



The Bush Telegraph

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Next meeting: until further notice once lockdowns are lifted

Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe

Supper Duty:

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 still in lockdown but hopefully the end is now in sight.

Obviously the October meeting will need to be cancelled but we hope that November can still proceed.

I hope that you all have had your injections as this appears to be the only way that there can be some relief in the future.

The club has received the August issue of the FMC Bulletin but obviously this cannot be distributed at the October meeting as would normally happen. Joy has dropped the box of books at my office at 14 Hall Street in Pukekohe but our doors will remain shut until we drop to Level 2.

In the meantime if people need some reading over lockdown contact me and we can set a time for you to pick one up at the back door. You could pick it up while you are waiting in the lengthy McDonalds queue which is straight across the road from our back door. My contact details for a call or a text is 021 656369. Or ring the office at 09 2386369.

As I am writing this note I saw a message that there were two women missing in the Hunua ranges. That shows that even on well used tracks that things can go wrong and that is why we should all be careful in the bush. It is always essential that people know where you are going even on relatively short walks.

For all you frustrated members I want you to think about us dedicated bird watchers. The Godwits are arriving back into New Zealand but we are not able to go and visit the shell banks to welcome them. One thing however that is keeping us interested is that we have a number of birds with satellite trackers and we are able to watch their progress as they fly directly across the Pacific Ocean. While we only have about 10 currently working trackers there have been some interesting results. One bird flew for 3 days and then hit a storm and turned around and flew back to Alaska. This was a round trip of nearly 3,000kms but it ensured his survival. We have just seen that he has left Alaska again and is partway into his flight to New Zealand.

A couple of other birds also took deviations around a storm but once they got into the winds on the backside of the weather system they re directed their path to head straight to New Zealand, although a couple deviated to Australia to refuel. Remember that this is a 12,000km journey that they are doing in about 9 days of non-stop flying.

So while you are all sitting at home frustrated at not being able to get outside think of those little birds undertaking their journey.

I would take this opportunity to encourage trip planners to continue to plan your trips as we are hopeful that Level 2 will commence in the relatively near future and we will be able to venture into the outdoors again.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing as many of you at the November meeting as possible.

David

TRIP REPORTS

With no planned trip in published schedule, just back from Oz & after home quarantine awaiting negative test, it was a short notice PROMO send out with a "close to home" outing

It had been a wet week, so the dry underfoot conditions in the Forest suited, but day turned out much better than expected, some breeze, some sun, some light showers.

14 walkers arrived at Wilson Road carpark - 2 new walkers in Alan & Bill, plus 4 newish/returning walkers in Creina, Alan, Michelle & Dave.



Arrived to find that today we were sharing Forest with the NZ Endurance Riding Group, so we had some pleasant interactions with horses & riders at time - no problems giving way to horses at times - good to see young kids out enjoying fresh air & being active.

Started at 0930 am, we worked our way through tracks to morning tea stop by the Shooting range boundary, then down off the sand hills and out onto Karioitahi Beach. Walked along to River mouth and found areas with lots of tree flotsam to sit for lunch & rest. Not too many out & about, couple fisherman, couple motorbikes.

After break, carried on down river edge to bluff. Took track up to Lookout with its expansive views across to Port Waikato & dunes, and the turbulence of the bar breakers.

Started return to start, following horse trails around perimeter of NZ Steel Minesite, stopped to observe the mining operation which was working - the bucket wheel miner, the benching conveyor system etc running.

Zig Zagged back to carpark via horse tracks & forestry access roads, back to vehicles by 1400 - headed off in all directions with only 3 diehards off to café in Waiuku for coffee fix & calorie consumption to reward ourselves.

Easy walk, no mud, no stairs, no big climbs & very good to meet & talk with new & newish members.

Cheers Barry

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		
5				
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.

ODDS AND SODS



➤ Dear Pukekohe Tramping Club.

I am Tony the Vice-President of the Wellington Tramping and Mountaineering Club.

We have tramping cookbooks for sale for \$30 plus \$5 p & p.

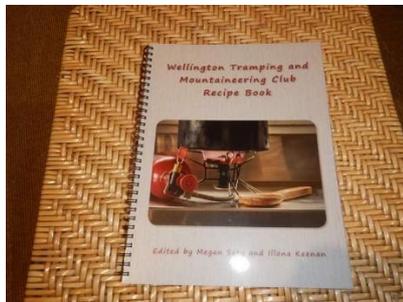
The books are printed on glossy paper with color photos.

There are 96 recipes - mains, desserts, meals for dehydrating, breakfasts, snacks and Tararua biscuits. There are vegetarian, vegan and gluten free suggestions.

Many of the recipes list the ingredients required for group meals from 2-12 people.

If people are interested they can get in touch with me at

vicepresident@wtmc.org.nz



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 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** (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.