
West Auckland District Tramping Club
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The Presidents report

Hello Members

Thanks to those Members who have paid their subscription promptly – this saves a lot of work for the Treasurer. It is noted and appreciated the Veteran members who have elected to pay the full sub and not take advantage of the reduction offered.

Two payments of \$25 received we cannot identify – one received 6th April, fast deposit no 5224546 (you should have the stub from the envelope); the other, a transfer received 16th April from someone's bank account. If this could be your payment please contact Trish.

My sincere thanks to Louis A who is handling Club business, including the AGM until I return from overseas on 25th May.

Hope you can get outdoors.

Jill Engle, President.

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Activities

15 May Exhibition Drive Area

8.30am

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Fare: members \$ Free non members \$5

Plan is to walk directly from our regular meeting point of Glen Eden Post Shop up to Titirangi linking up with Exhibition Drive to Arataki Visitor's Centre, possibly incorporating the nature trail.

Leader: Alan Harwood P: 8183173021 1561494 E: alantinker2@gmail.com



16 May

Club Night - AGM – Pitcairn Island

7.30pm Kelston Community Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road Committee Room

AGM

Time for a change of guard. Time to reflect on the past year, check on our current status and plan for our future. A couple of committee members are standing down, notably our current President who has done her maximum 3 year term so needs to be replaced. Peter also wants a break from the role of Trip Coordinator. It would be good to have some new blood.

Talk

Get a fascinating insight to life on one of the remotest place on earth. Regular Wednesday night walker Betty Christian has lived there most of her life and will share her enthusiasm of the place she loves.



22 May

Dunns Bush – Puhoi

8.30am

Grade: Moderate

Fare: members \$10 non members \$15

A circuit through the pleasant Dunns bush and on to include an added track or two and some hills to finish in Puhoi after about a 5 hr day with some great views of the Te Araroa Trail. Any tramp that starts and finishes at a pub has to be good – right?

Please clean Waitakere boots before trip for Dunn's Bush Kauris.

Leader: Paul Williams P:(09)4259877 E: pgrwilliams@xtra.co.nz



29 May

Te Hunga Bethells

8.30am

Grade: Moderate

Fare: members \$10 non members \$15

NEW LEADER!

Te Hunga Walkway is one of Auckland's most spectacular hikes with dramatic coastal views. Join William on his first tramp as a leader. As a car shuttle is difficult on this walk, we will walk until our lunch break from Bethells Beach, then return roughly the same way back to Bethells.

Leader: William Murray P: 8188483021 0841589 E: williammurray.ak@gmail.com



3-6 June

Queens Birthday Waihi

Grade: Easy & Moderate options

Should be a great weekend. Liz is absolutely delighted her subjects will be having such a super time!

4th Friday Drive to Waihi beach. (Could drive down on Saturday morning too meeting at the Karangahake Gorge).

5th Saturday Waitawheta Tramway track from end of Franklin Road, off Waitawheta Rd, near SH2 at Waikino in the Karangahake Gorge.

6th Sunday OROKAWA COASTAL WALKWAY

Stunning coastal walk starting right from our accommodation.

7th Monday Waihi town & Matha mine walk in the morning, perhaps incorporating the little tour on offer.

See link on our trips calendar for more details. This trip is proving very popular with 23 registered already.

Leader: Peter Tuohy P: 8283274027 4389944 E: tait@slingshot.co.nz



12 June

Parnell to Panmure

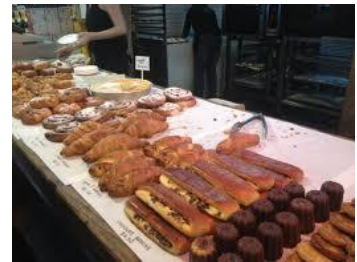
8.30am

Grade: Easy

Something different

Explore Auckland's eastern suburbs with a walk from Britomart to Panmure via parks, waterways and leafy suburbs. See how the other half live. We will train from Glen Eden into the city.

Note: Train leaves just after 8.30 so we need to leave Glen Eden Post Office very promptly. From Panmure we will train back to Glen Eden. You could join/leave the train along the way. We will aim to sit at the front of the train to make us easy to find. If you are a Gold Card holder this could be a very cheap day out, if not the cash fare will be \$16.00 (day pass), cheaper for HOP card holders. We might even swing by the little French market in Parnell (La Cigale) for morning coffee, croissant and a wee wee!



Leader: Colin Spencer P:8385706022 4356839 E: brnocol@windowslive.com

19 June

Okura Walkway

8.30am

Grade: Easy

Fare: members \$10 non members \$15

Enjoy the scenic bush and coastal path of Okura Walkway. Not too long, not too short – just right for a winter's day. We will walk to the historic Darcy cottage and return.

Leader: TBA

20 June

Club Night - Dog Sledding - Yukon

7.30pm Kelston Community Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road
Committee Room

Geoff, a member from the Manukau Tramping Club will be talking to us about dog sledding in the Yukon and ice fishing in Saskatchewan (Canada). This sounds really fascinating & not to be missed.



25/26 June

Anawhata Overnighter & Tramp

4.30pm Saturday or
9.30am Sunday*

Fare: \$5 members, \$10 non members. \$20 accommodation plus share of food cost.

Our resident Masterchef is at it again!

Our midwinter roast dinner beside the roaring fire at the wonderful Alpine Sports Club hut last year was so successful, we are running the event again.

Note: there has already been a high level of interest in this event and numbers are limited, so get your name down quick if you would like to attend. Secure overnight parking available. There will be a moderate tramp on the Sunday from the hut.



***Note: No Glen Eden meeting** on the Sunday morning. Contact the leader if intending to only come on the Sunday so we know to look out for you.

Cut off date 17 June. Any enquiries after this date, contact leader.

Leader: Louis Allerby P: 827 9047 0211906472 E: louall@xtra.co.nz

Trip reports

Lone Kauri Trip 10 April 2016 Leader Kathy Macdonald

Louis S organized the Glen Eden end of our trip (thanks Louis) and the cars just kept coming!!! Three met at Odlins Car Park and then 3 cars came from Glen Eden making 16 of us setting off up the incline to the Buck Taylor intersection where we stopped to catch our breath and then set off to enjoy morning tea under the spectacular Pururi Tree on the Zion Ridge track. What a beautiful tree. We looked up and hoped that none of the “widow makers” decided to fall out of the tree onto our heads as they would definitely live up to their name, they were huge.

Then it was off again along Zion Ridge to the intersection of Zion Hill and down into the mud. Our President (for a couple more weeks) forgot her boots and tramped in her Tiva’s with great success – only a bit of mud on her toes so the track wasn’t as bad as usual. We had a brief stop to regroup at the stream that gurgles its way through half way down the track and then off again to the intersection of Zion and Buck Taylor. Bit early for lunch, so trudged up through the roots and mud up to the top where everyone went at their own pace and settled down for a long lunch break.

An enjoyable easy day with an early finish but the word from the group seems to be that they liked the thought of a good grunt, and there are a couple of this track, some views, some mud, and an early finish so that we could go home the do some “jobs” or, in my case, have a little down time with a good book.

Thanks for you all for coming out. We have three new ones out and they said they enjoyed themselves so hope we see them out again soon.

On our trip – Myself, Mandy, Astrid, Trish, Louis S, Sandra, 3 Jills, John, Lynne, Pam, 2 Shirleys and the new ones – Cheryl, Jangsook and Angela.

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Omanawanui/Kura 01 May Leader Trish Hopkins

A fabulous day at Whatipu, perfect weather and great company. We had morning tea at the unplanned destination of the point down Signal House Track and spent 15mins looking at the beautiful view before continuing up Omanawanui track. Love a good climb....or two....or three!!! We then headed up Puriri Track to Donald McLean trig for lunch where we briefly met Manukau tramping club. We had a nice leisurely lunch (yes people, I allowed over half an hour!), then headed down the Kura to the cars. I had intended this to be a short day but with our extra detours and longer than normal (for my tramps) breaks we took a little longer. Thanks Peter, Louis, William, Shirley, Sandra, Angela, Lynne, Val and ME.



Tawhitokino to Orere 09 May Leader Peter Tuohy

Less than 100 meters from the cars, I struck my first challenge of the day! The tide was further in than I was expecting, so some nifty footwork was needed to get around the 1st rocky headland from Waiti Bay to the 1st beach (Tuturau Bay) without soggy boots and socks for the rest of the day. Talk about incompetent leadership – honestly where do we get these people from? Having led this trip a number of years ago, I thought my challenges were going to be later on at Puatiti Point where I had recollections of some pretty tricky (read - downright dangerous) bluffs to negotiate. Having successfully achieved challenge number one, the rest of the trip fell into place rather nicely. Beach number two was Tawhitokino beach. I think this long sweeping sandy beach,(which is only accessible by foot), is one of Auckland's best kept secrets. Half way along the beach is a delightful little DOC campsite which since my last visit has had a shelter & toilet added. This campsite is a designated overnight stop on the 5 day Te Ara Moana 'the sea-going pathway' kayak route. I would like to do this adventure one day. Any takers?

From Tawhitokino beach we rounded more rocky headlands to several more secluded sandy beaches until we reached Orere beach settlement. Lunch was enjoyed in very warm conditions for this time of the year before heading inland slightly through the village and back down a short bush track to the beach. While the tide was now completed out, I was keen to locate a small rough track I had heard about that goes up and over the tricky Pautiti point. Three of us took this alternative route and was pleased to discover it was easy to follow and not too challenging, so a good alternative if ever caught out by the tides again.

Along the way we found some very creative art work in the sand wishing some lucky mother a very happy Mother's Day.



Those enjoying this lovely day out were: Peter Tuohy, Colin Spencer, Louis Allerby, Val Ellis, Angela Williams, John Miller, Lynne Flood & Christine Major.

Items of Interest

WAITAKERE MAP REQUEST.

Letter of thanks received.

"I'm the chap from Scotland for whom Peter Tuohy requested the Waitakere map in your April newsletter.

Peter and one of your fellow club members, no name, have sent me the map and I am very grateful for what they have done for me.

I arrived in NZ from England when I was 4 and lived in NZ for over 50 years. Seven years ago I moved over here. I dallied about bringing my map of the Waitakeres with me as I was quite attached to it but persuaded myself I didn't need it. As time has gone on I've found that I wished I had brought it with me for old times sake thus the request.

I have written to Peter and thanked him for his and the fellow club member's generosity".

Many thanks, Don Rowson

(generous fellow club member was Louis Segedin)

ALLEN JAMES

The daughter of the late Allen James (tragically killed on a club trip in 1990) recently contacted our club seeking details of what happened to his ashes. After a bit of ringing around & searching club records we have been able to provide the family with a copy of our club magazine containing a write up of the event, a copy of a map and co-ordinates showing the site in the Karangahake area where Allen's ashes were scattered by club members. The James family will now be able to visit the site with Allen's brother when he visits New Zealand shortly for the first time since the event. By chance Allen's daughter request was received by Peter who along with some other long term club members was on this trip and remembers this horrendous weekend well in which three people lost their lives all in separate events.

As a result of our efforts we have received the following letter of thanks:

"Thanks to you (Peter), Ralph, Lyndell and Arthur for all your help and time and memory power! I really appreciate it and I know my Uncle will too. I will have a good look at google maps with those co-ordinates and plan a trip down there at some stage before the winter settles in.

I know you have already done so much, but is there any chance of getting a copy of the Sept '90 magazine? Or at least to borrow someone's to make a copy (I'm a bookbinder so would take utmost care with it!) I would be really interested in reading Eric's notes about the walk, so even just scanning and e-mailing a copy would be awesome.

Again, thank you all so much for your time and help, what an interesting journey this has been to this point! :)"

*Thanks again
The James family*

MISSING HAT

The below email was posted to our website in February (but only recently discovered!). If you think this is your hat, you can contact Adrienne Wood via adee.ali@vodafone.co.nz

"Hi, I met a group from your club out at Karekare last weekend and one of the women asked me to look out for her white wire hat. I found it! It was below the high tide mark so luckily I got to it first. She's welcome to contact me to get it back some time. I'm over at Laidlaw College next Friday if she'd like me to leave it there at reception".

REPORT FROM DELL HOOD – HAMILTON based club member

We climbed Pirongia this week and spent a night in the super new Pahautea Hut, which I'm ashamed to say was my first overnight tramp since I can't remember when and my first ever overnighter on Pirongia. Please note that there is no cooking or heating facilities at Pahautea Hut. The Tirohanga track is pretty rough, always has been but the new hut sleeps 20 easily with a big deck on three sides and there are numerous campsites on this rather boggy ground, each well drained with raised pads filled with bark chips and boardwalk entry, as well as a special campers' shelter for cooking and eating. If the club hasn't been there for a while it's well worth a visit.

I've also become involved with the newly acquired Hillary Hope Reserve near Raglan, which has zilch tracks or facilities yet but there's 460 ha, 50% in bush and close to the DoC Karamu Walkway. HH has been purchased by Native Forests Restoration Trust who have big plans for it. If folks want to just explore it's freely accessible, but probably easier to leave it until it's got a bit more development. I'll be there next weekend so may have a better idea of what's actually there now and what is planned. I doubt they'll allow camping yet as there are no toilets provided at this stage.

NEW MEMBER

A warm welcome to our new Member Angela Williams, P O Box 20322 Glen Eden 0641
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