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PRESIDENTS REPORT.



Miranda Hutton, Club President.

29th October 2023

Kia ora koutou,

It is heartwarming to see the spirit of volunteering is alive and well in the club with a successful baiting day at the Waitākere Hut completed yesterday, including new baiting volunteers Jenny Hudson, Peter Loveridge, Morag and Paul Padfield. Etienne Van Huyssteen is also in the process of joining the baiting team. It's a rewarding and fun way to help the club and Ark in the Park keep our bird-life thriving.

In addition, three new volunteers joined the Waitākere Hut maintenance team—Barry Cobb, Rollo England and Greg Munford have volunteered their time, along with the current team, to help keep the hut and its surrounds safe and tidy. Both the baiting and maintenance crew would be happy to welcome new members, just contact Mike Frith mike@alpinestport.org.nz and he'll put you in touch with the right people.

Keep your calendar free to go down to Ruapehu for a weekend or two during March, April and May to help Nicholas Roberts get our beautiful ski huts ready for the snow. The Food Drop is always popular, but nothing beats lending a hand to spruce up the huts and keep them well maintained and water-tight for another season. Keep an eye on the Trips and Tramps list for dates.

Last year as a result of our members contributions, we were able to purchase a new fireplace for the Waitākere Hut. Huge thanks to Paul Lyon for the idea and organization and to Paul, John Syme, Keith Adams, Joe Scott-Woods and Brian Bargh for the dismantling of the old fireplace to prepare for the installation of the new fireplace. The radiant new wood burner was admired and celebrated on Sunday 29th October during a “cutting the ribbon” ceremony.

Other trips and tramps news; there are several family camping opportunities before Christmas and Summer camp is around the corner. Bookings for Easter Camp 2024 at the Tangihua Lions Lodge will open shortly. See later in the magazine for details.

Reminder—if you are booking the Ruapehu A-Frame or Bunkhouse over the summer months, you need to organize to pick up a key from Auckland before you drive down.

Looking forward to seeing you at all the exciting events coming up.

Ngā mihi,

Miranda Hutton

GENERAL NEWS & NOTICES

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 7th November 2023

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

Tim Wills

Tim is CEO of Adventure Specialties Trust and has more than 30 years experience in outdoor pursuits. Tim is an accomplished kayaker, climber, skier and he will often be found adventuring locally and abroad in the mountains or on the water getting "big air" (well, so he says) on his kiteboard. The father of four doesn't see his role as a job but rather a lifestyle – he says the Trust is in his DNA – and his family have always been part of the adventure. He will speak about the Trust and their role in the field of Adventure Therapy.

CLUB NIGHT TUESDAY 5th December 2023

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

Alice Springs and The Larapinta Trail

Come along and hear about some of our club members adventures in this area earlier this year in Australia. We will also have our usual Christmas awards and festive supper.

NOTICE OF CHRISTMAS LUNCH



EARLY NOTICE

Club Christmas Party at the **ASC Waitākere Hut**,
Anawhata Road.

When : Sunday 17th December 2023

Come together to celebrate Christmas at the Waitākere hut
with a delicious catered lunch.

Possible walks arranged before and after, but most im-
portantly, arrive at the hut in time for lunch!

Cost: \$15 per adult with a discount available for families.

RSVP: By the 11th for catering purposes.

Register your attendance with Paul Lyon on 0274 218 100
or plyon.plm@gmail.com.

Money will be collected on the day by Paul Lyon



The Waitākere Hut Woodburner Celebration

On Sunday 29th October 2023, a cheerful collection of ASC members met at the Waitākere Hut to celebrate and enjoy the new fireplace, purchased by club members and installed with the help of the Waitākere Hut team of volunteers.

Stories were told about climbing on to the roof to dismantle the old chimney, throwing bricks down onto the grass, scraping out buckets of scoria from the base of the chimney, and the company engaged to install the stove in their efforts to manhandle the stove up the track from the carpark, nearly resulting in disaster when the trolley the stove was on ran back down the hill.

Luckily it was retrieved and installed successfully. The stove was duly admired, the ribbon ceremoniously cut by Paul Lyon who had masterminded the project, and a delicious shared-lunch was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to everyone who chipped in; we will be enjoying the woodburner for many years to come.



In recognition of their contributions to the new fire place.



Abi Raymond with Madison
& Lucy Baya-Raymond
Alison Grey
Barbara Lamont
Bart Schroder
Checketts Family
Christine & David Sidwell
David & Janice Chandler
D E Sidwell
Davidson Family
Janet & Jim Frater
Jackie Ponting
Keith & Jane Adams
Khor Family

Lincoln, Franklin Kiara Liu
Mike O'Sullivan
Richard & Helen Chandler
Ron & Betty Bennett
on behalf of the Bennett
Family
Scholey Family
Scott White
Sidwell & Vant Family
Sherilyn Coney
Sue Grant
Urs & Marianne Reinhard
Watt / Sewell Family
plus anonymous gifting

Installed 2022

Thank You to all who contributed and to Paul for seeing the project through and cutting the ribbon!



Welcome to our new members

- **Mandie Pierson, Allard Pierson**
with children Sippora (10) and Bastiaan (7).

Welcome to our returning members

- **Bibiana Mayans & Eduardo Hernandez**
with children Olivia (9) and Lola (7).

There are some great family trips coming up this summer which will provide an opportunity to get to know other families in the club.

Accessing the Ruapehu Lodges in Summer

Members will now need to arrange to pick up in a key in Auckland prior to travelling to the mountain.

The "spare key" needs to be thought of as an "emergency key" and not used by people turning up.

The location of the "emergency key" has been changed for security reasons because many non-members also knew it's location .



New Feature : My Gear Lists

You can now create, name and customise your own gear lists to suit your needs. Plus, when you build a trip plan, a list of the items you've ticked off your gear list will automatically be sent to your emergency contact.

Custom gear lists are perfect for:

- Creating specific lists for different types of adventures
- Adding notes on items to help you plan and pack
- Sharing what you've packed with emergency contacts



Plan my walk is a free app developed by The mountain Safety Council and is available on Google Play or The App Store.

TRIP REPORTS.

MT EDEN TO EDEN TCE CIRCUIT report by Jocelyn Whyte

Thursday October 12th 2023

On a fine but cold and blustery day, 38 intrepid Thursday walkers explored a little of Mt.Eden. From the elegant old mansions of Mountain Road and the historic Auckland Grammar School, through the industrial/commercial area of Normanby Road, they went, to the junction of New North and Mt Eden roads.

There they were given a guided tour of the new City Rail Link, its design and progress. They returned to Mt.Eden through the streets of modest but well kept historic cottages, passed the first sub division in Mt.Eden (Hillside crescent) and continued to the shopping centre.

From there it was a short walk to The Pines estate in Owens Road and a stroll through its colourful gardens. Then it was back to the cars, sadly too late for coffee at the Eden Gardens café. However everyone (even those who live in Mt.Eden) discovered some place that they had not been before and were intrigued by the rail project, so it was considered a successful excursion.



A great shot of the hardy Thursday walkers on the recent Mt.Eden trip.

ALBANY RESERVES AND TRACKS TRAMP

Leaders Bruce and Jane Rogers

Sunday October 8th 2023



13 of us met at Hooton Reserve off Mills Lane and set off along Lucas Creek past an elegant waterfall then over to tracks bordering the Oteha stream. Some mud and bits of rain but mostly fine. The leaders had planned a clever route avoiding returning on the same ground.

We saw the result of the power of nature after Auckland storms, a new walkway on one side of the stream demolished and now closed as trees had fallen into the stream and took with them the new wooden structures that took months of labour to build.

The Oteha stream has warnings that it can build into a raging torrent in minutes because it is fed from a wide catchment area off East Coast Bays Road, a warning to anyone who has never seen a flash flood how quickly a gentle meandering brook can become impassable and dangerous as experienced trampers would be aware, but I wonder how many city dwellers ignore these warnings to their peril.



We walked on the other side of the stream which has not been damaged. Great respect for Hugh Willis, a former maths teacher from Westlake Boys who was a member of ASC, he worked tirelessly with other volunteer labour to build tracks for the good of us all on the North Shore and we respected his work that remains undamaged on our walk. We saw a lone Kauri tree on the track close to Bush Road, where we crossed over and climbed up through the bush and re crossed Bush Road behind Massey University to a yellow ribbon marked track near the Tower which took us down to the stream. We crossed an historic concrete bridge over the stream as we could not continue along the other side being closed off as dangerous after the storm.



I wonder if Council can rebuild it higher up in the bush which seems the only solution. We saw remnants of a roofing iron from the tornado that hit Albany years ago. All of us are aware of how fragile human development can be in the face of mother nature unleashed and it is essential we have these untouched wonderful bush and stream areas close to high density urban developments. Great respect for the people who planned to save these bush areas many years ago.

We returned a different path along Lucas Creek to our cars around 2pm, soon after a rain squall hit. Distance approximately 9.5 kms.

Thanks to the leaders for their painstaking historical research and thoughtful planning of a stimulating route and to Calin for his wonderful photography.

Present: Carolyn Mettrick, Susan Stevens, Marion Browne, Don Baker, Anca Suvaiala Victor and Calin, Kerry Coleman, Peter and Margaret Jemmett, Bruce and Jane Rogers and scribe Elisabeth Jobbins

CHILDRENS BUSHCRAFT WEEKEND photos by Clive Bolt

September 30th—October 1st, 2023



Map and Compass navigation



The Bush Orienteering course



Navigating the Orienteering course



An indoor tent fly



The old Leonard Hut.





Points of the compass and setting the compass for real



Lots of marshmallow toasting

GEAR FOR SALE.



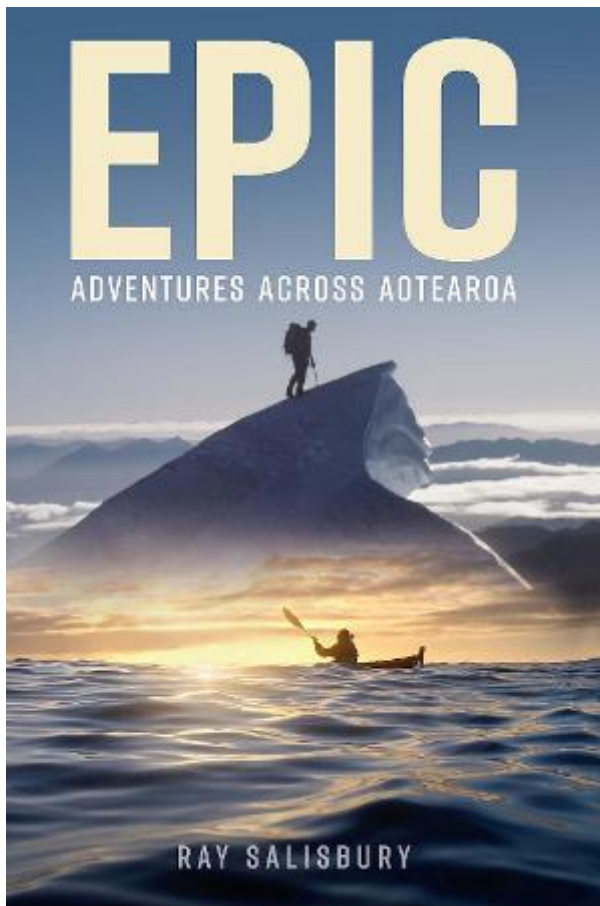
GET READY FOR SUMMER

I have two **Ocean Kayaks** for sale which can be purchased either together or separately. These “sit-on-top” kayaks are noted for their stability, they are easy to get on and off, they have self bailing scupper holes and are the perfect platform for casual water play, snorkling, exploring and fishing. They are manufactured from high grade polyethylene and should not be compared to plastic or fibreglass kayaks which are not as robust.

Scrambler: length 3.36 mtr, weight 18.5 kg. Excellent family kayak, good in the sea, rivers, or lakes due to its stability and slightly shorter length. Discounted price \$500.00

Scambler XT: length 3.64 mtr, weight 22.5 kg. This kayak is based on the Scrambler mould and is a little longer and wider and is suitable for fishing and carrying extra gear. This is an ideal “sit on top” kayak for light touring. Discounted price \$600.00.

Both kayaks come with paddle and detachable fabric comfort seat which is included in the price of each kayak. Both have had minimal use and were purchased new from the manufacturer. The kayaks can be picked up from Kohimarama and are available for inspection before purchase. **Phone Warren 027 675 2147.**



Ray Salisbury from Nelson Tramping Club has a new book out which the committee have agreed to include in the magazine this month, potentially a good Christmas present to put on your wish list.

Over the last 50 years, sea kayakers, climbers and alpine trampers have been attempting audacious journeys across NZ that last many months. Most of these adventurers have written books on their travels. In *Epic*, these tales have been condensed and retold, ready for a new generation to be inspired by these very Kiwi adventures to, as Salisbury puts it in his introduction, kick their shoes off and “feel the earth beneath our bare feet. The beach and bush beckon ...”

Featured adventurers range from Graeme Dingle and Jill Tremain attempting the first traverse of the Southern Alps, to the author’s own tramp across the North Island in 1995, as told in the book’s final chapter. This book is not intended to be an exhaustive history, but a selective anthology of endurance epics that span a variety of disciplines — from tramping and mountaineering to kayaking or cycling — and that trace a variety of interesting routes around the country. In words, maps and photographs, each of the 12 chapters highlights the resilience of the human spirit when attempting feats of endurance.

Both men and women are featured, while their incredible adventures are spread out from Cape to Bluff, encompassing both the North, South and Stewart islands.

UPCOMING TRIPS

TITIRANGI AND ARATAKI AREA

Sunday 5th November 2023

This area has recently reopened after being devastated in the rain events of earlier this year.

Meet at 10am on the corner of Scenic drive and Woodlands park Rd, Titirangi. There is a limited parking area beside the old Filter Station so please combine transport if possible.

Starting on the Exhibition Drive we walk to Mackies Rest, then take Beveridge track up to Arataki Visitor Centre (still closed at this time). From there we do a return side trip to check out the magnificent kauris at Cathedral Grove, before walking to the lookout at the start of Slip track. Next we continue down to Pipeline Rd, along to Huia Rd and return on Exhibition Drive back to cars.

Contact leader – **Maria Bullock**. Mob: 021 0544227 or email: maria22louise@gmail.com

COROMANDEL FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND- WENTWORTH VALLEY, WHANGAMATA

November 17th— November 19th, 2023

Family friendly camping weekend. Bush, waterfalls, walking tracks, mines, eels, glow worms.

Powered and non powered sites available.

Please contact **Juliet Reeves** to register: 027 201 2816 or jules.reeves@outlook.com

CROSBIES HUT & CAMPSITE FAMILY WEEKEND

December 9th & 10th, 2023:

Family tramping trip for older children (7+) to Crosbies Hut in the Coromandel region. Following the Karaka (5hr/12.9km) and Waiomu (4hr/9.3km) tracks.

Book a campsite or bunk in the hut online with DOC, link below.

We will meet at the Thames road end (Collarbone Road) on Saturday morning and walk out early afternoon on Sunday to Waiomu. Depending on numbers we may car shuffle but the leader has already arranged one car pick up from Waiomu.

[Crosbies Hut Bookings](#)

Leader : **Mark Roberts** mark2005roberts@yahoo.com

SUMMER CAMP

December 26th 2023 - January 3rd, 2024

This years camp is only a 2 hour drive from Auckland, nestled against the western side of the Kaimais, just north of the charming village of Te Aroha. The campsite itself is isolated and a lovely mountain stream comes chattering off the pristine hills past our campsite.

Bordered by native bush, the stream will be a highlight for dam building and waterplay for children of all ages. For a proper water-hole experience we will need to swim in the public pools at Te Aroha or drive to the gorgeous Waitewheta, only 30 minutes away.

There is plenty to do in the area: we have permission to wander the farmers property which borders the Kaimai Mamaku Conservation Park, there are lots of fascinating tracks nearby, mining history, mountain biking opportunities and kayaking. Paeroa is a 20 minute drive away, the Karangahake Gorge 25 minutes away and Waihi Beach is a 45 minute drive away.

To book a spot and for more information including the exact address contact **Peter Jemmett** ;

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NGATUHOA LODGE WEEKEND—KAIMAIS

Friday 1st to Sunday 3rd March, 2023

Surrounded by bush clad hills in the kaimais, our club weekend at this lodge includes the use of a mini confidence course, a flying fox, flat water kayaking and tubing in the stream. Further afield are walks to waterfalls, mountain bikes can be useful to access tracks uphill from the lodge.

Accommodation costs are \$50 per person for the weekend. Contact Eric to book, 50% deposit payable to confirm your place. Last summer this trip booked out very quickly, so please get in early to avoid disappointment. Members only weekend.

Bookings to **Eric Horn**: kerianderic@alpinesport.org.nz

EASTER CAMP 2024—TANGIHUA LIONS LODGE

Friday March 29th—Monday April 1st, 2024

Join the ASC Easter Camp tradition—walks, activities and plenty of fun for all ages. This year we have hired the Tangihua Lions Lodge, near Whangarei. It is a 2 ½ hour drive north of Auckland, surrounded by native bush and situated in the middle of the Tangihua Ranges.

Cost: approximately \$25 per person for the entire weekend (all ages).

Accommodation: There are 54 beds and plenty of space to camp.

Contact **Jane Preston** to book a spot janeprestonnz@gmail.com



“The Modern Hut Axe”

Photo : Clive Bolt