

CLUB AGM – JUNE 6th

**NZ MOUNTAIN FILM
FESTIVAL 2023**



Photo : Club President Miranda zipping with joy on the club trip to Ngatuhua Lodge .

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NOTICE OF UPCOMING AGM

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND CLUB NIGHT 7:30 PM, TUESDAY 6 JUNE 2023

St Mark's Church Parish Hall, 95 Remuera Road

AGENDA

Apologies

- Minutes of AGM held on 7 June 2022 and matters arising
- President's Report
- Treasurer's Report and Financials for the year ended 31 March 2023
- Committee Reports - Ruapehu, Waitakere, Trips and Tramps
- Election of Club Officers for forthcoming year: President, Vice-Presidents (2), Secretary, Treasurer, Ruapehu Co-ordinator (to be split into 4 roles of Bookings, Maintenance, Operations and Promotions Co-ordinators), Trips & Tramps Co-ordinator, General Committee.

Note: The elected committee will have the power to co-opt others if necessary.

- Appointment of Accounts Reviewer
 - General Business
- (a) Insurance of A Frame 2023 - 24: full replacement or indemnity only? Refer separate emailed report prepared by Jenny Hudson, Hon Secretary

The AGM will be followed by a talk from **Ben Sinclair** owner of the local independent outdoor gear shop—**Living Simply**.

Ben will talk about independent outdoor retailing in New Zealand. We have also asked him to cover a requested topic from some members - How to choose and look after modern waterproof rain gear to get the maximum life out of it.

REPORTS FOR AGM.



Miranda Hutton, Club President.

President's Report - AGM 6 June 6th 2023

Kia ora koutou,

It was the best of times; it was the worst of times. We can truly say 2022 - 2023 has been an eventful year for the club. Club members have experienced significant adversity from major weather events, but club activities have continued, and we can look back on many highly successful events across a broad range of activities.

The start of the winter ski season 2022 proved disappointing with a mixture of Covid and low snow levels affecting hut bookings.

However, some lovely days towards the end of the season were enjoyed by those who could get to the mountain. Mark Roberts and Carol Christie led a successful Snowcraft Course which will be repeated this year. Our wonderful hut wardens, Joe and Charlee were stalwarts through the challenges of Covid and weather. We were sorry to farewell them as they left the country due to residency requirements.

The biggest shock of the season came when RAL (Ruapehu Alpine Lifts) went into voluntary administration in October. There followed much media coverage and discussion as to what the future for clubs on the mountain will look like. It is still unclear whether there will be a 2023 ski season on Ruapehu.

Other club activities continued through the winter months. The Waitākere Hut team worked tirelessly to keep the hut running smoothly. The most significant renovation, apart from the new kitchen shelves and cupboards, was the mammoth task of dismantling the old chimney, brick-by-brick, and having a new wood-burner installed. This was undertaken from start to finish by the Waitākere Team led by Paul Lyon. Baiting around the hut, organised by Mike Frith, continued and the annual Christmas lunch was enjoyed by all.

The unveiling of the Bob Ussher Memorial Seat at the end of Log Race Road was a significant achievement. This happened largely due to the determination of Warren Whyte and a 6-year-long conversation with the Auckland Council. The seat commemorates Bob Ussher's lifetime commitment to preserve the Waitākere Ranges as a place for everyone to enjoy, and his contribution to the Alpine Sports Club, of which we can be proud.

Club Nights continued on the first Tuesday of every month with a varied programme organised by Fiona Heenan and Sue Fitzpatrick. Memorable speakers were interspersed with alternative evenings, including a trip to the Silky Otter Cinema in August to see the Mountain Film Festival, a food-tasting presentation by Venture Outdoors, and our usual February picnic in a park.

The Women's Overnighter programme proved as popular as ever this year. Trips to islands and beaches, cycling, making new friendships, sharing ideas, and generally enjoying a change of pace left these busy women feeling rejuvenated.

Children's Bushcraft events, organised by Sue Grant proved incredibly popular. The November weekend booked out within minutes and subsequent weekends were organised for the New Year.

Summer Camp was extremely well attended with 151 people in total (92 adults and 59 children), despite its location at the Hokianga Harbour, 5 hour's drive North of Auckland. Easter Camp booked-out with 98 attending the Okataina Lodge (47 adults and 51 children). Ngatuhua Lodge weekend in the Kaimais was also very well attended, and a wonderful spot for adventure experiences.

Fundraising went well this year with the cost of the Waitākere Hut woodburner being covered from donations within the club, and a decent part of the hut insurance costs covered by grants. Our thanks to the hard work of our volunteers Warren and Elaine for writing the funding applications.

No-one in the North Island escaped the impact of the flooding in January and Cyclone Gabrielle in February. Our former club member David Lennard tragically lost his life in the landslide on Shore Rd, Parnell. Many club members suffered damage to their houses and property, especially the Sidwell and Williams families. Our thoughts are with them as we hope for smooth rebuilding or settlement processes.

Good news on the membership front. Our club membership is continuing to grow, especially in the families with young and school-aged children category. We welcome these new families and wish them much joy in their involvement in the club. Looking to the coming year, we hope our club membership numbers continue to grow, new individuals and families join our wonderful club, enjoy everything we have to offer and give back to the club by contributing with their skills, expertise and enthusiasm.

Ngā mihi mahana,

Miranda Hutton

ASC President



Young members on an Easter egg hunt at Easter camp

Membership Report 2022 – 2023 - Compiled by Jeanette Davidson

Total Adults (including 24 life members)	369
Total Children	<u>141</u>
Grand total	510

Below is the breakdown of the different categories:

* Life members	=	24
* Couples of 65+	=	100 (that is 50 couples)
* Couples 1 under 65 & one over	=	6 (that is 3 couples)
* Family membership 1 adult + children	=	49 (minus 29 children left 20 adults)
* Family membership 2 adults and children	=	205 (minus 110 children left 95 adults)
* Individuals 65 and over	=	88
* Individuals under 65	=	36
* Individual children	=	2



Two different club trips, two different age groups,.
The common theme; adventure, friendship and lots of fun!



Ruapehu Buildings and Operations Annual Report 2023

This is the first Annual Report since the committee role of Ruapehu Coordinator was split into a an Operations officer (Lloyd Lin) and a Buildings officer (Johann Schoonees), alongside a Bookings officer (Justine Checketts) and a Huts Promotion officer (Christine Sheehy). The split has shared out the load that a single Coordinator used to carry in running all aspects of our activities on Mt Ruapehu. We (Johann and Lloyd) can report that it was easier this year to focus on our respective responsibilities, and recommend that this arrangement continue.

This report covers both Buildings and Operations activities for the past year. But first something common to both.

RAL woes

Ruapehu Alpine Lifts, the not-for-profit company that operated the skifields at Whakapapa and Turoa, went into voluntary administration in October last year. Two Covid-disrupted seasons followed by an exceptionally disappointing level of snow last year proved financially ruinous. RAL had just invested heavily in the new Sky Waka gondola and expensive equipment such as snow-making machines, funded by around \$40 million of bank loans.

Our fingers are crossed that Whakapapa and Turoa will operate this year. However, information still seems to be somewhat shrouded in secrecy at this stage. All the clubs, and indeed the Ruapehu district, are reliant on the operation of the ski facilities.

The consequences to our club of not having an operating ski field at Whakapapa this year would be serious. The huts are our biggest financial assets but also incur our biggest expenses, especially their insurance premiums. Without income from bunk bookings on the mountain, there will be some difficult decisions.



Ruapehu Operations – Lloyd's report

Unfortunately, 2023 ended with a bit of a bang, with poor weather and Covid putting too much financial strain on RAL, which brings us to where we find ourselves today. We are hopeful, but uncertain that the mountain ski fields will operate this year.

Covid is still with us (sorry!)

Towards the end of the 2023 winter, the huts were running pretty smoothly, with the odd Covid hiccup. I'd like to think this is behind us now, for the most part. But we will need to be mindful of how we're feeling when deciding whether or not to go ahead with a planned booking/holiday on the mountain. Isolation procedures are still in place. Members will need to be thoughtful of each other to try and mitigate any spread of Covid. Please stay home if you're not feeling well. Covid can and does have a pretty meaningful effect on many people who contract it. Personally I've had it at least twice, and it's left me rather fatigued and moody for an extended period of time afterwards.

Appliances

Other than that, apart from the odd little bit of electrical maintenance, and various appliances needing to be replaced, the winter was pretty trouble free.

We replaced the toaster. The zip is slowly dying and can't be replaced, due to the low pressure plumbing system. We'll use kettles to make up the shortfall, and morning pre-brekkie cuppas seem to have lost their appeal. So there's less need for a large volume of hot water at one time.

Hut wardens

Sadly our wardens Joe Smith and Charlee Hutcheson have left NZ and returned to Jersey, in part due to employment uncertainty surrounding RAL, and work visas. We'll miss them, and are grateful for their hard work over the seasons they served as Ruapehu Wardens.

This year, as yet, I haven't been able to find us a hut warden, but am hopeful if the mountain is operating we'll have someone available to fill the role. I've had the odd expression of interest, but of course, it's all dependent on the people securing employment on the mountain for the winter.

Food drop

We recently completed our food drop weekend, in hopeful anticipation of a ski season this coming winter, so the cupboards are full and ready for members, friends, family, and group bookings. I very much appreciated everyone who turned up to help. We had a good amount of help, and the food weekend went smoothly with the weather playing ball.

We also managed to get the mattress covers and pillow cases on in both huts. A shout-out to those who organised having them laundered.

I'd like to thank everyone for their mammoth efforts in lugging the groceries up to the A Frame. Also thanks to everyone on the committee who guided me through the process.

Our enthusiastic and hard working mules:

Mike Frith, David Roberts, Tim Carter, Ian Seddon, Gemma Seddon, Jacks Seddon, Amanda Jane Leith (new member), some stragglers that Ian rustled up, Andrea Ward, Marc Richardson and Jodi Reddell (our chef for the weekend). A big thanks to Jodi for keeping us fueled.

I did rather enjoy the tales and history stories that Mike, David and Tim shared with us in the evenings over a drink and nibbles. They had some fascinating stories to share.

Both ski huts are eagerly awaiting loads of use this winter!

Ruapehu Buildings – Johann's report

The Ruapehu Buildings role is busiest in summer. After being the Ruapehu Coordinator before the role was split, I relished a worry free winter season last year thinking about what we would do in the summer works programme.

A-frame heat pump replacement

But just as winter set in, the heat pump in the dining area of the A-frame hut failed and couldn't be fixed. The hut relies on both heat pumps working when it gets cold; it's not safe to have only one.

The Buildings subcommittee decided to replace with a more powerful heat pump than the current 4.0kW units. We chose the 6.8kW Mitsubishi Hypercore LN60 and snatched the last available one in NZ from Harvey Norman in Hamilton. Kate and I had to remove the back seats from our car to pick it up on our way to the mountain.

Arriving at the Top of the Bruce on 3 August in iffy weather but fortunately only patches of snow on the ground, we were met by our smiling wardens Charlee and Joe, with a ladder. Charlee lugged the internal unit up to the hut by herself while Joe and I staggered after her with the external unit strapped to the ladder. We estimated the combined weight of unit and ladder at 60kg. There must be a better way!



Photo: Johann and Joe carrying the new heat pump up to the hut with the aid of a ladder!

Summer working bees

It was an uneasy summer works season with the RAL situation made gloomier by the upper North Island getting a weather bashing, not once but twice in a fortnight. It wasn't clear if driving to Ruapehu from Auckland for the first working bee was safe among the flooding and slips. After Cyclone Gabrielle we saw a plantation of mature radiata pines on the Turangi road with not a single tree intact, all snapped mid-trunk like broken matchsticks.

Perhaps that is why we had fewer members than usual turn up for the three working bees on 18-19 February, 4-5 March and 18-19 March. Though the ones who did make it, made up for numbers by working twice as hard! I never cease to be amazed by the cheery goodwill and enjoyment shown by everyone mucking in.

With all the uncertainty, the committee thought it prudent to spend on the huts only what is needed for safety and maintenance in reasonable condition. Not much needed doing on the Ruapehu Bunkhouse (its painting two years ago seems to be holding up well) so attention focussed on the A-frame Hut. This nevertheless yielded an impressively long completion list, to mention just a few items for example:

- Completed spot treatment and undercoat painting of roof and flashings (top coats next year);
- Prepped, primed, filled and painted two topcoats on lounge and bathroom weatherboards;
- Repaired damaged insulation and installed protective conduits on heat pumps external piping (against snow shovels);
- Installed an interior mullion to prop up the lintel above the lounge fire exit door (against weight of snow on the roof);
- Complete food stocktake, organised kitchen and pantry shelves and cupboards;
- Tidied, cleaned, scrubbed, mopped, swept and vacuumed everywhere;
- Eased the sticky A-frame front door and refixed hinges with long screws;
- Repaired failed bunkroom heaters and commissioned two spare heaters;
- Completed the soffit cladding of the A-frame south gable;
- Stabilised the back deck until we can redo its footings in future;
- Sealed, painted, clad and covered the fibreboards around the downhill base of the building;
- Re-erected and repaired the line of marker poles to the carpark.

Some challenges have to stand over until we can muster enough money and labour:

- Completing the top coats on the A-frame roof;
- Snowdrift and rain ingress into A-frame ceiling spaces and upstairs doors and windows;
- Seal and clad the other fibreboard soffits over the north A-frame gable (south is done);
- Bunkhouse kitchen steam extraction to prevent excessive moisture build-up indoors.

Wonderful members

Don't think for a moment our huts are falling down: some clubbies from another lodge came round one weekend and said our A-frame Hut is in remarkably good condition compared to others they have seen. This is testament to the dedication of our members over the years!

These were our excellent working bee volunteers:

Neil and Trish Beken, Angelina and Simon Bridger, Kerry Bromell, Roger Carter, Russell Fail, James, Jonathan and Zoe Hodder, Scott Houghton, John Hutton, Margaux Judd, Dick and Eleanor Lane, Lloyd Lin, Diane and Don Rolls, Kate Schoonees and Bart Schroder.

Thank you to the experienced counsellors of the Ruapehu Buildings subcommittee: Brian Duffy, Scott Houghton, Lloyd Lin and Bart Schroder. Also heartfelt thanks to the rest of the ASC committee who round out the many things that need to come together to run two huts on Mt Ruapehu.

I hope your enthusiasm is rewarded by a brilliant season in the snow this year.

Waitakere Hut report—Joe Scott-Woods

“Where are you from?” Asked a security guard at the junction of the Anawhata and Piha roads. Laughter from within the car.

The guard had been on duty all night.

“Surely you mean where are you going?”

“On a working visit to a tramping club hut”

“What’s that?”

“It’s a secret hideaway for people to go away from a crowded city and televisions”

Fortunately members and friends have been able to access the hut throughout the year. The 4 power outages have been promptly fixed thanks to Vector.

A wood burning stove was installed in mid December after the chimney was removed brick-by-brick.

The kitchen area is being improved over several trying days. Paul Lyon and his keen team deserve our thanks.

A small group from Plant Pro Ltd, track workers, are regular users on 3 nights most weeks. Busy on Kuataika and Houghton tracks, they travel to and from Whangarei.

Robert Bruce and his “Got to get out group” found the track to the hut a hazard. Please take care on the uneven path up from the car park.

Many other parties return regularly and just love our “Palace in the Wilderness “.

- Bush Craft courses led by Sue Grant.
- Ladies get-away weekends with Fiona.
- Justine Checketts from Hamilton.
- Abi Raymond of Brainworks.
- Aaron Power and 18 from Tauranga.
- Miranda Hutton and families.
- Mike Frith with 9 bait lines to service has a regular team of helpers. All in aid of the Koka-ko that are surviving in our area of bush.
- Fiona Menzies and Auckland Girl Guides. Plus many families who’s children have fun on the net in the trees.

Joe Scott-Woods

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 4 July 2023

7:30 pm, St Mark's Parish Hall, Remuera Road

Raewynn Robertson RLIANZA

Raewynn is the Local History Librarian for West Auckland and will give a presentation of heritage photographs from Research West's collections. This has been a popular presentation with other local tramping clubs.

She will focus on Whatipu, Piha and the Waitakere ranges and will welcome discussion with the audience as she shows the photos.

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 1st August 2023

New Zealand Mountain Film Festival 2023

The festival release has just been announced this week, venue is still being confirmed. Members will be advised as soon as all details are finalised

Community Tree Planting in regional parks

Tree planting in our regional parks makes a great day out for the family and its fun to go back year after year to see how “your” trees are growing.

The latest details on dates and locations can be found here <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/southern-regional-parks-tree-planting-2023-2046469>

Tapapakanga	10 th June
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Duder	11 th June
Ambury	18 th June
Tapapakanga	18 th June
Mutukaroa	25 th June
Waitawa	2 nd July
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Waitawa	July 9 th
Waitawa	23 rd July

Te Urewera and Lake Waikaremoana

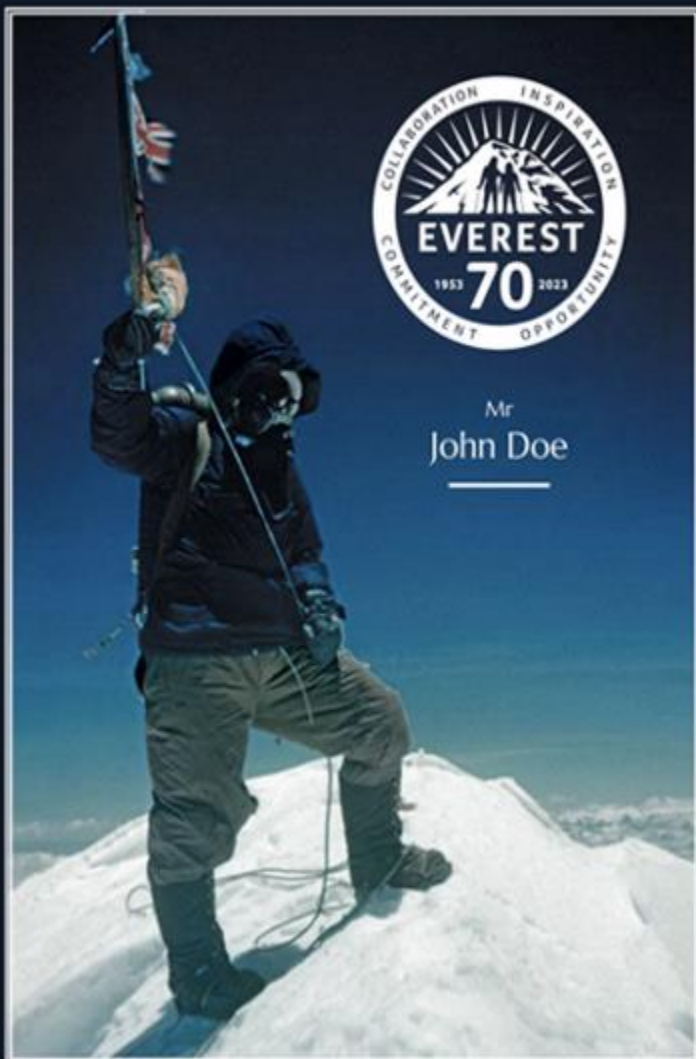
Over the years there have been many trips by parties of Alpine Sports Club members to the Urewera's and Lake Waikaremoana. In fact the club held its first summer camp at Hopuruahine Landing by the shores of Lake Waikaremoana in 1969. A few years earlier long time club member Warren Whyte led a group of 20 Venturer Scouts from Auckland, who as part of their service commitment to the community, cut the first section of “Round the Lake” track starting at Hopuruahine Landing.

This large area was one of the North Islands iconic National Parks from 1954 to 2014 when under terms of the Waitangi settlement the land was handed back to the local Iwi and its National Park status revoked.

In the March 2023 edition of the Federated Mountain Clubs magazine “Backcountry” there is an excellent article describing the situation as it is today and we thoroughly recommend it to members.

Some 50 x ASC Club member families already subscribe to this quarterly publication, but for those who don't, please feel free to email Warren Whyte wandjwhyte@xtra.co.nz and he will email back a copy of the article to you.

ASC member Bruce Arroll and The Himalayan Trust have asked us to advertise the final details on this event.



DATE: WED JULY 5TH, 2023

TIME: 18:30-22:00

VENUE: AUCKLAND MUSEUM

FORMAT: COCKTAIL EVENING

TICKET COST: \$145

EVEREST 70th ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL EVENING

Join The Himalayan Trust at the Auckland Museum rooftop dome for a cocktail event with special guest speakers **Norbu Tenzing** and **Peter Hillary**.

You'll enjoy a wonderful range of auction items as well as a never before seen photo exhibit on the women of the Himalayas by Virginia Woolf called **Sherpani**.

An incredible selection of drinks and canapes from **Urban Gourmet**.

<https://himalayantrust.org/everest70#eventtickets>



The improvements just keep on coming!

Kia ora ,

As summer winds down we're coming off the back of a very successful period for **Plan My Walk**. Thank you for being a part of this!

We love receiving your feedback, and that's why we aim to make updates regularly, so we can incorporate the great suggestions we receive from you.

~ The NZ Mountain Safety Council team.

Latest updates

- **Navigation changes:** A significant update to the way users navigate around the site.
- **Map view:** See other nearby locations.
- **Account setup** and verification: Streamlined the account setup process.
- **General bug fixes** and enhancements.

The updated website version is live and the iOS and Android apps will go live very soon (check for version 4.0.3). You'll know you have the new version when you see the page navigation changes.



Map view: As an example, this is the track map for the Tongariro Northern Circuit. Now, you can see other nearby tracks, huts and campsites on these maps. Previously, you could only see the specific track/hut/campsite that you were looking at. Click on nearby icons to see their name.

TRIP REPORTS.

AMBURY PARK TO STONEFIELDS AND MANGERE MOUNTAINS UPGRADED TRACKS.

Sunday 5th March 2023



This photo was taken at the start of the walk at about 9.45am in the area adjacent to the Ambury Park carpark, and before we ventured along the Watercare Coastal Walkway towards the causeway leading to Puketutu Island.

Watercare have planted more than 270,000 native trees in this area to provide food and shelter for birds such as Sandpipers, Godwits, Dotterels, Plovers, Pied Stilts and other migratory birds.

We had lunch on a fairly protected part of the island, and then used the causeway to retrace some of the parts of our morning walk before heading up Mangere Mountain to the trig station, and some great views. From the mountain, we returned to Ambury Park. It was estimated that we travelled 16 kms that day, and had taken approximately 23,000 steps!!! A great day out, full of interest and fine company.

The people who took part in this walk were: Sue and Brian Fitzpatrick, Linda Webber, Rosemary Wakeman, Bruce Derryhouse, Linda Sims, Paul and Jenny Lyons, Theresa Kermode, Maria Bullock (scribe)



MASSEY, MANUTEWHAU WALKWAY AND WESTHARBOUR

Sunday 2nd April 2023

This was a new area for most being the replacement trip for Lake Wainamu and Te Henga Bethells now sadly out of action for the foreseeable future.

11 walkers started out from Royal Reserve with the day turning out to be perfect walking conditions. 2 more joined the group at our lunch spot at the Marina.

A loop suburban walk which included some delightful walkways, reserves, regenerating bush, a marina and 2 bridges plus the varying examples of house architecture of subdivisions in recent times.

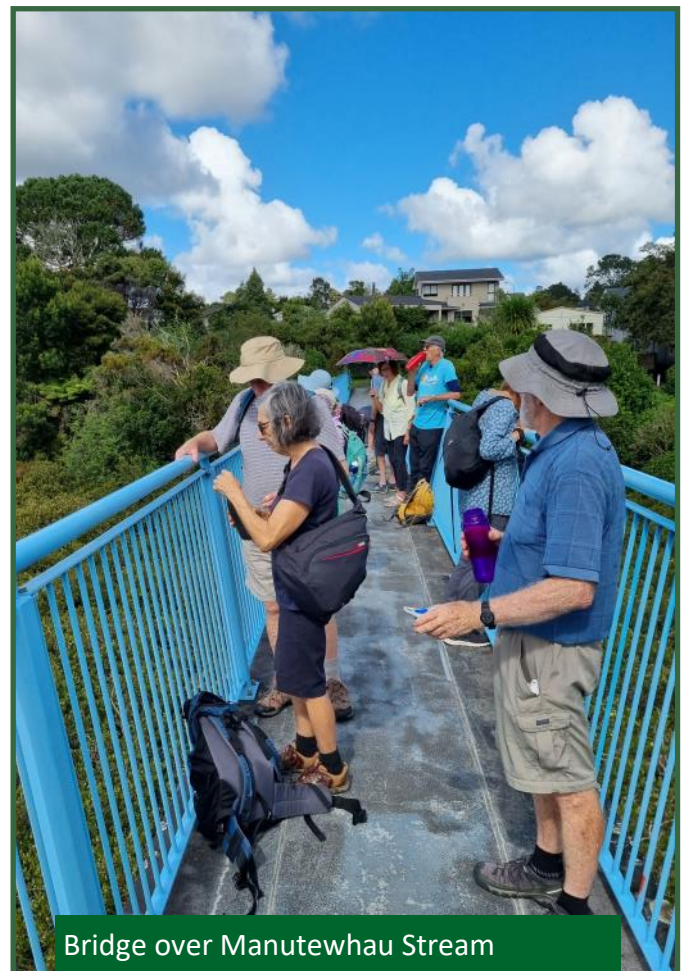
We were Don Baker, Marjorie Buxton, Bruce Dwerryhouse, Brian & Sue FitzPatrick, Elisabeth Jobbins, Paul & Jenni Lyon, Monique Saville, John & Diane Syme, Rosemary Wakeman, Linda Webber (scribe & photos)



Manutewhau Walkway



Looking down the Waitemata Harbour



Bridge over Manutewhau Stream



Moire Park



View of city from Flaunty Reserve



Coming in to Hobsonville Marina

ASC EASTER CAMP 2023

OKATAINA OUTDOOR EDUCATION AND RECREATION CENTRE

Friday 7th April—Tuesday 11th April 2023



What a treat to be back at the beautiful Okataina Outdoor Recreation Centre for our Easter Camp again! After a two year gap, the children had all grown and enjoyed getting to know the place again. We adults had learnt a few tricks (bring your own small saucepans) which made the camp even more enjoyable this time around. We had a huge number of campers this year, 27 ASC families with a total of 47 adults and 51 children. Some chose to bring tents and camp while other shared the bunkrooms. Situated on a spacious field, surrounded by forest, the lodge felt remote, yet it was an easy 30 minute drive to Rotorua town centre. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful walks directly from the lodge. The moss-covered waterfall and glow-worm walk was popular day and night.



On Saturday many chose to come on an organised walk along Hinehopu/Hongi's Track between Lake Rotoehu and Lake Rotoiti. Highlights included children climbing up the supplejack like monkeys and seeing lots of giant North Island rata and huge rimu trees. After a picnic on the lake-front at Lake Rotoiti, almost everyone drove to Soda Springs for a hot swim afterwards. This was a beautiful natural, warm and delightful pool owned and operated by a local hapū. Back at camp, children made and decorated Easter baskets out of card and dyed hard-boiled eggs with food colouring.



On Sunday morning the children were sent off to the far side of camp to make bivvies in the bush while a team of Easter Bunnies created an Easter egg hunt. When they were allowed back, the children did a very thorough job collecting the eggs into a communal basket and fastidiously counted them out afterwards in careful age-group categories so each had a fair share. The left-over eggs were thrown onto the field, lolly-scramble style, for the fastest and fittest to gather

Later that morning a group walked the Ngahupoa Track with views of two sacred crater lakes. In the afternoon many campers enjoyed the Tarawhai walk from the lodge to Lake Okataina itself. Some brave adults and children had a swim while drivers were ferried back to camp for a car shuttle. Some families walked both ways. The children enjoyed beach combing and finding obsidian on the beach. A dead wallaby beside the road and several dead possums showed that more trapping and pest control is needed to keep the forest healthy.



On Monday, about half the campers cleaned up and went back to Auckland while those who could, enjoyed the thermal sites of Rotorua including the champagne pool at Waiotapu.

On Tuesday the remaining campers cleaned and tidied very efficiently and everyone made their way home having made new friends and seen new sights.

Families: Blanco/Stietz, Brumby/Hanchard, Bryant, Caiger, Checketts, Chuang, Cobb/Reddell, Corbett/Haselmore, Hird, Holter/Lyons, Hong, Horn, Hutton/Voll, Jackson, Liang/Zhao, Morton, Munford, Preston, Raymond, Sewell, Scholey, Utting, van Huyssteen, Wang, Waterworth, Wings/Thomas.

Leader and scribe: Miranda Hutton



Exploring at Easter camp

UPCOMING TRIPS

THURSDAY WALK—MOST OF COASTAL WALKWAY

Thursday 8th June 2023

Meet 10.00 Onehunga Bay Reserve Car Park Walk to Parnell Train Station Route can be shortened at Grafton Khyber Pass train station.

Bring HOP CARDS Return by train to Onehunga.

If finishing early alternative bus 309 down Khyber Pass to Onehunga

Any questions either e mail or phone me.

Leader Stephanie email: Stephanie@markson.co.nz CF: 021106530

WOMENS OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE ON ROTOROA ISLAND

This will be our 4th annual mid winter island weekend away.

June 10th & 11th 2023

It is so exciting to be able to get away to Rotoroa Island. There is always a little magic when we gather together in nature and share stories and food. Please check the details below and reach out if you have any questions.

Cost is \$155 per person (this includes an overnight stay in the Superintendents House and a private water taxi return trip).

The water taxi leaves from Okahu bay at 10:00 am on Saturday 10 June and returns from Rotoroa Island at 2pm (landing at 3pm) on Sunday 11 June.

If you would like to join us, please make contact soon as these trips always book out: Jeanine Scholey 022 5008902 or email womens.overnighter@gmail.com

OKURA WALKWAY

Sunday 18th June 2023:

Walk to Karepiro Bay, Dacre Point and beyond as tide permits. Then on to Stillwater in the opposite direction, with a return walk by overland track. Bring boots as low lying sections could be muddy.

Meet at 10.30am at the DOC carpark on the left at the end of Ara Weiti Road. Travel via Oteha Valley and East Coast Roads. Approximately 45 minutes travel time from the city centre.

Please book with the leader Bruce Dwerryhouse by e-mail at dwerryh@xtra.co.nz.

The previously advertised Hillsborough Walkway trip on 11 June is cancelled due to track damage.

SMALL PEOPLE ON BIG HILLS - MEOLA REEF AND A TRAM RIDE

Sunday 18th June 2023: 9.45AM-1.00PM

Join Lukas (6) and Clara (9) for a fun city-coast explore. Meet at the Motat Aviation Hall carpark at 9.45am and pay for 3-4 hours parking. We'll walk around Meloa Reef coastline and Jagger's Bush, returning to the carpark with the option of a tram ride to and fro between the main Motat and the Aviation Hall and an optional Motat visit depending on family preference.

Bring lunch, snacks, drinks, raincoats and comfortable walking shoes. Everyone welcome, ASC members and non-members.

Email miranda@alpinesport.org.nz or text 022 6488733 to register

THURSDAY WALK - MT.EDEN TO EDEN TCE CIRCUIT AND A FEW INTERESTING VISITS ALONG THE WAY

Thursday 22nd June 2023

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.

Meet at corner of Omana Avenue (road to Eden Gardens) and Mountain Road at 10 am. (hopefully there will be sufficient parking in Omana Avenue, otherwise park in a street close by, but try and share transport to reduce car numbers). From the start point we will walk along Mountain Road by-passing Auckland Boys Grammar to Boston Road then up to Eden Tce. Arrangements have been made to visit the City Rail Link Visitors Centre for 11 am 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 Mt Eden project (good footwear required due to steepness of streets in this area) 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). Our walk will conclude with afternoon tea (optional) at Eden Gardens in Omana Avenue (entry fee \$8.00 plus cost of tea or coffee)

Leader Warren Whyte email: wandjwhyte@xtra.co.nz ph 528 4824 or mob 027 675 2147.

SMALL PEOPLE ON BIG HILLS— MARSHMALLOWS IN THE BUSH

Sunday 2nd July 2023: 10.30am—2.30pm

Come and celebrate the start of the school holidays with Clara (9) at the Waitākere Hut. We'll meet at the gate on Anawhata Rd at 10.30am, park in the locked car park and walk up to the hut for some fun in the bush. Enjoy the climbing ropes, make bivvies in the bush, discover the hidden hut, look for wētā and of course, toast marshmallows!

This is a member's trip, due to numbers and space. The cost for a day visit to the hut is \$10 per adult, children are free. If you'd like to make a weekend of it, you can stay overnight Saturday - Sunday or Sunday - Monday. Bring lunch, marshmallows, warm clothes, raincoats and comfortable walking shoes.

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