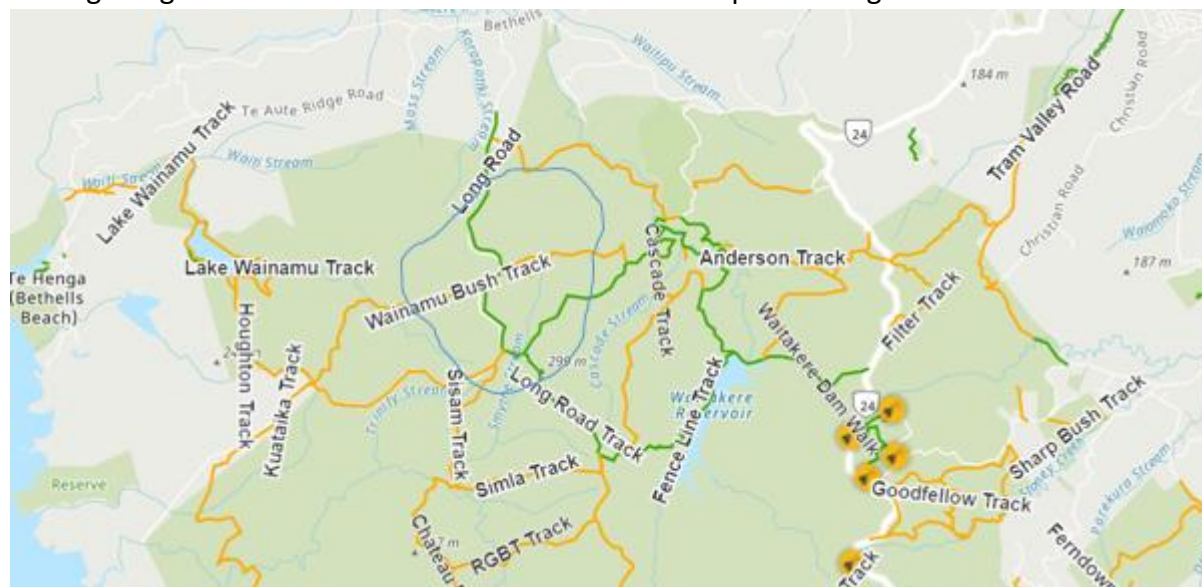
Presidents Notes

Happy New Year all, it's great that we have trips and tramps happening again on the new summer schedule. The weather has been settled up until last weekend, when the forecasted rain put off the small group scheduled to climb Mt Karioi.

In the background, Judy has been liaising with the company producing the new Franklin map, which now includes the 5 Summits Trail. The club will also have a small advertisement on the publication including the 5 summits logo. This will help us maintain a link with the trail and hopefully connect us to users of the trail.

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With the opening of Te Piringa/Cascades this January, we finally have a loop open in the Waitakere RP. Linking the green tracks circled should make a 4.5hr loop according to the Council website.



FMC have a write up this month about the lack of visible progress since the Auckland Council's Regional Park Management Plan was published in 2022. Hopefully, they will have some updates for us in the coming months. There is also a write up encouraging participation in the FMC photo competition this September with some tips for potential entrants. The club will hold its bi-annual photo competition this August in the run up, no keep that in mind while you are taking your snaps and squirrel your favourites somewhere handy so you are ready to participate.

Finally, I have to report there has been a spate of non-tramping activities of late that demonstrate very clearly the caliber of our tramping community. In December, a few members helped me established a Pa Harakeke (Flax Garden) at Parkside School, distributing 7 cubic meters of mulch in just a few hours. Huge thanks to Mark van Houts, Mary Crawford, Joe McGowan and John Jacobson for stellar work. The flax is doing well and once fully established students will be able to get hands on learning what an important resource it was for Māori.



More recently club members were able to support Special Olympics Counties athletes managing the gates and carparking at the Pukekohe A&P show. This is an important fundraiser for the group and a popular community event. It was great to be a part of the success of both. Shout out to Peter Stewart, Joe McGowen, Mark Leys, Karen, Raewyn Lane, Anne and Owen Porter and of course Mary Crawford, who was the link between PTC and Special Olympics Counties.

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	Ngairé & 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	Pukemokemoke 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 (2388589)	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)			
Version- 26 January				

Trip Reports

Trip Report to Daly's Clearing Hut- 31 Jan 24



Leader Shahar

It was a sunny day, hot and humid. We struggled up the hill across open country from Franklin Road, after cleaning our boots at the Kauri Dieback cleaning station.

The view from the top of the hill was extensive and cameras were out for a snap for the history books. We entered the forest which sheltered us from the heat. After a rest and refresh we continued down the track which came to a dead end! Checking the GPS tracking on the map showed where we have been. The actual track was a few meters away to the other side of the forest.



After a run in with a Bush Lawyer, a climbing plant with downward pointing hooks, the track was located. An orange triangle was also located on a tree trunk.

We regrouped and continued along the track which was littered with exposed tree roots. Generally, the track was dry underfoot and continued uphill under extensive Nikau Forest and some native Tawa and Kohekohe trees. We stopped several times to regroup and to rest and refresh.

Finally, we burst out of the forest and arrived at Dalys Clearing hut where we stopped for lunch.

After lunch, the

next section of the track was downhill, steeper, narrower and overgrown with grasses reaching waist height. Several sections were wet and slippery.

We arrived at Waitawheta Walkway and a quick head count confirmed we have not lost anyone.

The last part of the track was flat, following the old tramway used to transport Kauri logs out of the forest in the early 20th century.

Another stop at the Kauri Dieback cleaning station and we were on the way to our cars.

By the time we arrive at the L&P café in Paeroa it was closed and so it was straight home to Pukekohe arriving about 5pm. Thanks to Robert Dean for being an excellent tail - end Charlie. And to Ben and the others who helped out. An interesting day out in the bush. The PLB was not required today.



The West Pukekohe and Hill midweek tramp. Planner Rae Powell

20 people assembled to start with and we had a good day despite a couple of negative occurrences. Loraine snapped an ankle bone and at last report was waiting for treatment at Middle more.



I don't lead trips because my maximum pace is less than the speedsters and they get away, get off the route, miss the interesting bits, and muck it up for the people behind them.

I looked at this route during covid when a couple of closed streets prevented a good way up to Puke Hill and the alternative would have lead to a long boring route straight up Queen St. Streets now open.

Ok this tramp was too long, specially in February.

Mark agreed to be the physical leader and away we went taking some streets other than the main road which took us over the dinky bridge the end of which is seen from Hickeys Dam reserve. Along the stream side all the way to Helvetia road from where there was the option of the rough foot track continuing along the stream to my place. I set off alone round the roads to open the doors before the rest arrived. I was soon joined by a couple more who did not like the narrow path. Half a dozen of us had morning tea and waited. A phone call related Loraine's accident. Sharron went for her car and rescued

Loraine. So after nearly an hour at my place we set off. Myself and one other climbed the fence and went via the park to the Jutland Road footbridge. The road contingent took quite a long time going through most of the park also. From the end of Jutland road the route was nearly the classic 5 summits, except I took us to the little diagonal path mismapped on the 5 summits, from Ward to Cloverlea.

Here 3 people chose to go to the summit by car and 4 more left for the day.

So up we went, at Jellicoe Road (I think responding to someone's phone call) a car descended and took a few up to the top. Lunch.

After lunch one spouse thinking of her beloved (down by car) sitting alone at Columbus wanted to hare off as fast as possible. Unfortunately the pack followed her, getting away, missing the route, missing the interesting bits, and going a long boring way down Queen Street.

Only 4: Anne Mark, Ray and Rae completed the trip through the 2 little parks and found the rest at Columbus Café at about 3pm.

Waiuku Forest walk, Wednesday 14th of February Lead by Erna



26 club members attended this 7.5km walk. Walking on a well defined forest track for about 2km we stopped for morning tea at an unusual "forest lake". From there we made our way on a sandy ridge to our lunch stop at the River Car Park. The tide was right, so we walked along the



Waikato river shore line back to the cars.

It was a hot day, but the forest gave welcome shade for most of the walk. Afternoon tea in Waiuku

Trip report |

Daly's Clearing loop Sunday 11 February 2024

Leader: Becky

Participants: Shelena, John J, Barry, Tessa, Anna, Suzanne, Michelle, Michelle Xu, Joe, Linda

We woke to a beautiful sunny day. Three cars headed to the parking at the end of Franklin Rd. Unsurprisingly, the car park was already pretty full with overnigheters. Once everyone was ready, we continued down the road then took Dean's track on the right before the farm. The track climbed up through paddock for some views of the Waitawheta river before reaching the ridgeline and heading into bush. The track undulated through lovely bush as we headed for Daly's clearing hut, stopping in a clearing for a spot of morning tea on the way. We reached the hut, blue paint job looking a little faded now, for an early lunch. After another leisurely break we continued on down to meet the Waitawheta tramway track. Close to the junction we found a perfect swimming hole with smooth rocks for spectators and beach access for swimmers. The water was a perfect temperature for a refreshing summer dip. A short, easy stroll along the tramway and we were back at the cars and on our way to Paeroa for ice creams. All in all, a delightful and easy start to the summer season.



Trip Report

Auckland Anniversary weekend 2024 – Atiu Creek RP and Dome Forest

Leader: Becky

Participants: Mary, Anna, Peter, Shannon, Glenn (amazing van driver), Maree, Barry, Shelena, John J, Mark & Wilma

We set off in the van just after 9am on the Saturday from Pukekohe with spots of rain after a delay while tracking down house and gate codes. Once that was sorted it was a smooth journey up the back road to Atiu Creek RP. The cottage was booked (sleeps 6) with camping spots for 3 extras who found room on the floor for their blow-up mattresses or in the garden for a tent. Two campervans containing the van Houts and the Jacobsons rounded out the full party. It was a shame the campsite was away from the cottage, but in the end, there was no problem with parking one of them outside the cottage overnight. Good to know for future trips.

After lunch we went out to explore the multi-use park tracks. It is a working farm, so it was mostly open paddock with views over the surrounding waterways from high points. We returned to the cottage for an afternoon and evening of socializing and eating.



The next day rain was expected later in the afternoon, so we were up and out early in the hopes of avoiding the worst of it. We drove to the Dome Forest carpark, sadly the café is closed, but there is one toilet open for TA walkers. We all walked up to the lookout, about 40 minutes climb, a whiteout at this stage. Then the party split with 6 continuing to Govan Wilson Road and the others returning to the van to explore shorter walks at Omaha Beach and Matakana.

The Dome Forest Track was muddy in places and rough but travelled through lovely bush. We passed the summit trig (336m, still no views) and then stopped at the Kauri grove for morning tea. We picked up a lost hunting dog who chased a pig too far. He trailed us for a while until we met his owners coming the other way looking for him. Eventually we popped out onto forestry track which descended and became Waiwhiu forestry road. We stopped on the roadside for lunch before heading back onto bush track along Waiwhiu stream before climbing back up to Conical Peak (385m) and then along to the road where the rest of the party were waiting for us. The rain started just as we set off. It was back to the cottage for showers and another sociable meal. Shelena got to test her tent as it rained all evening and most the night.



On Monday it had cleared away and the sun was back. There was no rush, so we had breakfast, packed and cleaned up then hit the road. We stopped at Orewa for swims and ice creams on the way back to Pukekohe

Special Olympics Counties

QUIZ AND AUCTION NIGHT

Join an engaging Trivia Night fundraiser supporting the Special Olympics Counties Team journey to Nationals in Christchurch.

Dress Up As your favorite Team or Sport

Saturday, April 20th

\$120 per Table of 8

at Navigation Homes Stadium
Doors open at: 06:00pm
Lots of great items up for Auction,
Raffles, Prizes for Best Dressed team.

More info: rowmassey7@gmail.com

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.

