



## *The President's Report*

Hello Members

Greetings from golden Namibia.

Thanks for your confidence in electing me as President.

There's no way I could compare with Peter's ability and dedication - 30 years approx on our Committee I believe. He deserves a break!

With support from Committee members I will do my best. We are so pleased to have Christine to assist with Auckland Track Users Forum business.

With Bronwyn as Secretary and Angela on Committee too we assure you we will be tramping on this next year.

## *Jill Engle - President*

I'm standing in for Jill, our returning new President, who is currently in Namibia following in the footsteps of Peter Tuohy and Louis Allerby inspired by their club presentations. Perhaps we should issue warnings that club nights may result in unforeseen travel expenses?!

Last Sunday a big group of us enjoyed a sunny day visiting a stunning farm in Kumeu with panoramic views back to Auckland city and Rangitoto as well as towards the sea at Muriwai. The curious cattle made for a memorable lunch. It is great that leaders can find new and interesting places to tramp – thank you Shena!

During the day we saw several groves of well-established kauri and that night I attended the Auckland Track Users Forum established in response to the track closures to prevent the spread of kauri dieback in the Auckland region. I had heard the meetings could be lively with conflicting viewpoints but I was pleased that consensus was quickly achieved that we work with the council to help prioritise the order in which tracks are upgraded and that we have to accept their overall plan to protect kauri. I was particularly impressed by the leadership of the younger people who want more tramping tracks available but also want healthy kauri and are prepared to be patient.

Another positive is that a significant amount of work is being done in the Hunuas opening up some great tramping opportunities in the not so distant future.

I will be collecting information soon from you about our priorities with regard to tracks that are still closed.

## *Christine Major - Vice President*

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## Activities

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### 16 June

### Milford to Takapuna

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Easy

Time: 4+ hrs

Fare: members \$7 non members \$12

We will meet at Glen Eden 8.30am or the carpark at the northern end of Milford Beach at 9.00am. (please let the leader know if you are coming.)

We will walk from Milford beach to Takapuna Beach and then head back via Barry's Point, Smiths Bush and Lake Pupuke.



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### 17 June

### Club Night

7.30pm Kelston Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Rd

NZ Bird Rescue Charitable Trust accepts and cares for all New Zealand birds – both native and non-native. They work with over 4000 birds each year including orphaned chicks, and victims of cat attacks, road accidents, pollution (eg. Botulism), human cruelty or bad weather.

Any donations of the following would be greatly appreciated: kitten food (chicken/beef), paper towels/tissues, bird seeds – all kinds, puppy food, dog biscuits, unscented washing machine powder and newspapers.



We would love to see you and as usual a cuppa & bickies afterwards.

### 23 June

### Hobsonville Walk/Run/Cycle

No Meeting at Glen Eden

Grade: Easy/Moderate

Time: 4 hrs leisurely scenic exercise

**Walkers:** 9.00am Meet at the Marina View School, 97 Marina View Dr. West Harbour  
The route will be explained to you by the leader Jill D.



**Bikers & Runners:** 10.00am Meet at the Marina View School, 97 Marina View Dr. West Harbour

We will ride through to Hobsonville Point via safe paths and streets, take in the market and Bomb Point circuit and a new pathway.

Both groups could then meet up at the market at Hobbie point for an early lunch.

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**30 June**

## **Puhinui Reserve & Weymouth Coastal Path**

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Fare: members \$5 non members \$10

Puhunui is a large, but seldom visited reserve not far from the airport. After a circuit of the reserve we will take a gravel path alongside Puhunui stream which after a bit of a street bash, we will join the Weymouth Walkway running alongside the Manukau harbour. An estimated 4 hour walk.



**Leader:** Peter Tuohy P 0274389944 8283274 E: [tait@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:tait@slingshot.co.nz)

**03 July 7.00PM**

## **BINGO**

The Hangar Bar, 104 Central Park Drive, Henderson

Join your bingo caller Mistress Viv for a night of bingo – but not as your Nanas know it!!

Prizes to be won, laughter to be had and its FREE entry.

Contact Angela on 0275833800 or email: [jnaprop@gmail.com](mailto:jnaprop@gmail.com) so I can book a table.

Please RSVP by 30th June



**07 July**

## **Exhibition Drive/Slip Track & Beveridge**

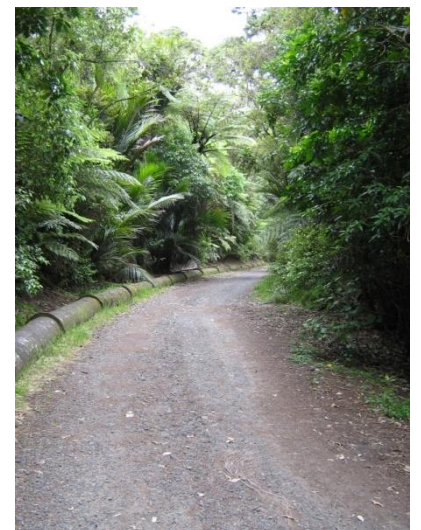
8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Time: 3.5 hrs aprox

Fare: members \$5 non members \$10

As at the publishing of this newsletter Slip Track will be open in the next few days however as we know with track openings this may be delayed in which case we will do a different walk starting from Glen Eden. Therefore if you want to meet at Water Care parking PH TRISH so I can let you know if we have changed the walk. Meet at Glen Eden 8.30am or the parking at Water Care. We will walk along Exhibition Drive, down to Pipeline Road then up Slip Track to Arataki (this is a good hill). Down Beveridge back along Exhibition Dr returning to cars. Alternative walk will include a good hill so be prepared to work hard ☺.



**Leader:** Trish P: 0211273862 E: [waitakereforever@gmail.com](mailto:waitakereforever@gmail.com)

## 14 July

## Volcanoes of the North Shore

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Time: 4.5 hrs aprox

Fare: members \$7 non members \$12

After a couple of warm up climbs and panoramic views in Devonport we will walk up the coast to Lake Pupuke stopping to look at the fossil forest. After tramping past lava flows and mangroves, we will cross the motorway bridge to the bird haven of Tuff Crater and we will finish following the forest paths of Onepoto. We are doing this walk in the opposite direction to the way we have done it in the past – so come and enjoy the different viewpoint. Please contact the leader if you wish to go directly to the North Shore.



**Leader:** Christine Major P: 0211095750 E: [christinemajor25@gmail.com](mailto:christinemajor25@gmail.com)

## 15 July

## Club Night- Wasps!!

7.30pm Kelston Centre Cnr Great North Road & Awaroa Rd

Another very interesting talk will be given on the subject of WASPS.

They are the bane of summer picnics and a danger for park rangers, volunteers and of course trampers. Wasps are a major environmental and recreational pest and pose a serious threat to wild life. They are predators to invertebrates and interfere with the feeding habits of native birds as well as being a serious hazard for humans.



## 21 July

## Tree Planting – Shakespear Regional Park 10am-1pm

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Easy

Time: 3 hrs

Fare: members \$6 non members \$11

Auckland City Council - Tree Planting. For all of us out-door people, this is a chance to put something back into the ground! The last time the club helped with this tree planting was 2017. Easy digging on the hillside, followed by tea, coffee and sausage sizzle. Some digging equipment is provided but is best to bring own spades. Meet at Glen Eden as usual or if you prefer to go directly to the planting. Public car parking at Shakespear Reserve



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## 28 July

## Comans Track

8.30am Glen Eden

Grade: Moderate

Time: 4-5 hrs

Fare: members \$7 non members \$12

Meet at Glen Eden at 8.30am and then travel to Karekare. We will walk up the newly re-opened Comans Track. This cliff top track has spectacular views. Then back down to Karekare and along the Pohutukawa Glade Walk to the beach and some of the less travelled areas near the cliffs.



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## Trip Reports

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### Piha 19 May Leader Mandy Adams

17 of us were assembled in the North Piha car park next to the surf club on a wonderfully blustery day. The sky was looking a bit ominous and some of the group were rugged up accordingly. Personally I thought the ominous sky would clear so left my raincoat safely inside my pack. After a brief description of the walk and introductions made we headed to the beach at which point the heavens opened. It didn't just rain, it hailed.....viciously! It's fair to say that I got a decent soaking in no time at all.....but at least my raincoat was dry!

We walked to the northern end of Piha and then headed up the Laird Thompson track to the lookout at Te Waha point for morning tea. The views from here are spectacular. From here we headed up the ridge on Rose track then turned left onto the driveway servicing the few houses in this area. After a short distance we turned left again and made our way down to the beautiful White's beach. I love White's beach it is secluded and pristine and certainly gets you far away from the madding crowd! From the North end of White's beach we made our way up the track that works its way up and around the cliff. At the top of this track we located and followed the slightly hard to find track that drops down to a flat area which looks out to Fishermans Rock. We had a leisurely lunch here in the warm sun that had made an appearance. After lunch we re-traced our steps back to the cars. A lovely day out. My thanks to everyone who shared this lovely walk with me.

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## Items of Interest

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### Departing Member

Paul Thurston joined our Club in April 1992. He was a very active participant in full on tramping, back-packing activities and rock climbing too.

Those of you who knew Paul appreciated his organising and leading of tramps and "away" weekends. Jolly and extremely fit he was a pleasure to share trips with.

He had considerable input into training of new leaders who were desperately needed.

Paul moved to Picton recently and we accept that he wishes to resign.

Thank you for your contributions to WADTC Paul.

We wish you good health and enjoyment of your retirement.

Jill Engle, President."

## ATTENTION TRAMPERS

We are planning a couple of overnight trips but require  
**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
BEFORE WE BOOK HUTS!**

We are looking at :-

Pinnacles Hut and Crosbies Hut, both in Coromandel for a Saturday night in late September early October for Pinnacles and 23 November for Crosbies. We need approx. numbers ASAP ie: by end of June so the committee can approve the number pre payment of bunks to book, check availability and confirm dates. These huts book out quickly so don't muck around if you want to do one or both of these tramps.



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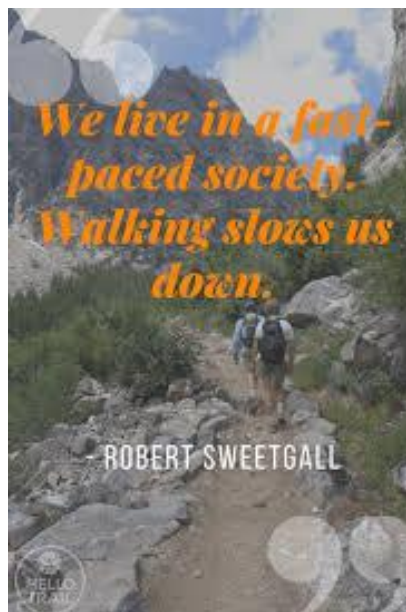


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