



The Bush Telegraph

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Next meeting: 6 December 2021

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty: Self Service

Guest Speakers:

Nil for this month

Muddy Boot Award:

Nil for this month

New Members:



“Where am I competition”



The last where am I – Eric Muir identified “Te Rareatakahia Hut”. Was identified by Dee Keys.

To go in the draw for the prize at our next club night, email the correct identification of this photo to deekeys22@gmail.com

Or put your entry in the boot before the meeting on club night.

President Notes

Well here we are, only just out of lockdown but in the middle of confusion. However I have decided that we will proceed with the meeting on 6 December.

However it will not be a normal meeting and there will be some strict guidelines that I will set out below. The Church has authorised us to continue with the meeting but also have guidelines which we must follow and those will be displayed on the door as we enter.

The meeting will be relatively short, mainly acting as a social reconnection opportunity. There will be very little official business and virtually no trip reports.

There will be an expectation that people attending will be double vaccinated, however this will not be checked at the door. The chairs will be set out a metre apart and during the meeting masks should be worn if possible. Supper will be placed on a long table to try to avoid the usual gathering around the table. People should make their own tea so that there is no gathering around the teapot. This meeting supper is provided by the ladies and my suggestion would be a packet of biscuits so that food is not handled. We probably do not need every lady to bring a packet of biscuits or at least do not open every packet.

Trips are another issue and the committee has not yet developed firm protocols. However, in the meantime day trips that are mainly outside with no mass gatherings are acceptable. However, weekend or overnight trips will need very strict guidelines. At the moment it is my belief that trip leaders can set the terms of those wishing to participate. That may include requiring people to produce proof of double vaccination and I believe that is their right. If another leader is happy to take unvaccinated people that is also their right but I think it should be made known to all of those attending the trip.

These are strange times with lots of uncertainties but our primary aim must be to protect the members of the club and their families. It is obvious from our membership that most members are of a vulnerable age so we need to take as many precautions as possible.

I hope to see as many of you as possible at the meeting on 6 December but if you do not attend for whatever reason I wish you seasons greetings and hope that you have an opportunity for a holiday and a break away from your homes. We look forward to a more settled year in 2022 although the signs are not promising.

David

Trip Reports

Two years ago I joined the tramping club and mid week walkers. I feel privileged to be able to lead the walks and decide if I get to take the walkers to out of the way or interesting places I have found. Some of the walks been found from perusing Google maps satellite view and trying to decide if a green strip is actually a path. My pre walks or bike rides do not always turn out a success. I have had sneakers bogged in clay and had to backtrack on lots of occasions. When being walk leader there is always a worry that things don't go to plan. My worry of will the tide come in early and I end up ringing Coastguard with walkers stranded on a Auckland island or, will we take extra time and have our cars towed from a 3 hour Hamilton car park. But as problems go, it's a closed cafe, a locked gate we have to climb, a missed bus, a non working train and a jammed toilet have been the extent of my worries.

I have just led my 9th walk to the new Auranga subdivision. It was lovely to have the 25 limit of walkers turn up for a beautiful sunny day. There was a lot of catching. It was wonderful to see the new friends and acquaintances I have made over the last few years. I have not tired of being the walk leader and still have lots of ideas for new walks. For the one's who want a walk repeated that time will come. The enjoyment of going some where new or a walk I love means I still enjoy Franklin mid week walks as much as I did two years ago. I will continue to put up hand to lead and continue to enjoy being led on others walks. Shaaron

Ps for any that didn't make Auranga, it is development in progress and we'll worth a walk now or in future.

Ngaruawhia green bridge walk 1 Nov 21 with Dianne Carter, Huntly based



Betty's Lockdown Walks

I may have moved to the city, "the big smoke", but it's not as bad as it sounds. Across the road is Chelsea Estate Heritage Park



and Kauri Point Centennial Park



My front yard is Chatswood Reserve.

There are heaps of tracks, some more rugged than others, a few closed for kauri dieback. I have a few favourites and some still to explore. Some midweekers had lunch on the deck earlier this year. I hope more of you can visit soon. It's about 35 minutes walk from Birkenhead ferry (via



Sugar cafe at Chelsea!!) and then there's a range of walks up to 4 hours (but with bail-out options) including a couple of quiet beaches.

Future Trips – Spring Programme

Spring programme 2021				
Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	Cost (\$)
Wed 1st Sept	Mangere forshore	Carole Chambers		
5	Kaimais Wairongamai Valley	Glenn and Maree Clark (2388588)	M	B
Thurs 8th	Britomart-Bastion Point	Robert Dean		
12	Kaimais Karangahake to Dickeys Flat return	Linda Gillard & Steve Sherie (2351441)	M	
Wed 15 th	Drury / Auranga	Shaaron McKee		
19	Kaimais Day trip to Mangamuka Hut	Glenn and Maree Clark (2388588)	M	B/C
Thurs 23rd	Wairoa Track	Delwyn Connolly		
26	Coast to Coast Harbour to harbour (18km)	Becky Banks	E/M	
Wed 29th	Tamaki ??	Ray Handcock		
3rd Oct	Awhitu Lighthouse to Hamitons Gap	Linda Gillard & Steve Sherie (2351441)	M	
Thurs 7th	Papakura to Te Mahia	Marion & Lorraine		
10	Bike trip (Papakura) Along and over motorway	Rosemary Gatland	E	
Wed 13th	Lake Pupuki	Gail 021 317627 & Jenny		
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Thurs 21st				
23/24/25	Athenree Base Camp (house). Day walks and cycle trails	Judy Donovan (0274774004)	E/M	
Wed 27th	St Heliers to Britomart	Maureen & Francis		
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Thurs 4th Nov	NZ Sculpture on Shore- Devonport	Betty MacDonald		
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Wed 10th	Daleys Crossing Hut	Shahar 0212580299		
13/14	Rangitoto Station Annual Track and bait station maintenance	Glenn and Maree Clark (2388589)	M	60
Sat 13	Walking Stars	Shelena Wiggill		
Thurs 18th	Albany area	Shaaron McKee		
21	TBA	Becky Banks	M	
Wed 24th	Waiuku forest or Clevedon	Anneette Egbers		
28	Mt William Plus other local walks	Linda Gillard & Steve Sherie (2351441)	M	
Thurs 2 Dec	Harkers and a farm trip	Ruth Budden		
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Wed 8th	TBA	Linda Cass		
12				
Thurs 16	End of year-shared lunch- walk Pokeno	Marion Rowe		
	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 \$10, B= \$10-20, C= \$20-30, D=\$30-45, E=\$45-60)			
	Weekend trip costs are estimates only			
	For mid week costs (e.g. A/C with/without Gold card)			
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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.

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 longies 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 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 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** (i.e. 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.