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**West Auckland District Tramping Club**  
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### *The Presidents Report*

It probably will not come as a great surprise that the Auckland Council decided on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April to close the Waitakere ranges tracks and some of the Hunua tracks to combat the Kauri dieback issue. More details appear in this magazine. It's such a shame and with a really big impact on many people, business and organizations such as ours.

Didn't she do well!! Our resident energiser bunny Pam recently ran in the Round the Bays fun run and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her age group, only beaten by a Walsh visitor. Well done Pam you are an inspiration to us all.

Subs are now due and need to be paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. We do hope you will continue your membership and enjoy the many activities your hard working committee organise. \$15 of each members sub gets passed on to FMC (Federated Mountain Club) our national body and advocate for all things outdoors. FMC has raised their fees considerably in the last year. The committee had decided that with this increase and that of postage the rate for subs needs to be set at \$30 for ordinary membership and \$20 for veterans to avoid eating into our bank reserves. This is still very reasonable value for money. Veterans can of course be generous and pay the ordinary membership rate. Methods of payment enclosed.

To help with our postage costs, we encourage members who have opted to receive the quarterly FMC magazine to attend club night to collect their magazine. Alternatively, this interesting publication can be read online at <https://www.fmc.org.nz/backcountry/> FMC has an annual photo competition which may be of interest to any budding photographers in our club. See [www.fmc.org.nz/photo-ompetition/](http://www.fmc.org.nz/photo-ompetition/) for more details. \$3000 worth of prizes was given out last year, so it could be worth a look.

Should anyone be interested, FMC is seeking nominations for the 2018/2019 executive. Nomination form can be downloaded from <http://www.fmc.org.nz/circulators/>. While on the subject of nominations, our own AGM is almost upon us again (21 May) and we would love to have some new blood on the committee with fresh ideas. None of the jobs are too onerous. Nomination forms enclosed.

DOC is conducting an on-line survey regarding the future of Molesworth Station as a prelude to revising the current Management Plan (see <http://www.doc.govt.nz/Documents/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans/molesworth-management-plan.pdf>) and reviewing the farming lease to Landcorp that expires in 2 years. Submissions close 14 April. So if you would like to give your 5 cents worth, you will need to move quickly. This is a magnificent area of New Zealand through which I was once inspired to ride my bike from Hanmer Springs to Blenheim. And yes, it's a bloody long way on a gravel road!

Just a reminder that Trip Lists are to now be left in the letterbox of Alan Harwood, 19 Withers Road, Glen Eden.

We enjoyed a very interesting talk last month from Jacqui Knight who was a wealth of knowledge of all things "butterflies". She gave out swan plant seeds to those who wanted them. I have planted mine. Hope to see you at our next club night on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April to enjoy one tramper's tails of his favorite New Zealand walks which were the inspiration of a book on the subject.

*Peter*



**West Auckland District Tramping Club Inc.**

**Annual Subscription 2018/2019 - \$30.00**

Subscriptions are due on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 and are payable *no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017*

Veteran Members who have been financial members of the Club for twenty one years or more have the option to pay only \$20.00.

**IF PAYMENT IS NOT RECEIVED BY 31<sup>ST</sup> May 2017  
a penalty of \$5 will be added to the amount due.**

**Post** your cheque, including your name and any changes to your address, phone numbers or email to

**West Auckland District Tramping Club (Inc),  
C/- A209  
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Henderson  
Auckland 0610**

Or

Payment can also be made by Direct Credit to WADTC

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If you do not wish to renew your membership, please advise the Secretary Ph: 626-4325

# KAURI DIE BACK

Auckland Council's Environment and Community Committee has made a final decision on closure options for the management of kauri dieback disease in the Auckland region.

## THE DECISION

The forested areas of the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park will be closed from 1 May 2018 to prevent the spread of, and protect against, the disease.

The committee also agreed to close further higher-risk tracks in the Hunua Ranges Regional Park. These measures aim to prevent the introduction of the disease into the park, where it has not yet been detected. These closures will also come into effect from 1 May 2018.

The management of kauri dieback disease has been one of the most complex and challenging issues that Auckland Council has been faced with, and the closure of these areas will provide the highest level of protection to kauri.

Exceptions to the Waitākere closure will include beaches, pasturelands and a limited number of tracks with track surface conditions to a standard that will support the requirements of the proposed Controlled Area Notice. These exceptions will be jointly agreed on with mana whenua, Te Kawerau ā Maki.

We thank Te Kawerau ā Maki for the collaborative work they have undertaken with the council on this exceedingly complex issue, and the community for their feedback and engagement that has contributed to the final decision being made today.

## NEXT STEPS

Auckland Council has been working with the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on Controlled Area Notices (CANs) for the Waitākere and Hunua ranges.

Under the arrangements being developed, open areas in the Waitākere and Hunua forests will become Controlled Areas under the Biosecurity Act, and anyone using them will need to comply with the instructions at cleaning stations and park entrances. A CAN comes with enforcement tools, including prosecution, if people fail to comply.

Compliance with these CANs will be enforced by Auckland Council, while MPI will monitor the CANs' implementation, including people's use of hygiene stations.

Auckland Council staff will now begin to decommission tracks, remove signage and begin the process of restricting access to the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park.

Staff will work to prioritise initial track upgrades and improvements in the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park to re-establish coastal connectivity and multi-day walking opportunities, as suggested during the public engagement process, to mitigate the impact on park users and operators.

Read more about the decision on [OurAuckland \[1\]](#) and see an update from Councillor Hulse on Auckland Council's Facebook [\[2\]](#) page.

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement in this important issue.

KAURI DIEBACK PROJECT TEAM, Auckland Council

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## Activities

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### 15 April

8.30 Glen Eden

### North Shore Volcanoes

Grade: Moderate

Fare: \$6 members \$11 non-members

Timing: 5-6 hrs

A stroll through North Shore parks from Onepoto domain to Lake Pupuke before walking down the coast to Devonport. As only two of volcanoes are intact scoria cones, this is a much flatter walk than the title suggests.



For car shuttling purposes please contact the leader if you wish to go directly to the start of the tramp.

**Leader:** Christine Major P: 021 109 5750 E: [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com)

### 16 April

### Club Night

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

Phillip Donnell, an active member of the Auckland Baptist Tramping Club, life member of Forest & Bird and regular contributor of articles to "Wilderness" magazine will be here to give a presentation of "50 of the Best" walks in NZ that he has done plus a few extras that deserve "honourable mention" along with some poetic asides. Phillip will also talk about the book he has written "Into The Wilderness"

### 22 April

8.10 Glen Eden

### Brittomart City Ramble

Grade: Easy

Timing: 4 hrs

Meet at Glen Eden Train station in time for the **8.23 Am Train**.

**( Remember free travel for all goldcard holders )** We will all be on the last carriage.

I have graded this easy, but there are 3-4 uphill sections. After arriving at Britomart, we will make our way up through Vulcan Lane to Albert Park, then on through Government House grounds and past the High Court down to Stanley St. From there we will head up to the Domain, then down Ayr St to Shore Rd and along part of the Hobson Bay Walkway, On up Brighton Rd to St Stephens Ave down to Dove-Myer Robinson Park. There is an option for those who wish to, to take a bus back to Britomart, otherwise we continue walking along Quay St to Britomart.



Looking forward to your company, hope you can join me

**Leader:** Bronwyn & Colin Spencer P: 838 5706 or 021 02351490

## 29 April

8.30 Glen Eden

## Mahurangi Explorer

Grade: Moderate

Fare:\$12 members \$17 non-members

Timing: 5 hrs +

This day could include visiting three beaches with a few hills and paddocks between them, an estuary crossing, perhaps some shoreline rock walking and tide permitting, a visit to the Pudding. Approximately finish time around 2.30pm to 3.00 pm

As we will be crossing an estuary a small towel would be useful to dry your feet after crossing with bare feet and if summer lingers you may wish to bring your swimming gear for a dip at the end of the day.

If you are planning to go direct to the meeting place Sullivans Bay in Mahurangi Regional Park please be there by 9.25am and advise the leader.

**Leader:** Ralph Lyon P: 09 426 0327 E: [longacres@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:longacres@slingshot.co.nz)



## 06 May

**NO MEETING AT GLEN EDEN**

## Cycling Panmure – Half Moon Bay

Grade: Moderate

Fare: \$5 members \$10 non-members

Timing: 4 hrs +

Why a Sunday cycling trip you may ask? Kauri Dieback is severely limiting our options, so why not?

Meet at the bottom of Cleary Rd in Panmure. We will cycle along the Rotary Shared Path, past Half Moon Bay and on to Musick Point where we will have lunch. There are one or 2 café options on the way back which will be a good excuse for another break. Total distance for the trip is approximately 28km.

To contact leader on the day ph 021 135 3022

**Leader:**Bruce FletcherP: 522 6982E: [fletchermb@xtra.co.nz](mailto:fletchermb@xtra.co.nz)



## 13 May

8.30 Glen Eden

## Mangere Volcanoes

Grade: Moderate

Fare:\$5members \$10non-members

Timing:4+ hrs

A varied coastal walk from Gloucester Reserve to the OtuaatuaStonefields including a stroll out to Puketutu Island. Lots of bird life and lots of volcanoes. Please contact the leader if you want to go directly to the start of the tramp for car-pooling purposes.



**Leader:**Christine MajorP: 021 109 5750 or 378 4044 E: [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com)

**20 May**

## **Green Bay to Onehunga**

**NO MEETING AT GLEN EDEN**

Meet 8.30am at Green Bay Beach, Portage Rd

Grade: Moderate

Timing: 4+ hrs

We will need to do a car shuttle from here to the new beach at Onehunga so if you are coming from the Onehunga area please contact me before hand so you can be part of the car shuttle. The Waikōwhai Walkway crosses a mix of forest paths, tidal mudflats, rock shelves, hard sand beaches, suburban parks and roads.



In formation link for the new walkway.

<http://temp.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/EN/parksfacilities/walkingtracks/Documents/waikowhaiwalkwaymap.pdf>

**Leader:** Denise Vazey P: 027 329 0052 E: [vazey@xtra.co.nz](mailto:vazey@xtra.co.nz)

**21 May**

## **Club Night AGM**

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

The AGM is almost upon us again. We would love to have some new blood on the committee with fresh ideas. None of the jobs are too onerous. Nomination forms enclosed.

**27 May**

## **To Be Advised**

8.10 Glen Eden

If you have any suggestions for this date, please contact Louis Segedin. [louissegedin55@gmail.com](mailto:louissegedin55@gmail.com)

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## *Trip Reports*

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### **Murawai 18 March Leader Pam Goldie**

Nine trampers met and we went to see the gannet colony, the last of the fledgling gannet's were being fed and some were beating their wings in preparation for the flight across to Australia. After the gannets we went through the Bush to the top of Murawai and onto Houghton's farm. The weather was sunny and warm and we passed Okaihau lakes and the Lilly ponds looked amazing. We then went on to the waterfall for lunch and I must say that it is one of the prettiest settings that you could find for a lunch stop. A ring of Nikau palms and cabbage trees stood out and surrounded the waterfall. We walked back along the beach and stopped at *Sand Dunes* to enjoy coffee and ice creams. A great day out had by all.



**Riverhead Forest 8 April Leader Shena McGregor**

We met at the now infamous Sawmill Road, Riverhead at 9.00. 14 members turned up, this being a larger than usual gathering. The day was a calm, warm autumn day.

The Riverhead Forest was a first time for all but two of our members(Jim and myself - well that is rather obvious as I was leading the group). Shortly after our entry into the forest we saw a sign saying to watch out for runners and mountain bikers, there being an event on next weekend. That would have made our walk very exciting dodging bikes and runners. (I looked online and there is a Rogaine event on). Morning tea was had at a spot by a lot of beehives and then it was up to the Trig where there was a view out over the city and some more eating, an early lunch. Pam came up with her next trip away, that being the across England walk after talking to two other random walkers. At the beginning of the walk I had warned the walkers that there could be mountain bikers on the tracks and pigs inhabit the forest. Only 3 bikes were seen in the distance and no pigs were sighted. Christine very bravely volunteered to defend us, with her Legge stick, in the case of an attack. Towards the end of the walk there were signs the logging companies were preparing to begin logging at this end of the forest.

Colin was, as usual in good form - "Do you have a Subaru?" "No I said." & he replied "I thought you had a Forester." To which Peter replied, "that would be a Legacy!!"



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NOMINATION FORM**

I wish to nominate: .....

For the Position of: .....

Signed: ..... Name: .....

Seconded: ..... Name: .....

Nominated Person's signature: .....

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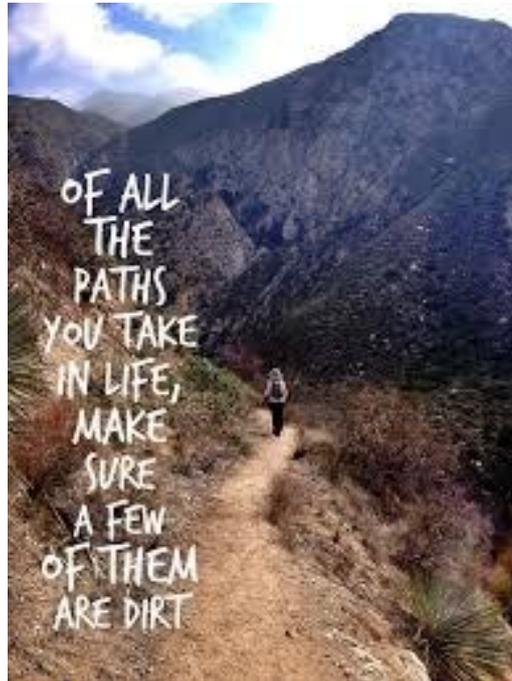
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*The Committee including non- committee Assistants( last four).*

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