



The Presidents Report

Thanks guys for your kind messages, cards and comments following the passing of my father a couple of weeks ago. Much appreciated. Never an easy time.

We haven't had a club weekend away in a while, so Bruce's proposed trip at Labour Weekend to the Bay of Islands will be a welcome break and hopefully a celebration of warmer and dryer times. While more of a cycling weekend, I'm sure non cyclist will be welcome if they are willing to amuse themselves. Certainly no shortage of walks to do. My favourite being the coastal walk from Paihia to Opau ferry terminal.

Our numbers at recent club nights has been quite low. Shirley works hard to come up with interesting guest speakers who speak on a range of subjects, so it would be great to see more club members attend these events. You always learn something or get inspired to do something.

Vodafone intends to shut down their email service on 30 November. I see a number of our members have a Vodafone (or their subsidiary) email address. You will need to set up a new email address and advise Jill Engle so we can keep in touch with you. Gmail or Hotmail perhaps? The affected emails have the following address:

Vodafone.net.nz

Vodafone.co.nz

lhug.co.nz

Wave.co.nz

Pconnect.co.nz

Paradise.co.nz

Clear.net.nz

Es.co.nz

I had an interesting call from Lucy Moore who is working on a new exhibit at the Arataki Visitors Centre capturing Tramping – the past, the present and the future. It should be an interesting display. Certainly the gear, food and resources available to us have changed dramatically over the years. It will be interesting to see what the future brings. Does anyone remember how to use a compass?

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Activities

16-17 September Anawhata Roast Dinner & Overnighter

Accommodation \$20 per night per person
Meal \$12 per person

Midwinter roast besides an open fire in the Alpine Sports Club Hut.
WADTC Master Chef Louis Allerby has offered his services for another club dinner.

This will be the third year that Louis has offered his services. Bookings are essential and formal dinner attire (tramping gear) is required. Alcohol is not compulsory but recommended. BYO Sunday breakfast.

There will be a moderate tramp on Sunday morning, to keep up appearances of a diligent tramping club.

The Alpine Sports Club Hut is only a short walk off Anawhata Rd & sleeps 22.



Leader: Louis Allerby P:627 3110 021 190 6472 E: louall@xtra.co.nz

18 September Club Night - Kayaking Norway

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

Lorraine Williams from Yakity Yak Kayak Club (ex WADTC member) will be joining us to tell us all about her recent travels to Norway, tramping and kayaking. This should be a very interesting evening and hope to see many of you here.



24 September Coast to Coast Variation

8.30am

Grade: Moderate

Fare members \$4 non-members \$9

Timing: 4-5 hours

An interesting variation. Take the 8.54am train from Glen Eden (or elsewhere) and meet at Grafton Station at 9.30am. We will then follow the route of the Coast To Coast trail over Mt Eden and through Cornwall Park. At Cornwall Park, we will deviate up Mt Albert Rd and into Monte Cecilia Park, then rejoin the Coast To Coast down Trafalgar St and Norman Hill Rd to the coast and along to Onehunga Station. There is bound to be a café somewhere along the way.



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01 October

8.30am

Karekare

Grade: Moderate

Members \$6 Non members \$11

Timing: 4 hours

From the Karekare carpark we will make our way up Zion Hill Track then down to Pararaha and make our way up to the shelter for a well deserved lunch break before heading back along the beach to the carpark.

Leader: Lynne Flood P: 622 0436 lynneflood.healthwise@gmail.com



08 October

9.30am

Botanic Gardens & Totara Park

Grade: Easy

Members \$6 Non members \$11

Timing: 3 hours

Meet in the main foyer of the Botanic Gardens at 10.30. The walk will take in the Gardens and Totara Park. The café is conveniently located for some social time at the end.

NB – need a 9.30 person at Glen Eden to car pool & collect trip forms

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15 October

8.30am

Mercer Bay / Ahu Ahu

Grade: Moderate

Fare: \$6 members \$11 non members

Timing: 5 hours approx.

Spectacular views in the Piha area. Medium fitness required taking approx. 5 hours. We will drive to Ahu Ahu /Log Race Road and park at the Radar Station. We will take the well formed tracks down to Karekare Beach via Ahu Ahu track and return via coastal cliffs Comans and Mercer Bay loop tracks. Classic West Coast views.

Leader: Jill Dingle P: 0212945700 E: jill.dingle@gmail.com



16 October Club Night - Shackletons Journey

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

Jim Morrow from the Auckland Tramping Club will be coming along to talk about retracing Shackletons journey, Falkland Islands and South Georgia. Jim is a very humorous entertaining speaker so we would really appreciate your support in coming along to Club Night.



20-23 October Labour Weekend – Cycling Paihia

We have organised a trip to take in the recently completed Twin Coast Cycle Trail. This would take the form of 3 day-return trips which would be done as follows.

- 1: Opuā – Kawakawa – Otiria return
- 2: Otiria – Kaikohe return
- 3: Kaikohe – Okaihau return

Accommodation: This would be at the Beachside Holiday Park near Paihia. They have Tourist Flats available at \$100/night with 1 double bed and 2 singles. Tenting option is also available if you wish.

The trip would also be suitable for those who would like to go tramping.

We have obtained 2 cabins at the Waitangi Holiday Park. They hold a total of 10 people, so if you are interested, please contact us.

There are already 5 reservations.

We will now hopefully include the Horeke end of the trail on Saturday or Sunday as it is very different. This will depend on the weather, of course.



If you are interested, please contact Bruce

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29 October Waitakere- TBA

8.30am

Information on this tramp yet to be advised. Please keep an eye on the website for an update & also next month's magazine.

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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>

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