



# The Bush Telegraph



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**Next meeting: 7 February 2022 @ 7:30pm**

**Venue: Anglican Church Hall, Wesley Street – Pukekohe**

Supper Duty: Anna, Linda G and Gerald

Guest Speakers:

Nil for this month

Muddy Boot Award:

Nil for this month

New Members:



## “Where am I competition”



### “Where am I?”

Last month’s image, posted by Dee Keys, was jointly identified by Lynda Gillard and Hamish Brownlie. It is the view from the 166m summit lookout on the hill in the Pukemokemoke Bush Reserve. It has a panoramic 360 degree view of the whole Waikato Basin and the surrounding ranges. Pukemokemoke means “hill alone”. The 40ha reserve is well worth a visit for its ecological significance.

This month’s image is posted by Hamish. To go in the draw for the prize at our next club night put your entry in the boot before the meeting (or get someone to do it for you if you are not attending the meeting).

## President Notes

The news this month starts with some really awful news. Early last week Hamish was badly injured at work and is currently in hospital. An out of control car hit him and crushed him against a barrier, he ended up under the car, and he sustained major injuries. He has a broken hip, two broken legs and a broken ankle, and has some internal injuries. He is currently in Middlemore Hospital, in Ward 10 Room 4, and has already undergone two rounds of surgery. This is doubly bad news for Hamish because he was looking forward to his trip to the South Island in a couple of week's time.

The club sends its best wishes to Hamish but at this stage, it is not possible to visit him in hospital because of the Covid restrictions. The Countdown North Supermarket in Seddon Street, where he worked is running a collection for Hamish and I have been told they are happy to receive any contributions.

In other news, the committee recently had a meeting to discuss the implications of the mandates from the Government relating to Covid restrictions. The committee decided that most activities would require people to hold a current vaccination certificate, especially for weekend trips and club meetings. Day trips are a little more flexible but most of our members are at a vulnerable age and extreme care should be taken.

The committee also decided that meetings should be more streamlined to reduce the amount of club business that is transacted. The meeting minutes will be paraphrased into the bulletin and will not be read out at the meetings. Financial reports will also be minimised with only authorisation of payments being confirmed at the meeting.

There will also be no trip reports as these should be written and provided to the Bulletin Editor so that all members can read them at their leisure. The future trips category will also be heavily reduced with only trips that require more explanation being discussed.

Most meetings will have a guest speaker on some activity related to the club members. This would then be followed by supper and general discussion.

These changes are designed to make the meetings more attractive to new members and cut down on the length of the meetings.

This time of the year, most of our members usually disperse to far-flung places (but perhaps not this year). I wish you well as you enjoy these activities but be careful and most of all be safe.

David

## Future Trips – Summer Programme

Summer programme 2022

Date	Destination	Leader	Grade	\$
January				
Thurs 13th				
16th	New Year BBQ ???????			
Wed 19th				
23-Jan				
Thurs 27th				
29,30,31	Auckland Anniv Weekend			
Wed 2nd Feb.				
5,6,7	Waitangi Weekend			
Thurs 10th				
13th	Hunuaa Walroa Dam and Cssey- Massey Loop	John Kelsey (021 711853)	M	
Wed 16th				
20				
Thurs 24th				
26/27th	Kauearanga Valley- Camping Camping weekend/day walks	Glenn & Maree Clark (2386569)	M	
Wed 2nd Mar.				
6th				
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>				
13th	MT Kaitarakihl	John Kelsey (021 711853)	M	
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>				
20				
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>				
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Wed 30th				
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Thurs 7th				
10th				
Wed 13th				
15th- 19th	Easter Te Paki?????			
Thurs 21st				
23,24,25	Anzac Weekend			
Wed 27th				

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

Midweek trips using public transport are usually free for gold card holders.

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## PTC Committee 2021/2022



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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.