



The Presidents Report

Thanks to those who made the effort to attend the AGM last month. Very rare to need a vote to select the committee, which is an excellent position to be in. Thanks to all involved as many hands make light work.

In a rare move, the committee have decided **there will be no club night in June** (19th). With so many of the club's regulars going to be away in Queensland on Geoff Yate's trip it was felt that attendance levels could be very low, making it disappointing for the guest speaker. The proposed guest speaker Geoff Glover (Manukau Tramping Club) will visit us in July instead. I for one did not want to miss his talk. Last time he talked about his wonderful adventure in remote Canada. He is an inspirational speaker and I encourage you to attend.

LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN TRIP PROGRAM

As we go to print, the dates for the Waterview Tunnel Open Day prior to the motorway going live have been announced. We have been successful in scoring some (free) tickets to this event and have put this unique event on the club program. A number of our club members (including myself) will still be in Australia so will not be able to attend which is a pity as I was looking forward to it. If you want to join this event, check out trip program and contact the leader Val Ellis - quickly! First come first served.

Our intrepid cyclists Bruce & Maureen have been re-exploring the Twin Coast Trail in Northland and advise it is now completely off-road, including the section between Taumarere and Kawakawa, following the railway. The Horeke end has a sense of Hokianga remoteness and includes a climb onto the plateau before Okaihau. This would make a good club trip some time - 87km in total.

Would anyone be willing to take on the role of club Social Convenor or be an assistant? If interested, let me know.

Our club has some gear that has been in storage for so long, that the committee is looking at disposing a few of the items. The club was donated a "two legged" sleeping bag some years back that has barely seen the light of day. Responding to a recent article in the Western Leader we have decided to donate it to Habitat for Humanity who is holding a local version of a global initiative called "The Street Store" designed for the homeless to get kitted out for winter with dignity. Does anyone know of anyone who would appreciate some flies, pegs and rope?

Not long now until 18 club members and friends head to the warmer shores of the Gold Coast for our club's first trip to Queensland. Sure looking forward to that!

Happy tramping!

Peter

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Activities

18 June

Coast to Coast - Onehunga - Brittomart

8.15am

Grade: Easy

Timing: 5-6 hours

We will meet at Glen Eden railway station, board the 8.24am train (**PLEASE ARRIVE BY 8.15AM SO AS NOT TO MISS IT**) to Newmarket and then transfer onto the Onehunga bound train. On arrival at Onehunga we will commence the walk. According to Google maps the actual walk is only 2hr 10m about 10k. An additional option along the route is the One Tree Hill climb in Cornwall Park and also a stop in the Auckland Domain. On arrival in downtown Auckland we will travel back to Glen Eden by train again. Time duration for the day given the transport and stop overs lunch etc around 6 hours approx. If you are a **GOLD CARD HOLDER** like myself this will work out to be a very cheap day, and given that we will be on main roads, for those who do not wish to complete the whole journey there are plenty of buses along the way.



Leader: Colin Spencer P: 838 5706 022 435 6839 E: bronspen@gmail.com

19 June

Club Night - POSTPONED TO JULY 17

25 June

Waterview Tunnel Walk

Confirm start time with leader.

Grade: Easy

Members \$2 Non members \$7

Timing: 3- hours

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to walk the new motorway extension and Waterview tunnel (without being arrested!). Costing \$1.4 billion the Waterview Connection is New Zealand's largest ever roading project. It includes twin 2.4km long 3-lane tunnels, the longest road tunnels in the country and a motorway-to-motorway interchange at Great North Road to connect the North Western and Southwestern Motorways. A truly unique opportunity to be part of West Auckland's history.

This is a (free) ticket only event. The club has managed to secure some tickets, which will be available from the leader on a first come 1st served basis. Exact details of time, meeting point not available at time of going to print. As parking is likely to be an issue, the leader may choose to park some distance away (Mt Roskill perhaps) and walk to the event. We are a tramping club after all!

Leader: Val Ellis P:8176813 E: valellis11@outlook.co.nz

02 July

8.30am

Dome Valley

Grade: Difficult

Members \$6 Non members \$11

Timing: 6-7 hours

A one-way walk on the Te Araroa Trail starting from Govan Wilson Rd, then passing Conical Peak and dropping into the Waiwhiu Valley before climbing up Fisher Road and onto the Dome Kauri track. We will first assemble at the Dome cafe carpark by 10am, on SH1 (north of Warkworth) then carpool to Govan Wilson Rd (past Matakana) to start the walk. For detailed information about the track you can look at

<https://www.teararoa.org.nz/index.cfm/PagelD/125/ViewPage/Govan-Wilson-to-Dome>

Travel distance to the Dome cafe carpark is approx 90k. If you could let Paul (or Louis S 021 43 99 00) know in advance if you're going, it would help with the trip planning.

Leader: Paul Williams 09-425 9877 pgrwilliams@extra.co.nz



09 July

8.30am

Coastal Walk – Titirangi

Meet outside Pinesong, 66 Avonleigh Road

Grade: Easy

Timing: 3-4 hours

Maori Bay (walkway by Val's place) to Jenkins Bay Titirangi. An easy walk around the picturesque Titirangi Bays at low tide. Maybe muddy in places. We will return overland with welcome stop for refreshments at Titirangi Village.

NB; Change of meeting venue to outside Pinesong 66 Avonleigh Road, off Godley Rd Green Bay

Leader: Val Ellis P: 817 6813 E: valellis11@outlook.co.nz



16 July

8.30am

Shakespear Regional Park- Tree Planting

Fare: \$5 members \$10 non members

Auckland City Council - Tree Planting. For all out-door people this is a chance to put something back into the ground!

The last time the club helped with this tree planting was July 2015.

That time about 10 club members joined 100+ others to get a brief description on how to correctly plant young trees. Easy digging on the hillside, followed by tea, coffee and sausage sizzle. Some digging equipment is provided but is best to bring your own spades.

Public car parking at Shakespear reserve if you prefer to go directly to the planting.

Leader: Louis Segedin P: 021 43 99 00 E: louissegedin55@gmail.com



17 July

Club Night - McNeil River Bear Sanctuary

7.30pm Kelston Community Centre, Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road

Another very interesting talk by Geoff Glover from Manukau Tramping Club who has recently been to the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary, just north of Katmai National Park and Preserve on the Alaska Peninsula and 250 miles southwest of Anchorage. The sanctuary protects the world's largest concentration of brown bears in about 200 square miles of wildlife habitat and it's not uncommon for 20 or more brown bears to feed together at McNeil River Falls; up to 74 have been spotted there at one time.



23 July

North Shore – Orewa/Red Beach

8.30am

Grade: Easy

Members \$6 Non members \$11

Timing: 4 hours

Enjoy a good winter walk along the estuary.

Easier walking for winter in Orewa including part of the estuary to Red Beach. Bring a warm jacket in case of a cool sea breeze. Café stop after walking.

Leader: Shirley Bulog P: 810 9303 E: sbulog@hotmail.com

30 July

Fairy Falls

8.30am

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Members \$3 Non members \$8

Timing: 3 hours

Meet as usual then a short drive to where we will park at the end of Tawari Road.

We will walk in a clockwise direction going down Old Coach Road Track to join the Fairy Falls Track. From there up Fairy Falls to Goodfellow Track, then to Scenic Dr and finally back to Tawari Road.

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Leaders can now check various track conditions before a tramp via this link:

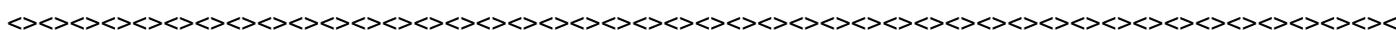
<http://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/auckland/alerts>

Whatipu – Kura Track 28 May Leader Annette Ellis

Thirteen of us set out for Whatipu on a clear morning, the earlier threat of rain seemed to be unfounded at this stage. We divided up the thirteen into four cars and off we went. Shena, a new trumper along with 12 hardy members. At the Whatipu carpark, we headed over the footbridge and through long kikuyu grass to the Omanawanui track (part of the Hillary Trail). The steep ascent seemed to be no trouble for this group, (maybe the wine gums helped) so we headed off to the lookout, where we were rewarded with expansive views of the Tasman Sea, Whatipu and surrounds. At the trig, a rainbow caught everyone's attention, as well as fishing boats heading out for the day. We followed the ridge and well worn path through kauri and nikau trees. The rain began while we walked under the tree canopy before the Pururi ridge track.



All coats on by the time we headed down Kura, passing kereru on the way. The water crossings and log leaping tested our agility. A great day with good company, Thank you all, Jim, Dave, Tom, Sandra, Trish, Shirley O'Sullivan, Lynn, Jan, Val, Christine, Shena, and Angela.



Anawhata - Pareoha 04 June Leader John Miller

Eleven of us were on this tramp. The weather was pretty good and everyone seemed to enjoy the tramp which was a bit more challenging than many. We followed Kuataika stream down to the coast, much of the time on the stream bed itself. Pareoha Bay is a wild place of rock and no sand.



We returned the same way as walking around the coast to Anawhata is impossible.

Those present were; Dave, Jill D, Heather, John, Kate, Ken, Louis S, Lynne, Mary, Nicola and Sandra.

Advance Notices

5 - 6 August Overnight Hunuas/Warahau Regiona Park

Accommodation at Miranda Holiday Park: I will book 1 or 2 Tourist Lodges and need definite numbers for the Lodges and payment before 11 June. Each lodge has one room with three bunks and a separate room with a double bed. Cost varies depending on the number of people. If the Lodge is full (ie 5 people) it would be \$55 each

If you don't want to share, you could book a lodge for just two people and that is \$90 each. There are also studio apartments and chalets which you can book yourselves. Just let me know what you are doing.

Travel and swim Saturday 5th August and tramp Sunday 6th August. Waharau Regional Park, eastern side of the Hunuas. Proceed to Miranda on Saturday afternoon/evening and spend the Saturday night at the Tourist Lodge at Miranda and enjoy a hot swim. On Sunday we will go to Waharau (about 17 minutes drive) and start the tramp by 8.30am. This is an 8 hour loop tramp so reasonable speed and fitness required. The first three or more hours are steeply uphill on an old vehicle track to a lookout and then to a ridge. Dry underfoot and with beautiful views. We then follow the ridge on a tramping track to a hut and lookout with views to the Sky Tower. The trip down is through beautiful bush, past camp sites and a shelter and a stream crossing.

Directions to Miranda. Follow SH 20 and SH1 to SH2 in Pokeno. Take exit 477 from SH1 onto SH2 to Miranda. Approx 1 hr 11 mins from Glen Eden.

Directions to Waharau. From Miranda head onto East Coast Road and continue straight. Waharau Regional Park is about 1 km past Pukekererku Lane and about 17mins from Miranda.

If interested please email Lynne at floods@ihug.co.nz or phone on 6220436.

Early November Backpacking

I would like to know who is interested in either a two day tramp walking to and from Crosbies Hut in Coromandel or a 3 day trip to Great Barrier Island to do the Aotea Track on the weekend of Friday 3rd—Sunday 5th November.

For the Crosbies hut trip we would stay in Thames the preceding night and the various route options for the relatively new Crosbies Hut are all 4-6 hours. The hut is bookable and costs \$15.

We can fly on Friday morning to Great Barrier Island and return on Sunday night (\$89 each way). Mt Heale Hut (new) and Kaiaraara Hut (old) are bookable at \$15 each and there will be shuttle costs additionally. The tramping days are short – only 3-4 hours.

Please contact Christine christine.major@clear.net.nz ph 3784404 or 0211095750

Items of Interest



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