



The President's Report

Just a reminder, your subs are due now. See details further on in this magazine of how to pay etc. While they do not “have” to be paid until the end of May, it does make the life of our Treasurer easier if made sooner. Bank deposit is the easiest for our Treasurer. Please don't forget to state your name & subs as your reference. If you do not intend to renew your membership (which we sincerely hope is not the case), kindly let our Secretary & Treasurer know. We have an increasing number of veterans who get offered a reduced member rate, but if you are feeling generous you are welcome to pay the full membership rate!

It is not long until our AGM on May the 20th. Nominations for the committee are attached. Please do consider putting yourself forward as it is important that any organisation has new blood (red is a nice colour bet we are not fussy!) with new ideas and enthusiasm.

Our national body FMC is also seeking nominations for their committee, but if interested in putting yourself forward, you had better be quick as nominations close at 5pm on April 11th. www.fmc.org.nz

On that subject of committees, I have decided to hang up my hat for a while of being on the committee. I have been on this club's committee for more than 30 years, mostly jostling between President and Vice President. I am finding with changing circumstances, my cup is somewhat full and I struggle on a daily basis to give all that I have to do the full attention it deserves. If only I had more than 24 hours each day! I am however still willing to help out with jobs outside the committee, as several of our club members currently do.

I see our trusty Trip Coordinators have a good line up of trips scheduled in the weeks ahead (thanks to all who “volunteered” to lead a trip). Please do your best to get along to events on our program and support the effort that has gone in.

Just a reminder, we have an extra special club night speaker this month (April 15) when we are going to hear the amazing tales of Jeremy Scott, author of “A Broken Heart”. Jeremy will recollect his amazing 52,000 cycle half way around the world despite significant health problems. We have invited some guests from complimentary clubs to join us as we are hoping for a good turnout on the night. Please make a point of making them feel welcome, so we can maintain our reputation of being a very friendly club.

Peter



West Auckland District Tramping Club Inc.

Annual Subscription 2019/2020 - \$30.00

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

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Please note in your diaries

AGM Meeting 20th May 2019

**West Auckland District Tramping Club
NOMINATION FORM**

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For the Position of:
Signed: Name:
Seconded: Name:
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Activities

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. (If you are going straight to the car park at Kumeu be there by 9.15am at the latest.)

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 Trigen 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



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.

Leader: Lynne Flood P: 6220436 E: lynneflood.healthwise@gmail.com

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

05 May

City Walk

Meet at Glen Eden 8.45am to drive or for the 8.56am train

Alternatively meet at Main Grandstand at Auckland Domain by 9.40am

Grade: Easy

Fare: members \$5 non members \$10

Time: 4hrs Aprox

Walking route – start at the Domain, along K Road, Ponsonby Road then down to Westhaven Marina. From there we will carry on to Wynyard Quarter & through to the Rose Garden where we can stop for lunch. Finish back at the Domain.



Please let Leader know if you are planning to meet at the Domain.

Leader: Angela Williams P: 027 5833800 E: jnaprop@gmail.com

12 May

Rata Ridge- Hunuas

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Fare: members \$10 non members \$15

Meet 8.30 at Glen Eden to 9.30 start at Upper Mangatawhiri Dam. We will go up Lilburne Road to Piggots Campground and then do the loop round Rata Ridge Track. Last time we heard Kokako there and the bush is beautiful. It is about 4 hours, steep climb but an easy walk.



Leader: Lynne Flood P: 6220436 E: lynneflood.healthwise@gmail.com

19 May

8.30am Glen

Piha

Grade: Moderate

Time: Approx 4 hrs

Fare: members \$7 non members \$12

The walk will start at North Piha surf club car park, We will walk to the northern end of Piha beach where we will enter the bush onto Laird Thompson track. Morning tea will be at the lookout point which has beautiful views of the rugged coastline. We then will head to Rose track which takes us down to the beautiful pristine Whites beach. From here we will take the track at the Northern end of the beach which takes us to up to a view point of Fishermans Rock and beyond. We will have lunch on this track and then retrace our steps back to the cars



The walk is easy-moderate and will take approx 4 hours

Leader: Mandy Adams P: 5282078 0211776057 E: mandyadams101@gmail.com

20 May

Club Night - AGM

7.30pm KelstonCentre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Rd

The AGM is almost upon us again. We would love to have some new blood on the committee with fresh ideas. None of the jobs are too onerous. Nomination forms enclosed.



26 May

8.30am Glen Eden

Walk and Talk

Grade: Easy

Time: Approx 4 hrs

Fare: members \$2 non members \$7

We will make our way along Exhibition Drive, then up the Beveridge track to the Arataki Centre with the view of getting to the Centre by 10.30am to sit in on a Kauri Science Series entitled "The rise and descent of an extreme species" by Dr Amanda Black. Returning a similar way.



Leader: Peter Tuohy P 0274389944 8283274 E: tait@slingshot.co.nz

Trip Reports

Muriwai Beach and Woodhill Forest Mar 17 Leader Jill Dingle

We had 11 of us arrive at Muriwai main car park to start at around 0930 on a fine breezy day.

A brisk walk up the beach to get across the stream and onto the edge of Woodhill forest was enough to work up an appetite for morning tea and a rest in the shade. Then we had a pleasant meander up the creek and into the Forest to end up at Houghton's water lily lake for our lunch break. Our return journey was via the radio mast for a high view of the beach before taking the forest road and then Oaia Road and down through the nice bush track to the gannet viewing pathway. It's nice to know we can still check out the sea birds at such close proximity to the big city at different times of the year. Some of us enjoyed an Ice cream from the very busy Muriwai shop before the drive home.

Thank you for your company; Pam, Colin, Dave, Heather, Jim, John W, Sandra, John M, Lynne, and Angela

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Pedal & Paddle Mar 24 Leader Peter Tuohy

Today was a little different. In an effort to create a bit of variety and combat the lack of access to the Waitakeres we explored by peddle & paddle. With the Western rail line closed, the original plan had to be modified to meeting at the Parnell Rose Gardens where we cycled around to Ferg's Kayaks. After waiting out a rain shower we transferred to kayaks and paddled out into the Okahu Bay, under the Tamaki Drive bridge, passed the boat sheds and up under the Orakei Road bridge as far as we could towards Meadowbank. You can get quite a way. It is quite interesting up in this inlet (which is only accessible at high tide) as you are completely surrounded by bush and out of sight of any houses despite being in central Auckland. I love exploring such places. Returning to the Orakei Bridge I observed that at full tide you can also get into Orakei Basin (a thought for another day). Back in Hobson Bay we ventured under the railbridge and back out into Okahu Bay under another Tamaki Drive bridge near Judges Bay. We had a "little" incident at this point getting tangled up in an elderly Chinese fisherwoman's fishing line. Opps! The sea was a bit lumpier on the return, but I felt very save in our sturdy double kayak. Back at Ferg's we had lunch before remounting our bikes and heading around to St Heliers through an obstacle course of distracted pedestrians, dogs on extendable leads, other cyclists and kamakazi scooter riders. After a break at St Heliers, we returned the same way to our cars which just happened to be very near the Paddington Hotel where we enjoyed a cool beer – how convenient! Thanks guys for a fun day out. Special thanks to Brian & Sue. It was very reassuring to have such experienced kayakers in our presence – even if one did get lost in the mangroves, but I did say I would not mention that



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Huia Dam Road Mar 31 Leader Louis Segedin

Good weather and a good team of nine of us meet as usual for the Huia Dam walk. Although not strictly in the bush, the whole walk was on gravel road surrounded by native bush.

It made a good change to be able to walk & talk without the fear of tripping over. It was only a 3.5 hr return walk but well recommended when you want to walk 'in the bush' without getting muddy. With kauri die back it is about as close as we can get to some of our old tramping areas. The weather tried to catch us out, but Murphy's Law proved correct, as soon as we put on our coats, the sun kept shining. The one way walk meant we had an early lunch at the foot of the dam and were back in our cars by 1.15 pm. Thanks to Jill E & Jill D, Lynne, Jacky, Pam, Alan and Heather, and the Huia Store for the great ice-creams!



Items of Interest

Geoff Yates Itinerary for his trip to Gold Coast June 2019

Please contact Geoff if interested on 8108456 or yates.family13@gmail.com

Sunday 9th

- Fly to Gold Coast
- Travel to accommodation via hire car (possibly at Murwillumbah)

Monday 10th

- May climb Mt Warning in NSW
- Note-public holiday in this state, so not much open
- Spend night in same accommodation

Tuesday 11th

- Travel back to Gold Coast
- May book accommodation near Nerang
- If sufficient time, do shorter walk (possibly Burleigh Heads national park)

Wednesday 12th

- Return to Warrie Circuit in Springbrook (16km walk in spectacular gorge- many big waterfalls and occasional leeches)

Thursday 13th

- Travel up to Brisbane via gateway bridge
- Park vehicle for day near Brisbane River
- Buy visitors all day pass- then travel up river by ferry
- Stop and visit any places of interest
- Set a return time, then enjoy day seeing Brisbane
- Back to Gold Coast late afternoon

Friday 14th

- Aim to have easy day- possibly do shorter walk (Burleigh Heads if unable to do Tuesday, or some other easy walk)

Saturday 15th

- Travel up to Binna Burra (Lamington)
- Do Coomera Circuit (approx 16km, rainforest with very high waterfall- one of Lamington classics)

Sunday 16th

- Travel to Oreily's Green mountains- do Box forest circuit, 10km and hilly(last time we could not complete owing to flooded river. Better luck this time!)

Monday 17th

- Possibly do Ship's Stern circuit- Lamington (this is a 22km walk- so subject to how our bodies are holding up)

Tuesday 18th Last day- to be decided.



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