West Auckland District Tramping Club September 2017 Newsletter no.445



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:

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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?

Peter

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

7.30pmKelstonCommunity Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Road

Larraine 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 8.30am

Coast to Coast Variation

Grade: Moderate

Fare members \$4non- 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

Karekare

8.30am

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 0436lynneflood.healthwise@gmail.com



08 October

Botanic Gardens & Totara Park

9.30am

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

Mercer Bay / Ahu Ahu

8.30am

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: 0212945700E: jill.dingle@gmail.com





16 OctoberClub Night -Shackletons Journey

7.30pmKelstonCommunity Centre Cnr Great North Road &Awaroa Road

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

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20-23 October Labour Weekend – Cycling Paihia

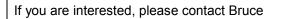
We have organised a trip to take in the recently completed Twin Coast Cycle Trail. This would take the form of 3 day-return trips which would be done as follows.

- 1: Opua 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.



Leader: Bruce Fletcher P: 5226982 E:fletchermb@xtra.co.nz

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.

Leader: Shirley O'Sullivan P:6309132 E:shirley.osullivan@gmail.com

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





Montana Heritage Trail 13 August Leader Denise Vazey

The weather was perfect for tramping, eight members arrived at the Cascades and we set off up the Upper Kauri, onto Long Road. Denise read the noticeboards as we went around and it is interesting to note that in the olden days it took three days to get to Auckland from the top of the trail. We stopped for lunch at the dam and sat in the warm sun and watched other people enjoying the day. We then went down the steps to the bottom of the dam and returned to the carpark by the Fence Line track. Shirley B mentioned that this is one of her favourite walks and it is easy to see why. The bird life, the large trees, the sunny weather and the Waitakere bush all helped to make our day truly special. Thank you to Denise, Pam, Jim, Shirley B, Shirley O'S, Jonathan, John and Lynne.



Devonport 27 August Leader Pam Goldie

Five intrepid trampers braved the wind and rain and we whizzed up Mount Victoria, then onto the Navy Museum, then up North Head, (Don't know if you have guessed or not!) Yes/no. We were not that intrepid as we were in the car! The weather eventually cleared and we hopped out of the car and managed a loop around north head and a little look at the tunnels. We rediscovered a small park was full of tuis and fantails. Lunch was at Ngataringa Park by the circular bricked park on the amazing driftwood tree seat. We then went and got blown to bits on Takapuna beach. It was fun watching the kite surfers and dogs walking along the beach. We commented that we had never seen the usually calm beach so wild and windswept.



Advance Notices

Great Barrier Island - Aotea Track 3-5 November

Enjoy some Spring backpacking on Great Barrier Island. The Aotea track traverses spectacular landscapes and offers stunning views.

Friday: Windy Canyon -> Mt Hobson ->Kaiaraara Hut 6 hours

Saturday: Kaiaraara Hut -> Mt Heale Hut (via South Fork Track) 3 hours

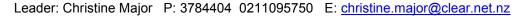
Sunday: Mt Heale Hut -> Whangaparapara Rd via hot springs 3-3.5 hours

Flights \$178

Huts \$30 (bookable)

Shuttles \$20-\$30 depending on numbers

Any enquiries please contact the leader.





Items of Interest

THE BAY OF ISLANDS WALKING WEEKEND 29 SEPTEMBER - 1 OCTOBER 2017



Based in Russell, the walking weekend has a choice of 18 walks – from a Cultural History tour around the Russell Village to an Island Ramble – heading out on the famous R. Tucker Thompson to Otehei Bay. Accommodation is available at Russell- Orongo Bay Holiday Park, surrounded by 14 acres of native bush and bird life.

Your whole group can kick back in our spacious Lodge Kitchen and Lounge in front of a roaring log fire, discuss the days adventuring and meet other like minded people.

And why not spoil yourself (or your tired feet) with a massage with our expert therapist, who will come to your very cabin! - booking essential.

We are now offering a 10% discount for 3 night stays over the Walking Weekend - call us on 09 403 7704 to book!

Check out the websites below to learn more: From: Russell - Orongo Bay Holiday Park <<u>stay@russellaccommodation.co.nz</u>>

Daytime Contact Number: 094037704 http://russellaccommodation.co.nz/http://boiwalkingweekend.co.nz/

FMC Travel Club

A subsidiary of Federated Mountain Clubs of New Zealand (Inc.) <u>www.fmc.org.nz</u>

Tasmania

24th March to 15thApril 2018, 23 days ex Hobart \$4995 Leader : Rob Brown

Based on 7 to 11 participants and subject to currency fluctuations Any payments by visa or mastercard adds \$150 to the final price

A comprehensive tramping and travel programme ex Hobart. Experience a tremendous range of landscapes across national parks, coasts and wilderness regions Encounter the wildlife, discover the convict past and enjoy Tassie's relaxed style! This is a beaut little holiday.....

PRICE INCLUDES :

- Accommodation small characterful hotel, holiday park cabins, hostels, national park huts and tent camping
- Transport in a hired minibus with luggage trailer, other transfers as are needed to access tracks, etc
- Most meals as shown in the itinerary by B.L.D (the schedule is subject to revision)
- Experienced Kiwi trip leader throughout
- National Park entry fees, all Overland Track fees, entry to a wildlife park, return Hobart airport transfers and payment to FMC

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :

- Flights to / from Tasmania
- Some meals and personal incidentals
- Travel insurance

Trip Leader:

Rob has also led groups overseas too, such as a wonderful photo tour of Iceland in 2016. Despite his busy schedule, Rob has made time available to lead this trip to Tassie, a destination he enjoys very much. Rob welcomes your interest in his trip and may be contacted at<u>robbrownnz@yahoo.com</u>

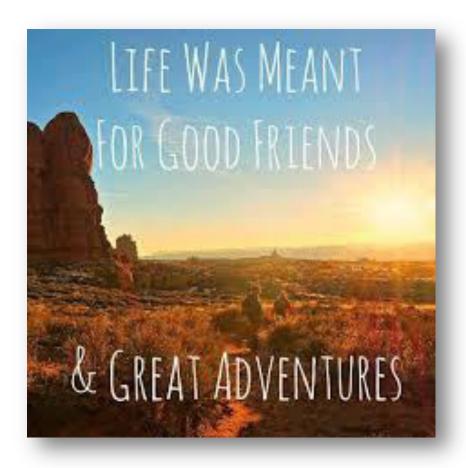
Changes to Members' contacts –

Louis Allerby's landline now - 627-3110 New address 70a Connaught Street, Blockhouse Bay

Lynne Flood's email now - lynneflood.healthwise@gmail.com

Miriam Harwood's mobile now - 028 407 4037

Geoff Yate's email is - <u>yatesfamily13@gmail.com</u>



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