



The President's Report

Well I'm back from a fabulous trip to Africa and looking forward to sharing some of the highlights at an upcoming club night. With temperatures in the high thirties, you certainly wanted to get any walking out of the way before midday that was for sure.



Our very trusty Trip Co-ordinator Louis Segedin has advised that due to other commitments he unfortunately will not be in a position to continue this role after February 2019. We are therefore looking for a replacement person (perhaps 2 in a job share role??) to take over this vital task. Please let me know if you would be willing.

Our November club night speaker Adrian Reigen was very entertaining. I'm sure we all learnt some interesting things about the reclusive country of North Korea. We hope to see you at our final club night of the year on Monday the 10th of Dec (a week earlier than normal), which as in the past will be more of a social get together. We encourage you to come along and to share your "best and worst" tramping experiences and/or bring along a photo of your favourite tramping experience to share (let us guess the location of your photo!) while enjoying a bit of Christmas cheer (i.e. don't eat dinner!). Who will win the Golden Boot award this year for the most active trumper, I wonder?

On Sunday, 16 December we will be having a Christmas BBQ and again encourage you to join in. As the club will be supplying meat, please advise me of your intention to come. Please bring a plate to share. You are welcome to bring family members along. Our venue this year is very central for most and has a large covered area, so the weather on the day will not matter. Check out our activity calendar for more details.

I am pleased to see we have gained a couple of new members, Kim & Jacky. Welcome ladies, we do hope you enjoy our outings and are made to feel welcome.

With no January club night, our trip program might not be 100% complete at the time of this Newsletter going to print, so do keep an eye on our website for any additions or alterations. During our Christmas break, do feel free to contact your fellow members and head out on an impromptu tramp.

If I don't get to see you at one of our upcoming events, wishing you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and my Santa's sleigh be full of shiny new tramping apparel with your name on it!

Merry Christmas

Peter

Activities

09 December Upper Maungatawhiri - Hunuas

8.30am Glen Eden or 9.15 at Upper Maungatawhiri Campground

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Fare: members \$7 non- members \$12

Timing: 4-5 hours

We will go up Lilburne Road. This is a four wheel drive road with a steady uphill for about 1 to 1.5 hours to Piggots Hut. We will then do the Rata Ridge Track. This is quite rough and steep in parts but there are lovely bush and beautiful views. It would probably take 2 hours, then back down Lilburne Road. The tramp would be 4.5 hours plus lunch. Start with clean boots to prevent the spread of Kauri Dieback.

If meeting an Maungatawhiri Campground, please let leader know.

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



10 December Christmas Club Night

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

Join us for the last club night of 2018. Remember it's a week earlier than normal.

Come along and to share your "best and worst" tramping experiences and/or bring along a photo of your favourite tramping experience to share (let us guess the location of your photo!)



We will also announce the winner of the Golden Boot Award.

There will also be Punch and nibbles to enjoy.

16 December Christmas Picnic/BBQ

Our Christmas function this year will be held at Ray White Central West office, 36 Te Atatu Road, Te Atatu South, from 11.30am. Just come on down through the gardens to the rear of the building. There is some parking available at the office or park on Cron Avenue or Elcoat Avenue.

Sausages will be provided by the club.

Please bring a plate of food to share, your own drinks, glasses, plates & cutlery. Looking forward to seeing you there.

As we need numbers for sausages etc, please let Peter know if you intend to join us.

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23 December

No Tramps Planned

30 December

No Tramp Planned

06 January

Goat Island

8.30am Glen Eden to car pool. (Leader will not be at Glen Eden)

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Fare: members \$7 non- members \$12

Timing: 5.5 hrs

Being the height of summer (we hope!) we will do a coastal walk so people can swim if they wish. Goat Island to Ti Point Wharf. This is a 5.5 hours walk along farmland, some roads, coastal tracks and beaches which will include some boulder walking.

Meet in the main Goat Island car park, travel time is 1hr 30 mins.

Leader: Paul Williams P: 09 425 9877 E: pgrwilliams@xtra.co.nz



13 January

Goldies Bush

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Time: 4-5 hours

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

Only recently re-opened, so we are fortunate to be able to get back into the Wairere stream that passes through Goldies Bush. Great swimming opportunities, beautiful bush and great views from the northern end of Te Henga Walkway.

Leader: Astrid Crouth P: 817 5552 E: phil.astrid@xtra.co.nz



20 January

Orakei Basin & Orakei Domain

No Glen Eden Meeting

Grade: Introductory Tramp Easy/Moderate

Timing: 4 hours

Today we will explore the Orakei Basin and the streets and reserves leading to the Orakei Domain. If time, we will continue to the Michael Savage Memorial Park with its views out to Rangitoto Island.

Main Meeting Point: **10 a.m.** Orakei Railway Station. Alternatively, meet on the **8.50 a.m. train** from Henderson (**8.56 Glen Eden, 9.02 New Lynn**). This train reaches Britomart in time to catch the **9.47 a.m. train to Orakei**. People who prefer to travel by car can park in the Kings Plant Barn car park just past the Orakei Railway Station, Orakei Rd.

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27 January

Anniversary Weekend

No tramps planned but feel free to phone around if you want to get out there and..... JUST DO IT!!

03 February

Beachaven - North Shore

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

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

Timing: 4+ hrs

This will cover some costal walking, rocks and oyster beds to cross, some bush and road walking. Boots will be needed for the oyster beds. Pack a towel if you want to go swimming.



Leader: Geoff Yates P: 810 8456 E: yates.family13@gmail.com

10 February

Hunuas

8.30am Glen Eden or 9.30am at location, see below.

Grade: Moderate

Fare: members \$8 non- members \$13

Timing: 4+ hrs

Meet at Glen Eden to car pool, or meet at Hunuas Falls car park 9.30am. We will be doing the Massey Loop Track & Cossey Gorge.

NB; Mandy will not be at Glen Eden for the 8.30 meeting time. Trampers, please call Mandy when leaving Glen Eden to confirm the numbers going to Hunuas.



Leader: Mandy Adams P: 528 2078 021 177 6057 E: mandyadams101@gmail.com

17 February

Huntly to Ngaruawahia Hakarimata Track

8.00am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Fare: Total cost per car will be approx \$45 so 3 - 4 passengers is ideal, minimum 2 cars will be required for car shuttle or key swap.

Timing: 4-5 hrs for shorter version down Summit Track option or 5-6 hrs to do the whole Hakarimata Track.

Starting from Parker Road in Huntly we head up the Hakarimata Track to the summit tower where we will get lovely views. Shortly after leaving the tower we have the option of taking Summit track or carrying on the Hakarimata. Here we can split the group if numbers allow it. It's a great tramp with lots of tree roots and only a little mud.



Leader: Trish Hopkins P: 021 1273 862 E: waitakereforever@gmail.com

18 February

Club Night - Africa

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

Peter and Louis will give a presentation of their recent trip to Africa. They will be taking you through South Africa and Namibia with lots of anecdotes and pics and at next club night in March they continue with Botswana and Zambia.

Afterwards we will have a cup of Rooibos tea & rusks!



24 February

Tapora - Wellsford

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Fare: members \$7 non- members \$12

Timing: 5.5 hrs

At Tapora, on the way to Wellsford. If coming from Auckland, look for Wharehine Rd on the left after Tauhoa, not all that far before Wellsford.

If you miss it, the Port Albert Rd is some kms further along, and is the road to take if coming from Wellsford.

Either way within 6 kms or so after finding Wharehine Rd, you will come to Run Rd.

5 kms down this road you will see Atiu Regional Park signposted, carry on to meet at the Atiu carpark at 10 am.

Travel time is approx 45 min from Glen Eden.

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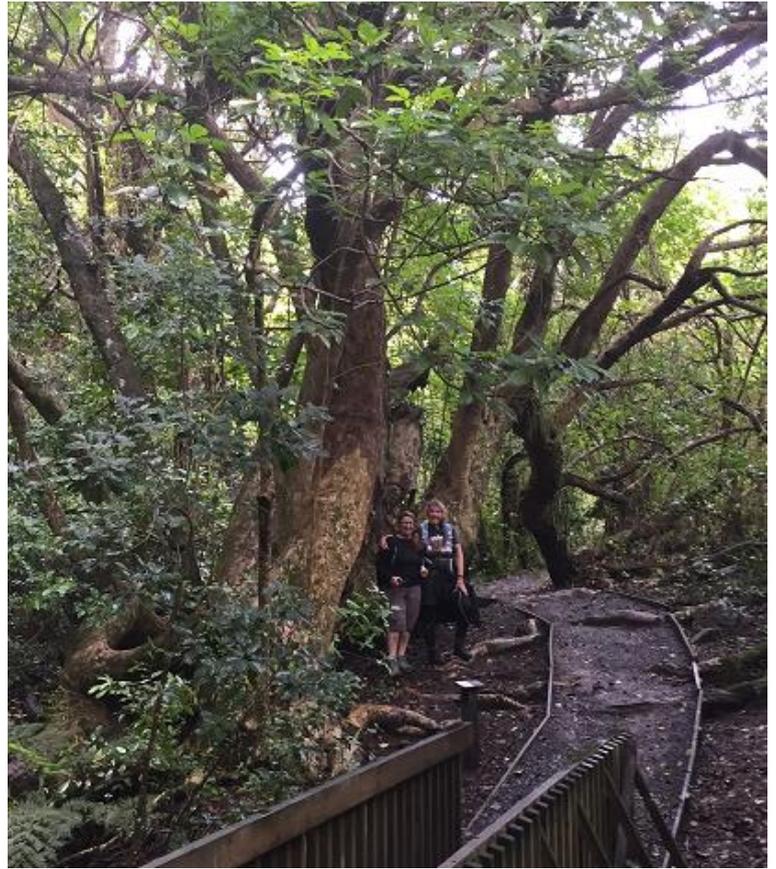
Trip Reports

Shakespear Regional Park 25 November Leader Jill Dingle



Well the weather forecast was for rain and thunderstorms and yea of little faith decided to give it a miss apart from two hardy new members- Kim N and Jacky S from the NW side of our city. Jill B had voiced an interest but only if not raining. She decided to stay aboard her temporary home, a yacht at the Gulf harbour marina, and see us for a coffee in the afternoon.

The three of us started our walk from the Eastern Bay- Te Haruhi. There is beautiful big beach and camping area with friendly peacocks. Climbing up the hillside from there I was reminded about a planting day I had helped with a few years ago. As we headed up to the lookout strange stickmen, like a group of aliens, could be seen jogging along the skyline, then they stopped to perform some sort of ritual of movement in unison. As we got closer my eyes revealed white clothed humans practising a martial art. My photo is looking South from the lookout with the Karate club in the foreground. As you can see the weather was perfect for tramping.



From there we strolled down the bushy track (Heritage trail) towards the Waterfall, where we stopped for a snack. This area has big tortured looking pururi trees and lush tropical growth. Soon we came out onto the road and took the direction towards Okoromai Bay for our lunch stop past a pretty wetlands area. It was just a short walk back to the bay, stopping for a photo shoot (framed shot) courtesy of a pair of Canadian tourists. As promised we joined the other Jill at Gulf harbour for a catch-up chat and an ogle at the boats. It was only after that that we got drenched by that heavy rain.

Thanks for the good company on the day; Kim Nagam, Jacky Swanson and Jill Bethell.



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