

## January 2020 Newsletter



# Auckland Tramping Club

Dear Tony

### **Next Club Night - Thursday March 19 - Southern Fiordland Explorer**

Because of tramping commitments there will be **no February club night**, so the next one is in March. Hazel and I will talk about our week long cruise in southern Fiordland last August exploring Doubtful Sound, Breaksea Sound, Dusky Sound and Preservation Inlet. Hear about their time on shore visiting numerous sites of historical interest, including Richard Henry's house site on Pigeon Island, Captain Cook's mooring places in Dusky Sound, places where various attempts were made of making a living from the harsh environment, and modern day pest control operations.

**Our Summer trips programme is in full swing - please book in promptly to ensure you don't miss out !**

### **Two Day Kaimais - Mt Te Aroha and Te Whare Okioki - Feb 1-2**

Our first Saturday / Sunday trip for the New Year includes a trip to Mt Te Aroha, with an option to descend via the historically interesting Waorongomai Valley on Saturday, a stay at the ever popular Opal Springs Holiday Park on Saturday night, and then lunch at the new Kaimai hut - Te Whare Okioki - on Sunday. Shared or own accommodation on Saturday night. There is still time to book in - but be quick ! [Website Link](#)

### **Four Days Canoeing the Whanganui River - Waitangi Weekend - February 5 - 9, 2020**

Take advantage of Waitangi Day falling on a Thursday this year and

enjoy 4 days canoeing down the Whanganui River. [Website Link](#). **Trip full with waiting list.**

### **Northern Taranaki - Mt Damper and Waitaanga Forest - March 13-15**

A chance to explore some highlights of inland northern Taranaki. Two trip options - forest walking and camping near a waterfall for the Medium Fit group or shorter days and a stay in the privately managed Rerekapa Hut on Saturday for the Easy group. [Website Link](#)

### **Classic Tararuas Tramping - Easter - April 9-13**

Here is your chance to tick off some of the classic Tararuas tramps that ATC seldom manages to include in our trips schedule. Easy, Medium and Fit options [Website Link](#)

### **North West Pureoras - Anzac Weekend - April 25-27**

This is an interesting tramp linking up two of the pest control areas that are a great kokako habitat - Okahukura and our very own Tunawaea. Leaving on Saturday morning we spend that night in the Pureora Forest Lodge, then on Sunday the 3 trip options have the opportunity to camp in superb forest areas where the birds could provide a welcome wake-up call. [Website Link](#)

### **Nepal - The Lost Valleys - Sept 28-Oct 21**

This trip is to the Naar - Phu region in Nepal. Details here [Website link](#). Contact Jim Morrow immediately if you are interested Ph 834 4227. Mob 021 264 6085 Email: [jwmorrow@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:jwmorrow@slingshot.co.nz)

### **Day Trips Galore !**

We have a full range of interesting day trips coming up over the coming months - Coromandel, Mataia Farm Park (a new one for ATC), Waiheke Island, Te Araroa Walkway sections, Auckland's central volcanic cones, Kawakawa Bay, Mt Karioi and more. Check these out online [Website Link](#) or in the latest Wanderlust

## **New Members**

Please welcome new members Iliyas Shah, Alireza Mokhtar, Michael Schwaab, Fiona Cooper, Scott Campbell, Richard Marshall, Cecilia Schwartz and Michelle Dodd.

## **Special Request**

We have been contacted by a lady writing a magazine article. She has had breast cancer treatment (including mastectomy) and she is hoping to get back to tramping, in particular wearing a back pack. The article is about this, and she would like to talk to a couple of women who are further down the track, who may have useful advice and suggestions for people at her stage of the journey. If you can assist, please contact Tony via email and he will put you in contact.

## **New Positions Vacant This Year**

This year's opportunities for how you can assist with the running of your club and our wonderful trips include club secretary (from mid year), Weekend Trips Organiser, Bus Drivers, and Trip Leaders. And my position as club president is there for the taking too. Contact David Holl to discuss what is involved in the Secretary position, Keith Ayton for driving opportunities, or Tony for any other ways that you can assist the club to operate efficiently.

## **February Wanderlust**

The latest Wanderlust is already online, and will be posted to printed Wanderlust recipients shortly.

All recent Wanderlusts can be accessed from our website from the Wanderlusts page in the News Menu - here is the [direct link to that page](#).

Of especial interest this month's edition includes :

- Upcoming Club Night Details
- Kauri Dieback - Your Questions Answered, Part 2, written by committee member Christine Major [Website link](#)
- A reminder to Multi Day trip members to check out trips you are

interested in carefully, book in promptly and if you unfortunately need to cancel, do so as quickly as possible so that someone else has the opportunity to fill your place [Website Link](#)

- Want a Ripsonrter Read ? What happens when a young Canadian visitor goes on an ATC tramping week with senior members who are 50 years' older than him ? Absolute heaven for all involved ! [Website link](#)
- Uncle Wacko has gone tramping this month. But check out his spectacular gear articles to date and figure out what next is on your gear upgrade hit-list [Website link](#)
- Multi Day Tramps information for the next few months. [Website Link](#)
- Recent new members - give them a great welcome on our trips and encourage more non members to join! [Website link.](#)
- More fun day walks for the next two months. [Website link](#)
- Trip reports from the NW Ureweras, Tongariro National Park, a Kaimai Traverse, and the NW Kaimanawas
- Our latest trip reports are also on our website [Website Link](#)

**Time to enjoy some real summer weather !**

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