



*Ruapehu at Night from Waihohonu Hut -6 July (Photo: Philip Chignell)*



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## President's Report



September 2025

Kia ora koutou,

We have enjoyed some stunning blue-sky days this August and hopefully you've been able to get out and enjoy them. My highlights have been the Auckland Coast to Coast Walk and exploring our 2025 Summer Camp destination with Mark Roberts. Summer Camp will be near Coroglen this year, slightly up-river from our previous popular campsite 20 years ago or more. The campsite is beside the Waiwawa River and it's absolutely stunning. Something new for Summer Camp - there is one Glamping site available for hire (see details below). If you're interested in hiring this, get in touch with me straight away [miranda@alpinesport.org.nz](mailto:miranda@alpinesport.org.nz).

Trips and Tramps are looking exciting with plenty of trips to suit everyone. A winter bike ride and picnic at Ambury Farm, overnight adventures, a winter Tongariro Crossing, a weekend away at Ngatuhua Lodge, Bushcraft at the Waitākere Hut, Thursday Walks and Weekend Walks. See if you can get down to Ruapehu this weekend or next, or enjoy a Spring Fling at Ruapehu in the school holidays. Keep eating up that delicious food at the A-Frame everyone - we want the freezers emptied!

See you next week at Club Night where Helen and Clive Bolt will tell us about their trip to Utah.

Ngā mihi,

Miranda

## Notices

### Club Meeting

7:30 pm, Tuesday 2 September 2025

St Mark's Church Parish Hall, 95 Remuera Road

Helen and Clive Bolt will be talking about their trip to Utah in 2023. This trip included Salt Lake City and a 4-wheel drive camping trip to South East Utah.

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### Ruapehu Lockers

Book a locker at our Ruapehu huts for the season. \$30 annual fee. Contact Lloyd Lin for more details at [ruapehu@alpinesport.org.nz](mailto:ruapehu@alpinesport.org.nz) .

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### Thursday Walks

Walks are held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month somewhere in the Auckland area.

If you are interested in joining, please send an email to Clive Bolt at [Thursday.walks@alpinesport.org.nz](mailto:Thursday.walks@alpinesport.org.nz)

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### Friends of Regional Parks

Anyone interested in contributing to FOR Parks initiatives at Te Muri should note that the next two working bees are on Saturday 20 September and Sunday 19 October. More information can be obtained by contacting [temuri@forparks.org.nz](mailto:temuri@forparks.org.nz) .

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## Peter Laurenson talk at ATC

Auckland Tramping Club is hosting Peter Laurenson, photographer, author, trumper, and climber and also editor of FMC's *Backcountry* magazine. Peter will be giving a presentation about his new book, ***AOTEAROA LIGHT: Moments of wonder and realisation in New Zealand wilderness***. The book takes readers on a journey through the wondrous and varied landscapes of Aotearoa/New Zealand's wilderness, through photographs that catch the light, and experiences and reflections that explore our role within Earth's connected ecosystem.

Auckland Tramping Club has extended a warm invitation to ASC members to join them for Peter's presentation.

Remuera Bowling Club, from 7.30 pm on Wednesday 17 September.

If you aren't able to make the presentation but would like to buy a copy of Peter's book, then go to [www.batemanbooks.co.nz](http://www.batemanbooks.co.nz), enter the code FMC01 at the checkout and receive 20% off. Delivery within New Zealand is free.

## Upcoming Trips

**Thursday 28 August 2025 – Westmere, Western Springs & Arch Hill – Linda Webber**

Start 10 am – Park Garnet Rd Westmere near #190-198 or angle park on other side of road - Approx 9.5kms.

Weona-Westmere Coastal Walkway, Jaggers Bush, Old Mill Rd, Arch Hill Reserve and path, Nixon Park (lunch), return via Kingsland roads, Western Springs, Jaggers Bush back to cars.

Note: No toilets at start – Old Mill Rd toilets about 45 mins into the walk. Other toilets Stadium Rd, Nixon Park and Western Springs Park.

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**Sunday 31 August 2025 – Family Cycle from Waikararka Park to Ambury Park – Jared Haslemore**

Join Jared, Sarah, Emmeline, and Hugo as they cycle their way to Ambury farm for a winter picnic. Or simply meet them at the farm.

Details about the cycle way here: [Ambury to Waikaraka Path](#) ...

Click 'going' on the club's Facebook page to keep up-to-date with trip updates on the day and meeting points - see you there!

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**Saturday to Sunday 6-7 September 2025 – Winter Tongariro Crossing – Mark Roberts**

Join Mark for this classic trip under Winter conditions. Participants must have had experience with crampons & ice axe. Helmets, ice axe & crampons will be mandatory for this trip, these can be rented from the club. It could either be a long day crossing (19km) or split into two with an overnight at the cosy Oturere hut depending on weather & party interest. This trip will only be going ahead if the weather forecast is reasonable.

**Thursday 11 September 2025 – Narrow Neck Beach to Devonport – Theresa Kermode**

Meet at the carpark at Narrow Neck Beach, Devonport, at 10 am.

We will follow Seabreeze Road, through Ngataranga Park, crossing the Navy sports ground, and then along Calliope Road to Devonport. Lunch stop will be on Mt Victoria. Then Cumbria Reserve, Cheltenham Beach, and back along the coast to Narrow Neck (low tide is at 1543).

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**Sunday 14 September 2025 – A hike through the Parks and Reserves in Warkworth – Don Baker**

Circumnavigate the township of Warkworth taking in Kowhai Park, Mahurangi River Walk, Harry Parry Kauri Park, and the Old Cement Works Ruins. A mixture of concrete paths, bush tracks and some Heritage street walking.

It takes about 1 hour on the new motorway to Warkworth from points on the Southern Motorway or about 40 minutes from the Harbour Bridge. Meet at 9.30am. Details to be advised.

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**20 September – 3 October 2025 – Whakapapa Spring Fling – Jared Haslemore**

Come and join like-minded families for a final spring fling for the year at Whakapapa. Come for a night, come for a week!

Make the most of the fantastic facilities that we have at Mt Ruapehu and enjoy an alpine adventure. With it being a slow start to the season we're hopeful that it might be a late one with fantastic spring skiing to be had.

If not, then there are lots of adventures to be had in the surrounding area. Hiking (Tongariro Crossing anyone?), hot pools, mountain biking, rock climbing, volcano museum, and the ever popular dinosaur museum in Raetihi.

Our Ruapehu Hut will be open throughout. Book your bunks now at [www.alpinesports.org.nz](http://www.alpinesports.org.nz).

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**25 September 2025 – Beachlands to Maraetai – Mary Metcalf and Karen Yates**  
Details to come.

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## **27/28 September 2025 – Children's Practical Bushcraft Weekend – Sue Grant**

9.30 am Saturday to approximately 2.00 pm Sunday. Waitākere Hut, Anawhata Road. Aimed at 7-11 year olds with accompanying adults. Club members only. Limited numbers. Cost: Pay only for your overnight stay at the hut.

Contact Sue Grant. You will need to provide contact mobile phone numbers for the accompanying adult(s) and for a named off-site emergency contact person.



*Outdoor cooking*



*Navigation*

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## **Sunday 5 October 2025 – Manukau Harbour Coastal Walk (Onehunga to Lynfield) – Warren Whyte**

Meet at Orpheus Drive parking area near to Seacliff Road, Hillsborough at 9.30am for walk along coastal tracks, beach reserves and scenic bush areas through to Lynfield. Return by bus to Orpheus Bay car park. This little known piece of coastline is a most attractive area to explore so be sure to note it in your diary now.

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## **Friday October 24 to Monday October 27 (Labour Weekend) - Ngatuhua Lodge – Leaders tba**

We are looking at a trip to Ngatuhua Lodge for Labour Weekend. This is one of the premier ASC events of the year with ziplining, river-tubing, kayaking, and more!



Costs will be ~\$35 per person per night and we need a minimum of 10 people. Kids under 5 are free!

One or more people who will be staying the duration need to volunteer to be the trip leader(s). Without trip leaders this trip cannot go ahead.

Please register your interest with Jared by 15 August absolute latest on [tours@alpinesport.org.nz](mailto:tours@alpinesport.org.nz) (Subject "Ngatuhua 2025"). Please include the names of all attendees and their ages, the dates that you are intending to stay for, and whether you would be happy to be a trip leader.

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**Friday to Saturday 28-29 November 2025 - Kids Lightweight Overnighter @ Tunnel Point Campsite – Claire Jackson**

Pack your gear and join Claire, Harper (8) and Jayde (12) for an overnight camping adventure in the beautiful Waitākere Ranges.

We'll meet at Karekare carpark at 5pm Friday, then take a 1-hour beach walk to Tunnel Point Campsite. Once there, we'll pitch our tents, make dinner, and watch the sunset (8:22pm) then get our torches out for an epic game of Spotlight.

On Saturday morning, we'll walk back out to Karekare and cool off with a swim between the flags before heading home around lunchtime.

Keen to join? Let Claire know and book your own campsite at [Tunnel Point Campsite](#)

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**Saturday to Sunday 12-13 December 2025 – Kids Lightweight Overnighter -  
Hot Water Beach Campsite, Lake Tarawera – Claire Jackson**



*Tarawera (Photo: Tom Chignell)*

Join Claire, Harper (8) and Jayde (12) for an overnight adventure at Hot Water Beach Campsite, Lake Tarawera.

We're keeping it simple - at 9 am we'll load our bags, tents, and chilly bins onto the water taxi so they're taken straight to camp.

Then it's lighter going with a daypack along 15km of the scenic Tarawera Trail. Expect 5–6 hours of walking (for fit kids) with plenty of spots to stop for a swim and take in the lake views. The trip suits a mix of walking abilities - you can walk in, walk out, do both, or take the water taxi one way.

Arrive at camp, soak in the natural hot pools, have a relaxed dinner, and watch the sunset over the lake. On Sunday morning, we'll cruise back across the lake by water taxi to end the adventure (see Facebook page for details).

Keen to join? Contact Claire Jackson. You can book your own campsite at [Hot Water Beach Campsite, Lake Tarawera](#)

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**Friday 26 December 2025 – Saturday 3 January 2026 **\*\*Advance Notice\*\*** - Summer Camp 2025 – Coroglen – Peter Jemmett**

Come and join in the tradition! This year's camp is in a gorgeous valley in the Coromandel. Just over 2-hour's drive from Auckland and up-river from the famous Coroglen Tavern (fish-and-chips, ice creams, beer). The campsite has two spacious fields and is next to a beautiful native-bush fringed stream. The stream has multiple swimming holes and will be perfect for aqua-tramping and floating down the river on boogie boards. Coroglen is in easy reach of multiple tramping and mountain biking possibilities, Hot Water Beach, Hahei, Cook's Beach, Whitianga and Tairua.



The property has a Glamping site for one lucky couple (including tent, queen bed, hot shower, BBQ and own toilet) at \$160/night + cleaning fee. Otherwise, campers need to bring everything they need for camping and cooking for themselves. Port-a-loos will be provided. There is a tap with stream-water.

A range of trips and activities are offered every day. Highlights include Summer Camp traditions such as the children's sing-song, New Year's Eve talent show and New Year's Day games (including three legged race, egg and spoon, running, cycling and tug of war). Summer Camp is a highlight of the calendar. You will need to be a current ASC member to reserve a spot, though friends and relations can attend as your guests.

A deposit of two nights' fee will secure a spot.



To book a spot, for payment info, and for more information including the exact address contact Peter Jemmett.

	Per Night	Deposit Required
Per Adult Member	\$15	\$30
Per Adult Non-Member	\$23	\$46
Children 5-18 years	\$3	\$6
Children Under 5	Free	-
Day Visitors (over 4 hours)	\$3	

All rates include a daily \$3 portaloos surcharge.









*Snowcraft Course (Photos: Mark & Gemma Roberts and Allard Pierson Jurriaans)*

## Trip Reports

**Thursday 26 June 2025 - Duder Regional Park – Mike Frith**



When Mike Frith led a group of Manurewa Scouts to Duder Peninsular around 1985 he had no idea that he would be returning 40 years later as the leader of 24 members on an Alpine Sports Club Thursday walk. The beaches on the coastline are a treat but the number one attraction remains the abandoned pa site at the end of the peninsula. It has become so popular that those with a fear of heights are advised against visiting the site.

For whatever reason a couple of our octogenarians elected to stay behind and watched the more intrepid members of the party do their thing.





**Sunday 3 August 2025 – Coast to Coast – Combined Sunday Walkers, Rangatahi Ramblers and Small People on Big Hills** – Susan Stephens and Miranda Hutton

By happy coincidence, the youth Rangatahi Ramblers and Sunday Walkers combined on a gorgeous, sunny Sunday in August. 40 people met at 9.30am opposite the downtown Ferry Building to walk the Auckland Coast to Coast 16km route. After walking up Queen Street, we turned left to reach Albert Park. Boyd Miller explained how geology formed the land and showed us where the original volcanic crater was, now under a parking building. We heard about tunnels dug under Albert Park in WW2. After a short history lesson given by John Hutton, we walked behind the University Library, past the 1840's barracks wall and the recent sculpture to honour the victims of the 2019 Christchurch Mosque attack.



Walking down Grafton Rd, we reached Lover's Walk in the Domain and enjoyed the bush and its tranquillity. Boyd told us about the Duck Pond and how the volcanic structure of the surrounding land formed the spring, modern Auckland City's first water source. We enjoyed morning tea at the Grandstand, overlooking teams playing Sunday sport.

Mountain Road took us past Auckland Grammar School to Maungawhau/Mt Eden. Here, the younger walkers needed to stop for lunch and spent time sitting on the magnificent platform enjoying the view of the city and the



Waitematā Harbour (Pacific Ocean). The Sunday Walkers were keen to push on, so we divided the party into two groups.



The Rangatahi Ramblers continued, somewhat refreshed, to walk through Mt Eden Village. Walking through the former Faculty of Education and Social Work, the now abandoned campus felt as if the students had only just left. Established in 1926, and used till the end of 2023, the students and teachers relocated to the Auckland City campus at the start of 2024. It was special to walk among the mature trees and hotch-potch mix of buildings which have housed nearly 100-years of education and learning.

After a quick play at the Melville Park playground and use of the facilities, we pushed on to Puriri Drive and Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill. Here we met a fresh contingent of 14 Small People on Big Hills who joined us to finish the Coast to Coast. After delicious ice creams and a good break, we walked overland to the summit, then down via billowing mounds of kikuyu grass, taking a short-cut behind the Archery Club. We walked through the Grotto, a mini grove of native trees and ferns, then down Grand Drive, and down Onehunga Mall to the train station. Here, some chose to end the trip and others continued to reach the Manukau Harbour (Tasman Sea). What an achievement! A beautiful winter's day walk in perfect weather with great company.



[Rangatahi Ramblers](#): Miranda Hutton (leader and scribe), Annette Voll, Clara (11), Lukas (8), John Hutton, Benedict (10), Keri, Eric Horn, Freya (9), Arlo (7), Katheleen Lee Roberts, Mark, Jemma (17), James (14), Sarah Corbett, Emmeline (9), John and Judy Haslemore, Nan Li, Weiya (11), Zhuoya (9)

[Sunday Walkers](#): Susan Stephens and Marion Browne (leaders and scribes), Trisha Browne, Tom Chignell, Hilary and Boyd Miller, Janet and Jonathan Hodder, Warren and Jocelyn Whyte, Jane and Bruce Rogers, Jenny Hudson and Peter Loveridge, Rob, Sue and Brian Fitzpatrick, Brian Barge, Joe Scott-Woods, Don Baker

[Small People on Big Hills](#): Jared Haslemore, Hugo (7), Greg Munford and Vanny Chea, Sennen (12), Khai (8), Tracey and Richie Musson, Kiara (10), Lewis (8), Jack (4), Abi Raymond, Lucy (7), Maddie (4)

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*Climbing Maungakiekie/One Tree Hill*