



THE BUSH TELEGRAPH

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EDITION 550

June 2020

Next Meeting: Monday 8th June 2020 at 7.30pm

VENUE: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street, Pukekohe.

Supper Duty December Meeting: Gerald Baptist

Note: editor is not promising sausage role—merely for decorative purposes



Guest Speaker: Charlie & Joy—Russia



New Members : A warm welcome to the following who have recently joined:

Ewen Mills

“Where am I?” Competition:

Last month’s picture was correctly identified by many as Rangipo Hut, on the Ruepehu Round the Mountain track. Glenn Clark’s name was pulled from the boot as the winner.

Glenn has supplied a new photo for this month, below, for you to identify. 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”

We are back Into action

There is a meeting on the 8th June

Guest speakers Joy and Charlie Browne

With part two of their trans Siberian road trip

Strict social distancing will apply, and supper will be under Gerard Baptist control

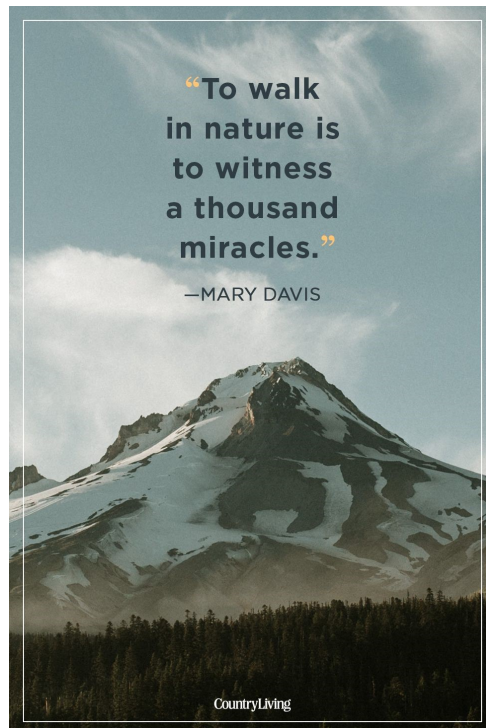
So follow directions, make sure you sign the register as you enter the room.

With all those restrictions we are in the new normal

The AGM is scheduled for the 6th July.

David Lawrie

Quote of the Month



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.

PTC COMMITTEE 2019

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Trip organiser and committee meet four monthly. Members should put forward any suggestions for trips they wish to do

Promos for Future Tramps: Weekly promos for the Franklin County News to Becky rbanks2016@gmail.com .

Promos for weekend tramps to Barry bandfgibbon@gmail.com

Promos for midweek tramps to Betty macdonald.betty@gmail.com

Trip Reports: For inclusion in The Bush Telegraph these should be emailed to the editor,

Peter Stewart at: gardeningpete@xtra.co.nz

Emergency contact details: Please check yours and update with Secretary Mark Leys if necessary.

Trip Reports

Kauaeranga Valley – 18th March

Leader: Betty MacDonald

This trip was organised by Annette Egbers and was to be her first time as trip leader. However, the day before, she found herself at the doctor's with a leg injury and the call went out for a replacement trip leader. With no other offers, I decided I'd lead it "blind". Annette had not had the opportunity to reccie it and got all her directions from the Visitor's Centre – so we were no worse off :-).

21 set off from Pukekohe and 3 went direct from Pokeno. We met at the Visitors' Centre, about 13 kms east of Thames. - morning tea and toilet stop and picked up some maps! Lovely spot, worth a visit if you're in the area. The 9 km drive from there to the start of the track is a gravel road, very dusty in the recent drought. The Cookson Kauri trail starts at Wainora camp site – heaps of parking.

It's a gravel track, with bridges over the Wainora stream, lovely water vistas and no tree roots to trip over. Easy walking... until we reached the steps!! There were a lot more than we anticipated, over 800. However, we all made it to the top and agreed it was worth it to see the magnificent Cookson kauri – really impressive.

We found a lovely spot for lunch near the top of the track and then continued the descent.

Coffee stop at Tastebuds Cafe at the Aeroview Garden Centre by which time everyone had forgotten about the steps :-).

It was a beautiful day and a lovely walk that the midweekers hadn't done before.

(In hindsight – I should have added a bit more to the travel cost to pay for the car wash!!)



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.