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**West Auckland District Tramping Club**  
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### *The President's Report*

I hope you are making the most of our long hot summer and getting out on our tramps. Certainly no raingear is needed currently, but if you are in the market for rain gear you might like to check out [www.oringi.co.nz](http://www.oringi.co.nz). Oringi is going out of business, so you might be able to grab yourself a bargain. I like my Oringi raincoat as it is longer than most, meaning my clothes actually stay dry in the wet.

We have an extra interesting guest speaker in April, so do make a point of coming along. Our speaker will be Jeremy Scott, author of "A Broken Heart" a recollection of his amazing 52,000 cycle half way around the world despite health problems. Mark it in your diary - 15 April.

Looking for tramping inspiration?

On the local front check out [AKLpaths.co.nz](http://AKLpaths.co.nz) for walking options around Auckland. Some paths are new, some you might just have forgotten about.

For trips around Godzone take a look at the great new Walking Access website [www.walkingaccess.govt.nz](http://www.walkingaccess.govt.nz). Walking access was set up in 2008, tasked to lead and support the negotiation, establishment, maintenance and improvement of free, certain, enduring and practical walking access to the outdoors.

Got even grander plans? Why not join one of the FMC overseas trips? You'll be sure to travel with likeminded people to some wonderful destinations. <https://www.fmc.org.nz/travel-club/>

Long time club members will remember Sheryl & Kevin Roberts from North Head. I had a chance encounter with them this week when they visited my office for visa assistance (but had not realized that was where I worked). They wish to be remembered to all.

*Peter*





**West Auckland District Tramping Club Inc.**

**Annual Subscription 2019/2020 - \$30.00**

Subscriptions are due on **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** and are payable ***no later than 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019***

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 2019  
a penalty of \$5 will be added to the amount due.**

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*Please note in your diaries*

*AGM Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019*

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## Activities

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### 17 March

### Murawai

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Time: Aprox 4hrs

Fare: members \$10 non members \$15

Be at Muriwai beach main car park by 9.30 to beat the heat so we can get a good work out on the beach. We will go north to the stream have a rest before taking in some of the forest round the edge of Houghtons farm. We will return to Motutara Rd and then Oaia Rd and down through the bush track to the gannets. Coffee and ice creams can be had at the shop back at the car park.

Anyone who wants a lift with Jill Dingle - meet at KFC Westgate at 9am . We could car pool from there.

Call leader if making your own way to the start.

Coordinator at Glen Eden to be arranged.

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### 18 March

### Club Night - Botswana & Zambia

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 Botswana and Zambia with lots of anecdotes and pics.

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



### 24 March

### Paddle and Peddle

No Meeting at Glen Eden

Grade: Easy/Moderate

To make the most of this fabulous summer and add a little variety to the program, Peter will be leading a paddle and peddle day. As the trains are not running this day you may be able to park up by Parnell Rose Garden then peddle around to Orakei Bay to paddle around into Hobson Bay and under the Orakei Road bridge and as far up towards Meadowbank as possible then continue paddling along the waterfront, returning to same way. Very easy paddling.

Bring your own kayak if you have one and meet at Fergs Kayaks at 9.45am at Orakei Bay or hire one single kayak \$35 or a double kayak \$30 per person. As kayaks need to be booked in advance, please register your interest a minimum of 1 week prior.



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## 31 March

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Easy

Timing: 3 hrs

Fare: members \$5 non members \$10

Easy walking from the lower Huia Dam up to the upper dam. This is mostly on a gravel forestry road.

Low tide is 1.30pm so we can do some foreshore walking if we wish.

**Leader: Louis Segedin P: 021 439 900 E: [louissegedin55@gmail.com](mailto:louissegedin55@gmail.com)**



## 07 April

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate/Difficult

Fare: members \$7 non members \$12

Meet at Glen Eden at 8.30 and head to the car park at the end of Anawhata Road. We would head down to the beach and over to the next bay. Be prepared for cutty grass and you may get wet. Plan to have a swim.

## Anawhata



**Leader: John Miller P: 6220436 E: [jmiller1954@gmail.com](mailto:jmiller1954@gmail.com)**

## 14 April

## Mataia Homstead - Glorit

8.30am Glen Eden & proceed to the carpark next to the Kumeu Fire Station. We will go in convoy from there.

Grade: Moderate

Time: Approx 5-6 hrs

Fare: members \$12 non members \$17

This tramp will be on a 1600 hectare farm on the Kaipara Harbour, about 5 kilometres further on from The Gibbs Farm. Starting at the Mataia Homstead and doing a circuit returning to the homestead. You can find out more if you google Mataia Homstead

Please note that as this is private land all boots and shoes must be scrupulously clean & there will be Trigene spray available.

Payment is by way of Koha of \$10 pp (or \$8 for groups of 10 plus)  
This does not include the fare above.

**Leader: Sheena McGregor P: 4128076 021 1865200 E: [shenamcgregor@outlook.com](mailto:shenamcgregor@outlook.com)**



**15 April**

## **Club Night - Jeremy Scott**

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

As a toddler, Jeremy Scott suffered from a huge hole in his aorta valve that cruelly denied him the opportunity to live the life of a normal healthy child. At just four years of age Jeremy underwent Open Heart Surgery at the hands of renowned surgeon Sir Brian Barratt-Boyes. Thirty four years later with practically no experience or training, Jeremy took the unbelievably courageous plunge and began a 2 ½ year, 51,916km bicycle ride that would see him cycle through 29 countries from London to New Zealand.



**19-22 April**

## **Easter Weekend - Ureweras**

No Meeting at Glen Eden

I propose to leave Auckland early on Easter Friday and head to the bach at Ohope.

We would camp on the Friday night at the bach which is near the beach and swim.

The next day, Easter Saturday, we could do a day walk in the Ureweras. I have been in this area and there is beautiful bush and bird life and the kokako are well established and we saw and heard them. After the tramp we can head back to the bach for a swim. There is a lovely cafe up the road with takeaways and fresh fish for dinner. We would go home early to midday on Sunday to beat the traffic into Auckland.



It is my brother's bach and he is happy for us camp on the lawn, not enough room for everyone inside. I have spare tents if you need one. We would pay a nominal amount for water and power. He possibly would come on the tramp with us, so we would have his expert guidance. Peter is the President of the Whakatane tramping club.

Please contact Lynne Flood if you are interested. We can arrange carpooling.

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**28 April**

## **Waiheke Island – Church Bay Circuit**

Meet at Glen Eden train station in time for 8.56am train

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Timing: 3 hrs

Yay it's time to go to Waiheke again. So get the gold cards out, and join me for a tramp on beautiful Waiheke. If you're like me, it may only cost you a cup of coffee for the whole day, probably the cheapest day out you will ever have.

We will board the **8.56am** train from Glen Eden or corresponding stations along the line, and travel to Britomart, where we will board the **10am** Waiheke ferry.

On arrival at Matiatia we will commence our tramp, proceeding south on a circuit which will take us through Church Bay and back to Matiatia via Oneroa where our ferry will return us to downtown Auckland.



**NOTE** Meet at Glen Eden train station in time for **8.56am** train, or meet on train, we will be on the last carriage Let leader know if you wish to meet at the ferry buildings.

**Leader: Colin Spencer P: 8385706 022 4356839 E: [bronspen@gmail.com](mailto:bronspen@gmail.com)**

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## Trip Reports

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### Hakarimata Ridge Track 17 February Leader Trish Hopkins

Nice early 8am start on another great summer day! Somehow the early start turned into a late one after a bit of mucking about at Huntly and a car shuttle. We cruised into this tramp knowing it would be a challenge on a hot day. Was great to have Dennis Baden join us as part of his TeAraroa adventure and he and Dave had a good old chat. Sandra and I had done the recce and forgot how many stairs there were at the beginning, in fact we forgot how many hills and tree roots we had to navigate before we got to the tower. I was hoping to get to the grass clearing for lunch but too much talking and joking around held us up a bit more and we still hadn't got there by 12.30pm! We finally gave up stopped in a nice little shaded area in the bush for lunch. Ten minutes after starting off again we got to the clearing but it was so hot in the sun we were actually glad we had stopped earlier.

Next stop...the tower, for a great view and our last rest before the final leg to the cars. Heather, Sandra and I were a little ahead of Dave, Dennis and Lynne, all of us feeling the heat and wondering if we were EVER going to reach the tower. We weren't talking much, just puffing and sweating when climbing another hill Sandra says in a quiet voice "I hear a cow"

Trish replies in between puffs "I think it's a chainsaw"

Heather pipes up in an equally quiet and toneless voice "same thing"

"Yep" say all three of us. In the end we decided it could have been a trail bike!

Down all the stairs at the Ngaruawahia end and more time spent washing off in the lovely cool stream. Trip home was as expected but a late one. Thanks guys, was a fun walk with heaps of laughs.

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**Atiu Creek Regional Park Feb 24 Leader David Spiers**

Understating the time needed to drive here didn't help with numbers as I thought it might, but as Heather and I arrived club stalwarts Lynne and John, Cathy and Ian were waiting, and nobody bloody else!



Lovely day though, soon we were walking past the grand 'Courtyard House', rentable for \$357 a night, and down to the high and dry jetty, which had a large picnic table, and a view of a narrow waterless channel, mangroves and lots of popping mud. Morning tea....



A wonderful viewpoint on the Kauri Loop, then on to the large campground (with flush dunnies), lunch on a grassy bank out of the wind, and a bit of shuteye...

Solomons Bay, a while later, had a rocky mangroved beach with muddy turgid water creeping in, definitely no swimming here.

Up on the hill, a large carved Maori Pou, and a view of the outlines in the mud of an old oyster farm. Followed by a bigger hill past many sympathetic cows, glad they weren't going up there too, to a pa site with fabulous views. Along a bit and folks were a bit tired again, more prone-ness and shuteye. A Dave trip these days is not too strenuous....And we were still buggered from Trish's 7 hour ordeal of the week before, to tell the truth....

Then.....a sweeping descent down thru the macrocarpa forest to the pretty reservoir, also with jetty, only a quick laydown here, then as what comes down must go up, a very long steep kilometre back to the finish. No prizes for the winner, me!



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**Lake Wainamu 03 March Leader Craig Flower**

Another sunny day for our walk around lake Wainamu. Thank you to those who came along and a special thank you to Trish and her words of encouragement for the fast pace of the walk. We made our way around the lake up to the first waterfall and planned to go further but decided to turn around due to the large number of wasps. We went back around the other side of the lake and finished up at the food truck.

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*Items of Interest*

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**FORWARD NOTICE PINNACLES 18/19 MAY**

Bookings are required for Pinnacles hut at \$15 per night to stay and the hut books out very quickly so we need firm interest by **19th MARCH with names, followed by payment on confirmation. We have booked the hut** for those who want to go on this very excellent back packing tramp. Keen bunnys are advised to check out the DOC info as to the terrain and what to take. Its a tough 3 hours up a good track lots of steps. I no doubt will be leading from the rear like last time- some years ago:-). We will return via the Billy Goat track and drive home Sunday 19 May. Regarding the drive from Auckland; I will coordinate details to those I book in. It's a 2 hour drive from Glen Eden to Thames and then we need to meet up at DOC Kauaurangi Valley by about 10.30am where we check in -pick up Hut passes, then drive to the road end where we start the tramp late morning.



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