



The Presidents Report

Whoever knew we had so many sea caves along the West coast of the Waitakere ranges? Those who attended the July club night were fascinated to learn of how many caves we have and how extensive many of them are. Some are quite famous, such as the Waitapu caves, where well known dance events were held back in the day, others I did not even know existed. It was interesting to learn also of how the mapping of caves has changed over time. Tape measures, a pad and pencil have certainly being overtaken by technology.

With more tracks being closed in the name of kauri preservation and with Forest & Bird & more DOC reserves also being closed, our challenges remain with where to go tramping. Any knowledge of access to private land walks would be appreciated by our trip coordinator Louis Segedin. I attended a "Waitakere Track User" forum meeting recently which was attended by other tramping clubs & meet-up groups wanting to ensure our needs are heard by decision makers in regards to future access to our beloved Waitakere ranges. This forum lodged a submission to the Auckland Council & Ministry of Primary Industries National Kauri Dieback Programme in July. Copy available on request.

For some time the FMC (Federated Mountain Club) of which a sizable percentage of our club subscription does to each year, has had no representation north of Taupo. Considering over half of New Zealand's population live in this region and we have some significant issues in our area (mainly KDB), it is good to now have an Auckland based representative on the executive in the form of Norm Judd.

If you are lacking inspiration for your lunches when tramping, I have just the answer. You turn up for a tramp, announce you have left your lunch in the fridge at home and hopefully you friends take pity on you and share their food with you! Brilliant, why did I not think of that before!

Catch you on the trail.....

Peter

Activities

19 August

Glen Eden to Newmarket via Onehunga

9.15am Glen Eden

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Timing: 3.5 hrs

We will meet at Glen Eden train station, take the **9.24am** train as far as Avondale, where we will commence our walk. We will follow the pathways and reserves through as far as Onehunga, with time to check out the newly formed beach, probably our lunch stop.

From Onehunga we will proceed up through the Onehunga Mall, on through Cornwall Park, and further on to Newmarket. At Newmarket we will return via the train to Glen Eden.

According to google maps this Should be a total walking time of around 3.5 hours, not including stops. And remember a cheap day for us Goldies.

Please arrive at Glen Eden 10 minutes prior to departure, Those wishing to board at other stations we will be on the last carriage.

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20 August

Club Night

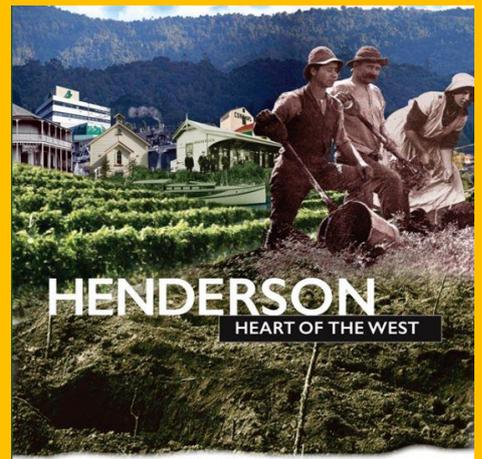
7.30pm

Kelston Community Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Rd

West Auckland Historical Society

Come along and hear Gai Bishop, President of West Auckland Historical Society talk about a new book they have put together about Henderson, a suburb with a rich history we are all familiar with. As usual a cuppa afterwards to mix & mingle.

The talk by Bird Recue has been postponed to a later date.



26 August

8.30am Glen Eden

Mt Richmond-Hamlins Hill-Onehunga

Grade: Moderate

Timing: 4-5 hrs

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

Covering Mt Richmond and Mt Wellington, Mutukaroa is a seldom visited area of Auckland, and a regionally rare example of an extensive pre-European Māori settlement.



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02 September

8.30 Glen Eden

Te Henga Walkway

Grade: Moderate

Timing: 4-5 hrs

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

From the bridge on Bethells Rd, we will follow the Hillary Track along the cliff-top as far as the bush line before Constable Rd. Returning the same way, we will cut down to O'Neills Bay before heading back to the car park



Leader: Louis Segedin P: 021 439 900

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09 September

8.30 Glen Eden

Awaroa Walkway

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Fare: \$8 members \$11 non-members

Timing: 4-5 hrs

Having car pooled from Glen Eden we will commence walking from the Howick Historical Village in Lloyd Elsmore Park along paths and reserves to the Mangemangeroa creek boardwalk, which leads on to a interesting coastal hike towards Musick Point. We will most likely catch a bus back to our cars, so bring you AT or Gold card. Approx 4-5 hours walk around a part of Auckland we don't venture to often. Low tide midday.



Leader: Peter Tuohy P: 8283274 027 4389944 E: tait@slingshot.co.nz

16 September

Riverhead Forest

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

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

Timing: 4+ hours

We meet as usual in Glen Eden or at Sawmill Road Riverhead 9am. The walk is a mixture of gravel roads and some off road tracks. We make our way to the Trig where we get a view over Auckland.



Leader: Shena McGregor P: 021 186 5200 E: shenamcgregor@outlook.com

17 September

Club Night - TBA

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

Conservation Dogs

Chris Christie from Conservation Department will give a talk about conservation dogs, helping DOC track down pests. Well trained dog handler teams have successfully been used for conservation for more than 40 years. New Zealand was the first country to use dogs to benefit conservation as far back as the 1890s.



23 September

Puhinui Reserve - Wiri

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Easy

Timing: 3.5+ hrs

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

Puhinui Reserve is part of the Matukuturua volcanic field centred around Wiri Mountain. Easy walking on mostly flat ground.

After this part of the walk, we will take a short drive towards the airport and walk around the sculpture trail by the Warehouse/mini golf.



Leader: Sandra Everitt P: 827 7849 E: sandraeveritt@hotmail.com

30 September Karangahake Gorge - Paeroa
THERE WILL BE NO GLEN EDEN MEETING SO PHONE A FRIEND TO CAR POOL

Meet at Karangahake Gorge visitors centre Site SH2 Sunday morning 10am.

Grade: Moderate

Timing: 4-5 hrs

Karangahake Gorge has a maze of bridges, trams, water races and regenerating native bush.

The Gorge is on State Highway 2 between Paeroa and Waihi is about 2 hours drive from Auckland. Parking is available directly off the State Highway at Karangahake and toilets and basic visitor information can be accessed at the car park.



Bring a torch for any tunnel walking during the day.

Please let Craig know by Friday 28 that you will be meeting him at Karangahake or if you may need transport.

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Trip Reports

Ed Hilary Hope Tree Planting 21 July

At the suggestion of long standing club member (foundation member in fact) Dell Hood based in Hamilton, a tree planting event was recently added to our calendar. With the Ed Hilary Hope Reserve being between Hamilton and Raglan there was quite a long drive involved, but it is always nice to give something back to an environment we enjoy. On arrival members of the Native Forest Restoration Trust had already laid out 380 trees. All we had to do was plant them! Luckily the soil was easy digging unlike the sticky clay found around Auckland. While enjoying the winter sun on our backs we toiled away and got the job done with the satisfaction of knowing we were doing good for future generations. After a lunch admiring our handy work, we were taken on a walk through the more established area of the reserve and admired the pristine bush. Certainly a lovely piece of bush, now in safe hands for everyone enjoyment.

A slight detour on the way home involved a visit to the Waingaro Hot Springs. While I have known about these springs for years, I have never stopped there and it was just the thing to do after some physical exertion!!

If you want to know more about the wonderful work undertaken by the Native forest Restoration Trust check out their recently revamped website www.nfrt.org.nz



St Heliers Tahuna Torea Reserve 22 July Leader Mandy Adams

As I was getting ready to head to the meeting place at St Heliers for the walk to Tahuna Torea reserve it looked like the forecast rain may hold off. WRONG - a torrential downpour started as I left the house! 7 hardy souls turned up and our raincoat clad group headed up the cliff side road to Achilles point. The rain had eased a bit so we could at least see the great views from the viewing deck. From here we headed to Glover Park and then had a short road bash to the entrance to Churchill park which is a lovely bit of 'rural-ness' (is that a

word?) in the heart of the city. The start of the Churchill Park walk is through bush so we stopped here for morning tea as we were sheltered from the rain. When we set off again the rain had stopped and we had a lovely wander through the paddocks in this unique setting. We eventually left the paddocks and dropped down through the lush greenness of what used to be the local rubbish dump then crossed the road to the start of the Tahuna Torea Reserve.

Tahuna Torea is a wildlife reserve, home to much birdlife although on our visit we the birdlife consisted of Pukekos, ducks and seagulls. We followed the coastal pathway and then made our way round the cliff side to a secluded little beach where we had lunch. We made our way back after lunch, taking a different route through Churchill Park which had us follow a stream on a nice little bush walk.

As we were approaching the cars, the day ended as it had started, with a torrential downpour! We bid hasty goodbyes and scurried to the shelter of our cars

An enjoyable day out had by all.

My thanks to Astrid, Jill, Dennis, Kathy B, Kathy M, Monique & Evelyn



Tanekaha Loop Mangawhai Overnighter 04-05 August Leader Trish Hopkins

Sandra, Jim and I hitched a ride to Mangawhai with Shena on Saturday afternoon leaving Shena's place a little after 3pm. I was sitting in back with Sandra, chatting away as you do but also was the navigator! A little hint here, if you are going to try a new route print a decent map, wear your glasses so you can read said map and watch the road signs. We ended up having a lovely drive through Pakiri valley which I haven't been through for 20years so I really enjoyed it and it only added 15mins to our trip....maybe 20 ☐



We arrived at the backpackers which the club has used a few times before. The new owner has done a lovely job of renovating and it had a really nice feel about it. After contacting Colin & Bronwyn and Peter & Louis we all met at Annettes for a drink and a meal.

Sunday morning we hadn't heard from anyone coming up from Auckland so at 8.20am we set off to King Road along with Annette who decided to come with us and felt she would try her first long tramp after so long unable to do so. As we arrived at King Rd I got a txt....*"Sorry running late leaving Ak now"*....I was NOT a happy camper, that would mean a very long wait for us.....hmmmm should have known it would be the boys teasing!

We headed along the grass track to the start of our tramp and saw heaps of pig signs and a cage trap to try and catch one, they make such a mess. up Tanekaha Falls track and had morning tea at the first waterfall where we stopped with Ralph and Lyndell a couple of years ago and photos were taken. At the second waterfall more photos were taken and guess what happened at the third water fall, Yep, PHOTOS thanks heaps Colin. We got to the top of the track with plenty of time to head up Langsview Track to the trig for lunch. Lots of short, steep climbs to get to the ridge with perfect weather, which was sunny with a few clouds.



At the trig we stopped for lunch and Colin started with his terrible jokes mainly about a subject women know a lot more about than boys. This time he he ended up getting his play on words fired right back at him by the girls, he was truly outdone! After lunch down

Tanekaha Forest track, no pig in the trap, and back to the cars for the trip home. Home, boots scrubbed, bag unpacked, lovely hot shower and a southern Comfort on ice by 5pm. Great weekend!

Items of Interest

FMC BULLETIN

Please email waitakereforever@gmail.com or phone TRISH 835-4405 if you want to receive the FMC magazine. These are issued 4 times a year, late March, June, August and November. They will be available at the closest club night after we receive them and can be posted on request after the date of the meeting.



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FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 14TH @ 8.30PM
PRESALES \$20 DOORSALES \$25
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