



Auckland Tramping Club

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Dear Tony

Oops ! All 4 newsletters sent previously this year had the wrong year in the email subject ... and no one told me !

[No Tramping For Now](#)

Like a lot of you, no doubt, when I first heard of the imminent lockdown, I was thinking this was a good chance to go into the hills for tramping and Kaimai track work. But no, we are all seriously grounded for very good reasons - now is **not** a good time for needing help from emergency services, and the last places that we want to visit because of avoidable injuries are medical centres and hospitals.

Here is a good reminder why from [a recent tramping trip](#) ...

We don't know yet how long the lockdown will last and what measures will be in place once it is removed. But I am remaining hopeful that tramping will be able to resume later in the year.

[Cape Reinga - Queens Birthday Weekend](#)

Currently suspended - watch for updates

From May 29 through June 1 our QBW trip will be in the Cape Reinga area. [Website link](#).

Stewart Island Southern Circuit - August

Watch for updates

We have two identical trips scheduled for [August 12-21](#) and [August 25-September 3](#), with a few places still available. The primary focus is to walk the Southern Circuit, with some additional time for contingency / Ulva Island / etc. For more information, contact the leaders for the two trips.

Hawaii 2020 - Sept 19-Oct 1

Watch for updates

We have received an invitation from HTMC for a group of ATC members to visit Hawaii in September (Oahu and The Big Island) . Details here [Website link](#).

Matemateaonga and Whanganui Forest - Labour

Weekend

Watch for updates

Planning discussions for a joint trip with the North Shore Tramping Club have been put on hold until there is more certainty as to what we can do later in the year.

Day Trips

All on hold until we are out of the lockdown and have an environment when we can resume.

We Need A New Secretary - from June

There are still no offers to take up the ATC Secretary position. This is an important role that we cannot operate without. It involves fairly light administration duties, and everything can be adapted to suit your situation. Contact David Holl to discuss what is involved, or Tony for any other ways that you can assist the club to operate efficiently. More information at this [website link](#).

[April Wanderlust](#)

The latest Wanderlust is online, but has not been printed because of the lockdown. We had hoped to send a letter to people who don't receive emails, but do not have sufficient envelopes, so that won't happen either. .

[May and June Wanderlusts - Please Help](#)

We do have two trip reports for the May Wanderlust but then there will be no more from recent ATC trips. SO ... if you can assist by providing any or all of the following that club members would find interesting or entertaining please forward this through to wanderlust@aucktramping.org.nz

- reports - original, thieved, or adapted
- useful information for active ... and inactive ... trampers
- club history
- perhaps a then and now article

No excuses ... most of you have a lot more spare time right now !

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 :

- Club Vacancies
- Best tramping trip cafe stops. Feel free to send through your recommendations [Website link](#)
- A delicious DIY Dehy Recipe [Webiste link](#)
- Some great trip reports - Whanganui River Canoeing, Lewis Pass - Doubtful Tops, Banks Peninsula - Te Ara Pataka, Spenser Mountains, the Spenser Mutineers, Mt Damper / Waitaanga Forest

- Our latest trip reports are also on our website [Website Link](#).
This also includes two extra ones hot of the press - Round The Mountain Anti Clockwise and A Few Minor Inconveniences In The Hills
- Uncle Wacko is back, raving on about some more great tents.
[Website Link](#)

Stay well and please keep to the full intent of the lockdown guidelines - we want this over sooner rather than later.

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