



### *The Presidents Report*

If you are passing the Arataki Centre checkout the great art work entitled “Keep Kauri Standing for generations to come” The artwork has been done by a young artist Kyo Carlyle in association with the Kākanō Youth Arts Collective, which is a unique visual arts initiative for young artists aged between 12 and 20 years old, based at Corban Estate Arts. They are responsible for quite a lot of the large scale art work found around west Auckland. Check them out at <https://kakanoyouthartscollective.com/>

Our revolving door policy sees a few club members recently returning from exotic holidays far and wide while others are just heading off. Last report from John & Lynne had them in the beautiful Turkish village of EskiDatca. Check it out.

September’s Club Night speaker should be interesting and educational as we learn of work of Conversation Dogs helping DOC track down pests. Hope to see you there.

Geoff has made plans for another outing to Ryders in Avondale on Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> of October which is always an excellent value night out. For those unfamiliar with it, Ryders is a privately owned movie house in Riversdale Road, where for \$30 you get a lovely roast meal, followed by a movie. Minimum numbers are required to make this event work, so please do indicate to Geoff early if you would like to attend. No problem to bring along friends and family.

You might have noticed our club sometimes gets a mention in the “Whats On” section of the Western Leader, which is great (free) publicity for our club and does get results. We have recently contacted the Western Leader to ask that they tweak the wording of the advertisement to be more generic of “tramp every Sunday, check out the website and contact the relevant leader”. Hopefully this way the leader gets an opportunity to impart useful information to the prospective member as to what to expect and what to bring.

Catch you on the trail.....

*Peter*



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## Activities

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### 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

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 centered 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](mailto: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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**07 October**

## **Whatapu**

8.30 Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

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

Timing: 5 hrs

This walk will include walking along the beach, past the caves and up almost to the Pararaha Valley and return. We can also include going up to the lookout and old signal house site, this could be done by scaling up the hill from the beach. We can also go round past the gap.

The exact walk may change slightly depending on the conditions on the day.



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**14 October Coastal Walk – Titirangi**

8.30am Meet at the entrance of Pinesong, Avonleigh Rd.

Grade:Easy

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

Timing: 3-4 hours

From Avonleigh Road we will walk down to Maori Bay and around the picturesque coast to Jenkins Bay Titirangi at low tide. This maybe slippery and muddy in places. We will return overland with welcome stop for coffee at The Village.

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

**Leader: Val Ellis** P:817 6813

## 15 October

## ClubNight

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

Gael Ogilvie will be coming along to talk about her recent South American tour and hiking up to Machu Picchu. This should be a very interesting evening.

As usual we will mix and mingle afterwards with a cuppa and bickies.



## 21 October Labour Weekend

No tramps planned so kick back & relax or ring around if you feel like a walk



## 26 October

## Ryders Theatre - Dinner & Movie "DOUGH"

An old Jewish baker (Jonathan Pryce) sees his struggling business boom when his young apprentice (Jerome Holder) accidentally drops marijuana into the dough.

Cost: \$30.00 which includes dinner & movie. BYO drink and glasses. The club will supply Dessert. Please pay direct to WADTC bank account 12-3034-0697604-00&use your name & "Movie" as reference.



## 28 October

## Rangitoto Island

No meeting at Glen Eden  
Meet at the Ferry Building 9.00am

Grade: Moderate

Timing: 5 hrs

Fullers Ferry departs Auckland 9.15am,  
Devonport 9.25am  
Return ferry leaves Rangitoto 4pm  
Cost: \$33 return (discount for gold card holders)



Enjoy the unique landscape and birdlife of Rangitoto Island. We will take the Coastal Rd to Mackenzie Bay and from there ascend to the summit. A visit to the lava cave (torch recommended) will precede our return to the wharf.

Please ensure footwear is completely clean and pack your lunch in rodent proof containers.

**Leader:** Christine Major P:378 4404 021 109 5750 E: [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com)

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## Trip Reports

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### Avondale to Newmarket 18 August Leader Colin Spencer

The day dawned fine & sunny and a little chilly. Just before 8am Bronwyn and myself made our way to Glen Eden rail station.

At Glen Eden we met up with Jill D, Dennis & Kathy Baden and new comer Fiona. We boarded the train at 9.24am, and by the time we got to Avondale our total number was twenty. Certainly a record turnout that I can recall in the 4 years I have been in the club.

We all made our way out of the station up Rosebank Rd, and onto the walking track that would take us through to Onehunga.

After proceeding for an hour we stopped for morning tea break at Winstone Park, after which we continued on to Onehunga. Our lunch break was enjoyed at the newly formed beach on the Onehunga foreshore. The weather did a little bit of a turn, becoming cloudy, with a cool breeze, and rain clouds threatening.

After lunch we continued our walk toward Onehunga Mall, Where Bronwyn & Fiona decided to leave us and get the train home. The rest of us continued to walk up through the mall and into Cornwall Park. We soon saw cows & calves, black Sheep with new born lambs, and along the pathways the daffodils were out in large numbers.



Leaving the park behind we made our way down Manukau road to Newmarket where we boarded our train for the journey home close to 3pm.

Many thanks to those who joined me today.

Bronwyn, Dennis & Kathy, Val Ellis, Val Mitchell, Jill Dingle, Jill Engle, Sandra, Jan, Annette & Tom, Christine, Peter T, & Louis A. and newcomers Cheryl Segedin, Fiona Staniland, Kahrin McEvoy, Clare McCarten, Patrica Cunliffe



### Te Henga Walkway 2 September Leader Louis Segedin

Sunday morning brought wind & rain, but typically the weather gods protected us for most of our walk. Five hardy souls meet at 8.30 as usual including new tramper Fiona Staniland. Most of the drive out to Bethells was in the rain with the five of us thinking about second options for walking. Louis A was keen on the Te Henga walk regardless of the wind & rain, and by the time we arrived, the rain had stopped. Raincoats were needed for the whole day, but we did a full five hours return without getting too wet.

The Te Henga walk has perhaps become a little more popular with so many other tracks closed throughout the ranges. With plenty of mud and high winds, the likes of which none of us have experienced on that walk before. We were back in the car park by 2.30pm, all of us with wet muddy boots, but having done a good West Auckland walk.

Thanks to the keen walkers of Louis Allerby, Sandra Everitt, Peter Tuohy & Fiona Staniland.



*A scene from "Lord of the Rings"!*

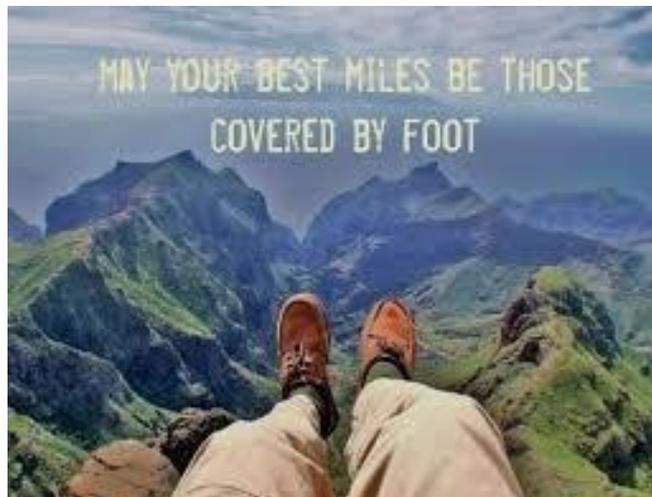


**Howick – Eastern Beach 9 September Leader Peter Tuohy**

Howick always feels such a long way from West Auckland and an area I seldom visit. Seems that applies to a number of Westies and several on today's walk had not ventured to the nooks and crannies explored. I even managed to take Christine Major to places she had not been (no mean feat!). Having assembled at the Howick Historical Village in Lloyd Elsmore Park we followed numerous reserves and streams out to the Mangemangeroa Creek with only one street walk involved. Mangemangeroa walkway is a delightful patch of bush on the edge of suburbia with nice views out over the bay and to the island and hills beyond. Having scooted around the shoreline we lunched in a very sheltered spot at Cockle Bay. The low tide exposed vast amounts of mudflats upon which many Asian people were gathering bags of cockles. We too took advantage of low tide and did a mixture of coastal walking and "up & over" suburban walking passing Howick Beach, Mellons Bay and along Eastern Beach where we caught a bus back to Lloyd Elsmore park for our final stretch back to our waiting cars. Most enjoyed afternoon tea at the Howick Historical Village café at the conclusion of our very pleasant 19km walk.



We are looking for suggestions for our Christmas Picnic.....if you have any, please email:  
Peter Tuohy [tait@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:tait@slingshot.co.nz) or Jill Engle [jengle23a@gmail.com](mailto:jengle23a@gmail.com)



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## Notices

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**To Mandy Adams who joined the WADTC in August 1997 and is now a Veteran of 21 years**



Please note Shena McGregor's email is now – shenamcgregor@outlook.com

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