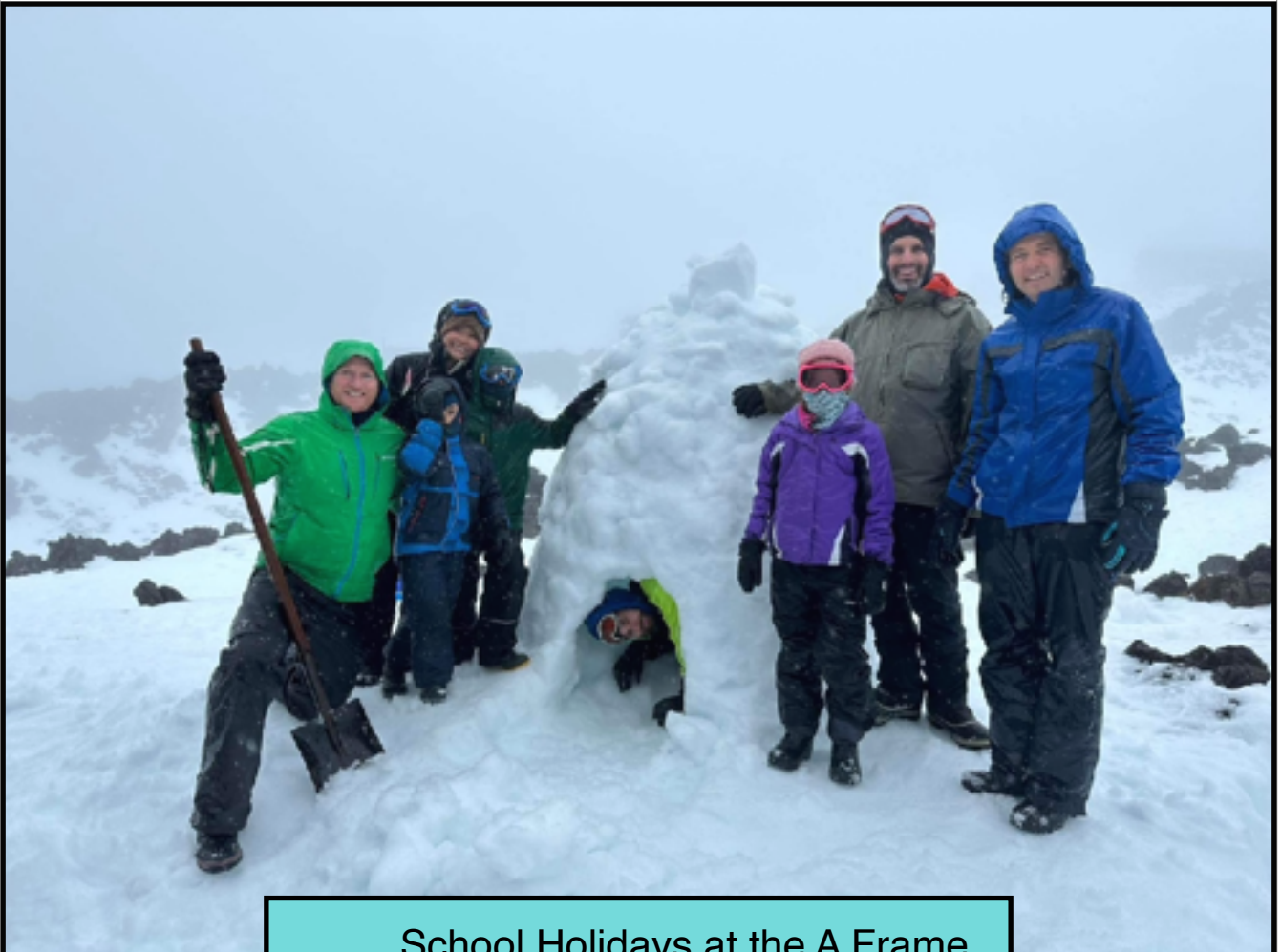
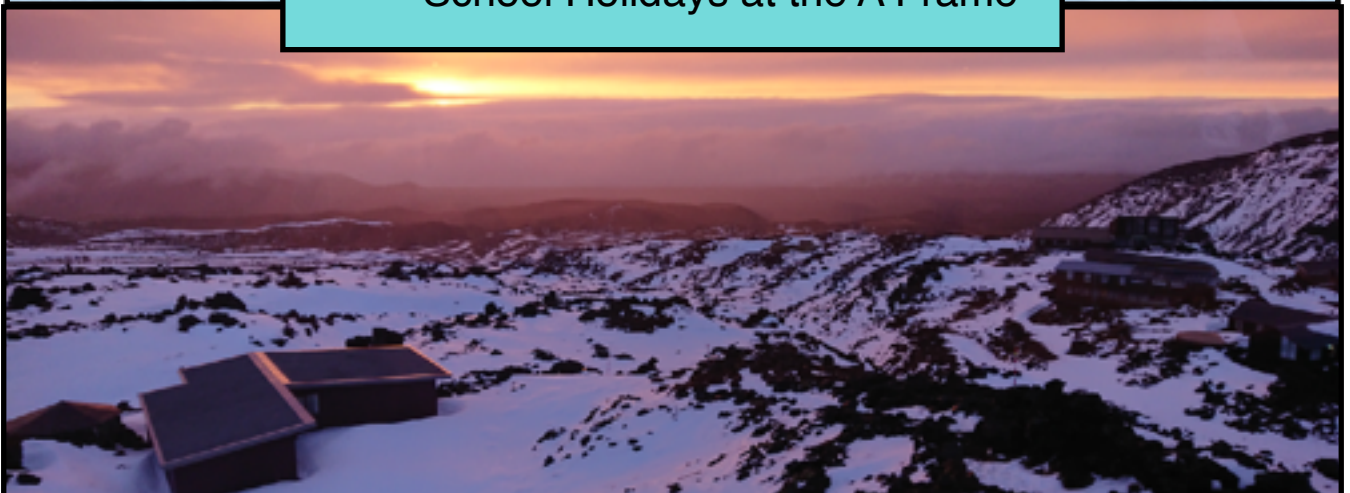


# ALPINESPORT



School Holidays at the A Frame



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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

August 2023

Kia ora everyone,

I've got a new job this month, providing a few comments for Alpinesport on behalf of the Committee while Miranda is under the pump with her day job.

Our new Committee members, Greg and Nicholas, are already getting their feet under the table, planning new trips and ensuring the Ruapehu huts are in their usual tip top condition for the winter ski season. What a welcome change from last year to be free of Covid-19, with several families taking advantage of the July school holidays (no last-minute Covid cancellations!) to get down to the mountain for some fun in the snow.

We are very fortunate to have Gemma Seddon as our Ruapehu hut warden this year. She comes with a great pedigree as a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation ASC member. Many of you will remember the late Dick Seddon, Gemma's grandfather, or know Ian Seddon, her father. Gemma is a warm, friendly go-to person who can help with any queries you may have during your stay on the mountain and ensure everything runs smoothly. What's more, she's a local.

With the promise of more snow to come, the ski field operators are predicting that more runs will be opened up very soon. Their website even has a report of snow sledding being sold out one day recently and through the grapevine we heard of the Bruce Road being closed when the carparks reached capacity over the holidays. So do get in early with your hut bookings to avoid missing out!

Our snowcraft course run by Mark Roberts is also only 3 weeks away in late August, so if you are keen on developing your snow skills and having fun at the same time, get in touch with Mark.

A big thank you to Joe Scott-Woods, Keith Adams, Paul Lyon, Pat Scott-Woods and many other unsung heroes who continue to take wonderful care of our Waitakere Hut. Despite considerable damage to roads in the Ranges, access to the hut is available, so do make a trip out there to enjoy it! Our bunk rates must surely be among the cheapest in Auckland.

Behind the scenes, we have been fortunate to obtain a grant from Pub Charity to help cover the significant cost of insuring our three huts for 2023-24. The good news is that overall, we are in better shape than last year as a result of our insurance cover being placed with another broker, as well as the prospect of improved hut bookings at Mt Ruapehu.

A reminder that our upcoming Club Night is an excellent film selection from the NZ Mountain Film Festival at the Silky Otter Cinema in Orakei.

In the coming months there will be more trips, Small People on Big Hills and Women's Overnighter events, Thursday walks and Sunday walks to look forward to - as well as the exciting possibility of a completely new Summer Camp site not too far from Auckland.

If you have ideas for future trips or would like to lead a trip, get in contact with Greg Munford at [tours@alpinesport.org.nz](mailto:tours@alpinesport.org.nz)

Ngā mihi,

**Jenny Hudson, Honorary Secretary**

# NZ MOUNTAIN FILM FESTIVAL NATIONAL TOUR



## August Club Night - Next Tuesday 1st August

**Silky Otter Cinema Orakei -  
Please Note only one theatre is  
now available to us and the show  
starts at 7.30pm**

**This show is very likely to sell out  
so please either purchase your  
ticket in advance or check that  
there are still tickets available  
before travelling to the venue.**



# NOTICES & NEWS

## August Club Night

**Tuesday August 1st**

NZ Mountain Film Festival

Silky Otter Cinema, Orakei - 7.30pm

Tickets from : [www.silkyotter.co.nz](http://www.silkyotter.co.nz)

## September Club Night

**Tuesday September 5th**

Speaker and programme still being confirmed and will be advised by email at a later date.

## 2023 FMC Expedition Scholarship and Training Grant applications are open



FMC is proud to offer Youth Expedition Scholarships for the 13th year running, and the Simon Bell Memorial Scholarship for the eighth consecutive year.

For information on how to apply, and to check your eligibility criteria, see [www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/](http://www.fmc.org.nz/scholarship/)

We are also offering Training Grants for the fourth year running, to support FMC clubs by making training opportunities more accessible.

<https://fmc.org.nz/members-area/fmc-training-grant/>

Applications for both Expedition Scholarships and Training Grants close at the end of the day on Friday 15 September 2023.

For any queries, e-mail our executive officer at [eo@fmc.org.nz](mailto:eo@fmc.org.nz).

Every year the FMC puts particular focus on a particular outdoor activity or user group. This is called the Outdoor Community campaign. In previous years the focus has been on bike packing, white water kayaking, family tramping, volunteering etc.

This year the focus is Youth Tramping and younger ASC members and their families can find information at <https://my.fmc.org.nz/>

Janet Romanes, who will be well known to many of our members, sent the following piece of creative writing. After reading the evocative description a number of times I sat and tried to imagine the painting....

I have asked Janet to send us a photo of the painting for a future Alpinesport

Janet Romanes.

## **My favourite Picture.**

When I visited my son in Christchurch he took me on a sight-seeing drive to Lake Tekapo where we viewed the beautiful little chapel on the shore, with Mt Cook in the distance. On the return trip I was surprised to see a number of stalls and buildings beside the road selling second hand goods - these ranged from a vintage Cadillac car, and tools, to old pieces of china and glassware.

However, what caught my eye was a barn-like building housing paintings by local artists.

For some time I had been looking for a nice painting of mountains. I wanted something that would remind me of the many happy years I had spent tramping in the hills, now that I was too old and decrepit to go there. The art on display was of a high standard and I took some time before finally making a decision on an oil painting of Lake Te Anau, looking across it to a range of snow capped mountains. There is some light cloud drifting past the peaks and some mist hugging the valley below - a sight so familiar in the Alps.

The painting hangs on the wall above my TV screen, so that when the TV is off I am looking at this mountain scene. The water of the lake is like satin except for an occasional ripple. As I look at the mountains I am transported in to the atmosphere - I feel the cold nip of the fresh mountain air and am aware of total silence and a total stillness which one never experiences in a city. My husband, who was a climber, used to say that at times in the mountains he experienced something which he found almost spiritual. I can understand what he meant.

When I pass on, the painting will go to my son to enjoy. He is also a mountain man.



## St.Kentigern College at the A Frame...again!

The scanned pages we included last month regarding the St.Kentigern College trip to the A Frame did not reproduce very well and members advised that they could not read the text. I have included an excerpt of the text from the article written by Will Gage-Brown who is the college's head of EOTC again this month which should be easier to read.



“After the disappointment of cancelling Field Centre in 2021 due to the Covid -19 pandemic, it was fantastic that the 2022 edition could go a head with no restrictions!

Missing a year meant some momentum was lost, so getting the cogs turning to organise this behemoth event took a lot of effort from the planning team, but we got there in the end. In total we had almost four-hundred Year 10 students attend ( approximately two hundred each week ) with eighty staff involved. Everyone was accommodated in nine ski lodges on Mount Ruapehu over the two weeks.

The programme was relatively the same as the last edition with the students completing a three-day expedition either in the Tongariro National Park or the Kaimanawa Forest Park, doing the Tongariro Crossing, white-water rafting and environmental service, and an adventure day either rock climbing and abseiling, caving or a Tyrolean traverse.

Field centre is a jam-packed fortnight of adventurous activities aimed to challenge the students as well as help them form new connections and an appreciation of the surrounding environment. Horrendous weather in the first week threw everything at us, including high winds, heavy rain, thunder and lightening and even fifteen centimetres of snow overnight which closed the Bruce Road, meaning we were not able to do much except have a huge snowball fight one day. Despite that, the programme still ran to plan, except for groups not being able to complete the Tongariro Crossing that first week. Our students showed great resilience and remained in good spirits throughout this challenging week. The second week proved the total opposite with amazing weather and the programme running smoothly.

Field Centre would not happen if we didn't have the keen competent and supportive staff to help the students on their journey - so I want to thank all eighty staff and volunteers who gave it their all and ensured the students an amazing experience that they will remember for along time.”

## Introducing our Ruapehu Hut Warden for 2023

“Kia Ora Alpine Sports Club Members,

For those who haven't met me yet, I'm **Gemma Seddon**, a third generation member of the Alpine Sports Club. I'm a 20 year old who grew up in Turangi/Taupo and in my spare time during winter I love to ski, crochet, and adventure, and have many plans of travelling the world.

I feel very blessed to be the 2023 Hut Warden for our Ruapehu Huts. Growing up my family and I regularly visited the A Frame, so I am very familiar with Whakapapa and the hut. This winter season I'll be spending most of my time running the Happy Valley Bistro kitchen, so if you're around Whakapapa pop in and say hi!

I hope to see you all on the mountain this year!”



RMCA - Ruapehu Mountain Clubs Association have asked us to share the following information about ski training opportunities on the mountain this season with Grant Stockman of Stockman Sports.

"We are very excited to let you know that Stockman Sports will be operating throughout the 2023 season at Whakapapa.

This is a very exciting time for us as we are looking to re-establish high quality competitive training programs at Whakapapa starting this season and moving well into the future. Our goal is to provide a training program that will deliver quality training programs that will cater for entry level skiers/racer, the club racer, Masters skiers and all the way through to those seeking to ski competitively at a high level.

For this season we are offering flexi options which simply allows you the flexibility to choose when you would like to train with those obvious days being weekends but often we see fine weather windows on a Friday or a Monday, Tuesday for example and that can encourage you to stay on and train.

As the season progresses we will be sending you information on any upcoming events or specific training days as well as future camps that we will be running overseas in the off season in December/January and April.

If you could please share this information with your associated ski clubs at Whakapapa or if you know anyone who is interested in training in our Whakapapa programs then please feel free to share this email.

Please feel free to contact me at a anytime and we look forward to getting our training underway next weekend on the 29th July.

Here's to a great 2023 winter season and we hope to have you on board Team Stockman."

**Contact : Grant Stockman. Phone 021 518 144. Email :[stockmansports@gmail.com](mailto:stockmansports@gmail.com)**

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## THE FOLLOWING IS THE LATEST COMMUNICATION FROM **RAL** ABOUT CONDITIONS ON THE MOUNTAIN SO FAR THIS SEASON

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“Kia ora,

It has been a great four or so weeks at Mt Ruapehu. During the school holidays, we saw a huge demand from first-time snow seekers, and we were very pleased to get some lifts going for skiing and riding, earlier than what has been possible in the last few years.

At Whakapapa, we started some upper mountain riding on July 15th with the Valley T-Bar and the Delta joining on July 22nd. It's also been great to have the snow down low, allowing us to run the Double Happy in the beginner's area for the first time since 2021. At Tūroa, both the Movenpick and Parklane were out of the gate early, and The Giant made its debut on the 15th too. In some areas, at the start of this week, we were starting to look a little light on snow again (the storm that arrived Tuesday night looks to be fantastically timed though), and we've also had to contend with some big de-icing missions.

On the timing of lift openings, it is worth me touching again on the size of our 2023 team, and commending this lean team for the mahi they have been putting in. The pinch in resource is being most keenly felt in lift ops (including de-icers) and maintenance. There are lifts we absolutely would have liked to have opened sooner but have had just out of our reach. This in part comes back to the timing of storm cycles, but really, it mostly comes down to how well we were able to hire against a changing backdrop and an 11th-hour approval to open the season. Recruitment is ongoing, particularly in the pinch areas mentioned above, and we have paid advertising underway to give us the best chance of reaching relevant people and encouraging them to apply. If we can keep staffing up, we will see our goal of maximum terrain and lift up-time become easier and easier.

The next lifts we would expect to see are the Knoll Ridge T-Bar (which will be ready on or before this weekend) and the High Noon Express (which may open Sunday). We thought we should let you know now that the Noon won't be ready for Saturday, as much as it pains us to say it and as much as we would love it to be. But if a few things go our way, we should see it Sunday.

From there, at Whakapapa, we head West, with trails and T-lines already underway (the earliest we have been able to do this in about 5 years). We are now watching for the opportune weather window to install the haul rope on the Far West T-Bar. At or around the same time, we will welcome back the West Ridge Quad - again for the first time since 2021. At this point, all planned lifts will be underway on both sides of the mountain. At Tūroa, the Nga Wai Heke remains out of plan and inactive- for now.

So please, spread the good word and come out and see us. Have some fun and support the Ruapehu community. Snow is currently falling and in line with the above, we are now moving in to “winter proper”, with twelve weeks of the season still ahead of us.”

Nga mihi nui,

Travis Donoghue

Chief Operating Officer

**Ruapehu Alpine Lifts**



# Slopestyle stories: Celebrating the rich heritage of the little red ski hut

By **David Watt** with thanks to the RSC website for source material

(Article courtesy of NZ Heritage July'23 Magazine)



Sited at the top of a chairlift, the bright red Category 1 heritage listed building was the only structure in the vicinity of the snowfields on the western side of Ruapehu when it was built in 1923. Ideally located on the edge of the Whakapapa Glacier which provided summer skiing at the time, its nearest neighbour was 10km away down the mountain where the chateau is located.

The six bunk Glacier Hut was erected by members of the Ruapehu Ski Club who carried all the materials for its construction up the mountain on their back, or by pack horse.

Famed New Zealand cartoonist, Sir Gordon Minhinnick, was one of the many who had a story about the popular ski hut. He and a friend were bunked down in the hut when there was a knock on the door and upon opening it they were confronted by a horse with a woollen beanie on its head. The horse's owner, prominent club member Horace Hill, wanted to stay the night at the hut. The horse was bedded comfortably on the lee side of the building, and when asked why the horse was wearing a beanie, Hall said the horse had an earache!

After a series of caretakers, including Auckland University College Tramping Club, the building today is maintained by the Ski Club who adapted it to a skiing museum in 1989.

Having long envisioned the historic hut as a museum, the Ruapehu Ski Club strongly resisted attempts by the Tongariro National Park Board to have the building removed because it was "an eyesore" among the newer huts now located in the area. The Ski Club successfully nominated the hut for heritage listing with the predecessor of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga, and put their museum plan into action, creating a home for the historic ski clothing and equipment that is now on display.

Pride of place in the hut is a pair of 110-year-old skis imported from Switzerland, which were used in July 1913 by the two railways clerks who were the first people to ski anywhere in the North Island, and went on to form the Ruapehu Ski Club just four days after this historic first.

Renowned for their story telling, Ruapehu Ski Club members have revealed a tale where, in the 1930s during a particularly heavy winter snowfall, a ski club member at an AGM queried a balance sheet asset listing of the Glacier Hut as he had visited the site and could not find it.

The treasurer replied that it was a "frozen asset".

# TRIP REPORTS

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## Small People on Big Hills - Marshmallows in the Bush

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Sunday 2nd July, 2023



We will have the full trip report on this trip next month but here's a few photos of our junior members in action.

Photos: Hendrik Thomas & Miranda Hutton



Younger members contemplate the view from McElwain's Lookout on the recent Marshmallows in the Bush trip



## Women's Overnighter – Shakespear Regional park

**Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th May, 2023**

After a wild week of weather we were lucky to have clear skies for our camping adventure. Sometimes we overlook the destinations right on our doorstep. Shakespear had a lot to offer and we would encourage any members who have not camped there to consider it for an easy destination that certainly gives the feeling that you have left the city behind.

There is ample space for vehicles in the large camping area, reached after passing through a padlocked gate just beyond the day trippers car park.



We parked our cars and set up tents close but not too close to the toilet block and water supply. There was plenty space and we barely heard the sounds of an excited group of scouts at the far end of the field or indeed any of the other camping groups. We were very close to the beach and the usual hardy swimmers took advantage of this while the rest of us looked on bundled up in down and fleece!

We walked the Tiritiri, Heritage and Look Out tracks, found a waterfall, we swam, ate delicious cheese, drunk mulled wine and enjoyed chats by candle light in cosy in our gazebo .

A wonderful restorative break for Mother's Day .Thank you all for coming . See you next time !

Scribes : Abi Raymond & Fiona Heenan Photos : Abi Raymond



## Shakespear Regional Park





## Auckland Botanical Gardens and Totara Park

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2023**

A Sunday tramp in the Botanical Gardens, may not appear to meet the criteria for a serious tramp, but our Leader had planned a zig zag route looping the various trails that proved ideal for a mid winter hike for our members during the rainy season of Auckland.

We all assembled at the kiosk at the Botanical Gardens and set off downhill through beautiful flowering Camellia and magnolia trees on sealed paths to reach the Puhinui Stream at its western extremity of the gardens and entered Totara Park. Now we were on a forest trail, metalled in places but some muddy patches after all the recent rains. We climbed towards the viewpoint overlooking the Gardens where we paused for a snack and a group photograph. All the small waterfalls along the way, cascaded through the rocks - a sight not seen in drier times.



Continuing on upwards we reached the 80 step staircase used by the locals for their fitness training that dropped us back down to the Puhinui Stream and to the Park entrance at Wairere Road. We picked up the Puhinui Stream track and followed the rippling stream through delightful bush with a cantilevered boardwalk around some small bluffs.

This is the perfect forest walk in miniature and for about 15 minutes you could believe you were in the heart of the wilderness rather than a city.



The track turns sharply to leave the stream and climbs about 50 steps which sorts out the fit from the not so fit among us. The trail then undulates round through Nikau palms and Puriri trees and descends to join the Bridal Trail. This is a metal vehicle track that links Totara Park with Redoubt Road. We emerged from the bush into paddocks and it is a steep climb up to the ridge. We were hit by the icy south westerly wind when we reached the ridge that thwarted the Leaders plan for a lunch spot at the summit. Instead we sought shelter from the wind in the lee of the peak and because the surrounding ground was so soggy, we settled for lunch on the metalled Bridle trail.

After lunch we hiked to the summit, with 360 views - south to Bombay Hills, west to Mangere and Manukau harbour, north to Sky Tower and east to Rangitoto.

The cold wind meant we did not linger long, and retreated to the Bridle Trail for the return journey. An icy squall hit us with a vengeance while exposed on the ridge and we shared the pathway with the local wildlife (cattle) before picking up a shortcut across a paddock. This route is popular for the fitness runners but today the paddock is wet and boggy.

We reached the bush of Totara Park again and picked up the Perimeter Track and undulated our way downwards, passing more waterfalls to reach the Puninui Stream and a bridge that lead us back in to the Botanical Gardens stopping at the kitchen garden section and then to the kiosk.

Nobody objected to the early finish. We had hiked about 10km and climbed 170 metres in wintry conditions so we all felt the day had been sufficiently challenging. Some new recruits made up our numbers and they were unequivocally enthusiastic about the day and may join the Club.

Thanks Elisabeth



Party : Sue, Brian and Mo Fitzpatrick and young Ethan and Enzo, Nigel Comber and Edith Benfield, Anca and Calin and Victor Suvaiala, Jenny Hudson, Susan Stephens and friend, Warren and Jocelyn Whyte. Scribe and photos : Don Baker, Leader and co-scribe Elisabeth Jobbins



## School Holidays at Ruapehu - Matariki Weekend

**July 14-16th, 2023**

A group of 9 ASC families with around 23 children aged 2-13 years old spent Matariki in the A frame. Many of us arrived as it was snowing and to our excitement there was lots of snow around the hut.



The kids were able to sled directly outside the hut which was lots of fun. Snow men and bears were made.

One afternoon Rollo enthusiastically led a group in creating an Igloo which was a hit!

George and Maddie celebrating their birthdays in the hut with delicious cakes.



There was disco, a movie, Matariki art, and pizza night! The food was delicious.

The adults enjoyed mulled wine at night with delicious cheese. It was loud, exhausting and lots of fun!

Most importantly epic memories were made.

Scribe : Abi Raymond Photos: Hendrik Thomas





## RUAPEHU



## MATARIKI 2023





# UPCOMING TRIPS

## TE ARAROA TRAIL RANGIRIRI TO MEREMERE 9KM

**Sunday August 6th**

Meet at Te Wheoro's Redoubt at Rangiriri at 9.30am. Explore the Redoubt and neighbouring Cultural Centre before driving to Te Kauwhata Pump house and walking TA Trail to Dragway Road alongside Waikato River.

Car shuffle required so let me know your car pooling arrangements.

This tramp requires favourable weather. If the forecast is adverse, I have a Plan B.

Email [don.baker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:don.baker@xtra.co.nz) or Ph 0274773834

## THURSDAY WALKS - WAIATA SHORES

**Te Mahia, Conifer Grove shoreline to Papakura**

**Thursday - August 10th**

We will meet on the Great South Road at Te Mahia Railway station at 10:25 am (this will be after the arrival of the 9:42 am train from Britomart/ Waitemata). From there we will walk down to the Southern path, finding our way to Brylee Reserve, from where we will walk around the Conifer Grove shoreline, with some road walking to join the Southern Path. Then we walk along the Southern Path to Takaanini Point to Prescara Point, cross the motorway on Te Mara O Hine to follow the shoreline of the Pahurehure Inlet to Ray Small Park (where there are toilets) and then on to the Papakura Railway station. We will return to Te Mahia Railway station by train so please bring your AT HOP card. Toilets are available at both railway stations.

This is a level urban walk, mainly on concrete paths through grass areas with some gravel and asphalt and a boardwalk over mudflats and water.

For those averse to using public transport we suggest parking in Ferguson Street behind Te Mahia Station.

Leaders Sue and Brian FitzPatrick. Please confirm with your mobile number and email address that you will be joining the leaders who will respond by sending you a detailed outline of the walk and will be able to advise you of any changes to starting times.

Contact Sue FitzPatrick [suzette@knockbane.co.nz](mailto:suzette@knockbane.co.nz), 021 111 5536 or 576

## WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER - WAITAKERE HUT

### Weekend - August 12th - August 13th

Come join us for a relaxing winter's escape at the cosy Waitākere hut. We will plan for a walk in the afternoon (TBC) before meeting back at the hut for dinner and mulled wine.

Trip is for women, non-binary, and trans folx. Adults only, no kids. Members first priority (due to bunk capacity) then others welcome to join.

\$15 (members) / \$30 (non-members), paid directly to ASC (details will be sent once registered).

To register, email Catherine [catherinelydiahird@gmail.com](mailto:catherinelydiahird@gmail.com) with name and contact details. Once registered, Catherine will send you google doc and add you to a WhatsApp group closer to the trip.

## THURSDAY WALKS - HIBISCUS COAST

### Thursday - August 24th

Details to be advised closer to the time.

Leader Bruce Dwerryhouse email: [dwerryh@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dwerryh@xtra.co.nz)

## SNOW CRAFT WEEKEND - RUAPEHU

### Friday August 25th - Sunday August 27th

Come and learn the skills required for above the bush travel and alpine crossings. An introductory course focused on gaining the skills and confidence for moving on snow and ice including ice axe and crampon use, self arrest, use of basic avalanche equipment.

This is based at our cosy Ruapehu Hut. Course includes one evening introductory session approximately 2 weeks prior to the course which will cover gear options. Cost \$295 per person (members) or \$445 non-member (includes main meals and accommodation). Transport is not included but will be co-ordinated between participants, travel down Friday evening back Sunday.

Participants need to have or hire a helmet, ice axe and crampons (\$25/ set for the weekend).

Contact: Mark Roberts [mark2005roberts@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:mark2005roberts@yahoo.co.nz)

## DALY'S CLEARING LOOP - KAIMAI FOREST PARK 7.5KM

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### Sunday September 3rd

Meet at end of Franklin Road at 10am

Follow Dean Track to Mangakino Pack Track to Daly's Clearing Hut for lunch. Return via Waitawheta Valley Track to carpark. About 4 hrs walking. Suitable for children so should be within our capabilities. I have not done this track so in Ron Bennett's vernacular it is known as an "Exploratory Walk".

This tramp agains requires favourable weather. If the forecast is adverse, I have a Plan B.

Email [don.baker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:don.baker@xtra.co.nz) or Ph 0274773834

## THURSDAY WALKS - TWO VOLCANOES WALK

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### Thursday - September 14th

Details to be advised closer to the time.

Leaders: Mary M. & Karen Y. [marymetcalf@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marymetcalf@xtra.co.nz), [karenay@xtra.co.nz](mailto:karenay@xtra.co.nz)

## THURSDAY WALKS - SHAKESPEAR REGIONAL PARK

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### Thursday - September 28th

Details to be advised closer to the time.

Leader. Colleen Brewer. [candwbrewer@hotmail.com](mailto:candwbrewer@hotmail.com)

## CHILDREN'S PRACTICAL BUSHCRAFT - WAITAKERE HUT

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### Weekend - September 30th - October 1st

Its time for another of our very popular ASC Children's Practical Bushcraft Weekends at our own Waitakere club hut..

Timing - 9:30 am Saturday to about 2 pm Sunday. Overnight stay at the ASC Waitakere Hut. Pay only for the accommodation. Suitable for 7 – 11 year olds, though all ages welcome.

Must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please email Sue Grant on [kiwiguide@xtra.co.nz](mailto:kiwiguide@xtra.co.nz) to book and for more information.

## **WOMEN'S OVERNIGHTER - PARARAH VALLEY CAMPING**

**Weekend - September 30th - October 1st**

Come and escape the city for 24 hours and join us in the beautiful Waitakere ranges for a night camping beneath the stars. This event is for Women, Non-binary and Trans folx . Adult only, no kids. Skill level – suitable for all levels of fitness. The camp ground can only be accessed by foot with either an easy walk in from Karekare beach or a slightly longer walk from Whatipu via the Gibbons and Muir tracks.

Contact me if you would like to meet and walk in together

Where Pararaha Valley campsite, Waitakere Ranges (cost \$9 per night) - book at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/.../accommodation...>

If you would like to register contact the trip organiser Claire Caiger

[clairecaiger@gmail.com](mailto:clairecaiger@gmail.com) / 02108699308 and please provide the following information:

Full name / contact details / location where you live and if you want to carpool / emergency contact & any medical details

## **CHANGE OF DATE**

### **MT EDEN TO EDEN TCE CIRCUIT WITH A FEW INTERESTING VISITS ALONG THE WAY.**

**NOW Thursday October 12th**

This is a walk through an historic part of Auckland passing by the homes of both the rich and not so rich, of which some are quite old and some quite modern.

We will do a complete circuit around the base of Mt Eden taking in the changing face of Auckland – so please take your time to enjoy.

Arrangements have been made to visit the City Rail Link Visitors Centre where one of their ambassadors will give a talk on the construction of the rail link and answer any questions you might have concerning the project. He will then lead a rim walk around the the Mt Eden project and after that we will walk back to the foot of Mt Eden for lunch. After lunch we will complete our circuit around Mt Eden and visit by arrangement the gardens around The Pines Apartments ( these gardens are Private Property and not open to the public).

Leaders:- Warren & Jocelyn Whyte

## **COROMANDEL FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND - WENTWORTH VALLEY WHANGAMATA**

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**November 17th - November 19th**

Family friendly camping weekend. Bush, waterfalls, walking tracks, mines, eels, glow worms.  
Powered and non powered sites available.

Please contact Juliet to register: 027 201 2816 or [Jules.reeves@outlook.com](mailto:Jules.reeves@outlook.com)



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