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Club night, Wednesday 1st February

Kat Rowe is a club member who works in Antarctica.

Come along to hear what interesting things she gets up to.

There is another wee surprise lined up for you too but you have to be there to participate!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2023

3043	22 Jan	MF	King St & Horsemans' track	John Wilson
3044	28-30 Jan	MF	Cascade to Te Iringa	Steve Dick
3045	4-6 Feb		Top of the Coromandel	Allan Wickens
3046	12 Feb	M	Mt. William	Allan Wickens
3047	16-21 Feb	F	Mt. Earnslaw	Rupert Craggs
3048	17/18 Feb	E/M	Ngatuhua Lodge	Nicola Guy
3049	19-25 Feb	various	Exploring the Lewis Pass	Les Warren
3050	25-26 Feb	M or M/F	Mt Tama	John Wilson
3051	26 Feb- 3 Mar		Canterbury Glaciers	John McArthur

Don't let a lack of equipment deter you from coming on a trip. Talk to the trip leader - who may be able to assist with lending or sharing gear.

TIME and FITNESS GUIDELINES

E = Easy. Up to 4 hours per day, pace slower than E/M.

E/M = Easy/Medium. Up to 5-6 hours/day, pace slower than M.

M = Medium. Up to 6-7 hours/day, at standard walking pace.

M/F = Medium/Fit. Up to 7-8 hours/day, pace faster than M.

F = Fit. Over 8 hours/day, pace faster than M/F.

Note that factors such as party size, fitness, weather, terrain and leadership will influence actual times, so the above are estimates only.

Bookings and Cancellations: no later than the WEDNESDAY before the trip.

Any person withdrawing after this day without good reason will be charged the full cost of the trip.

Departure Point: Trips depart from the river end of London Street. Cars can be parked, facing the road, in the car park on the right at the end of the cul de sac. If in doubt contact your trip leader.

Weekend Trips: leave on Friday nights at 7pm sharp unless otherwise stated.

Day Trips: leave Sunday mornings at 8am sharp.

If someone is concerned because a trip is late back, contact:

1) Club Captain; 2) President; 3) committee member.

Minimum equipment required:

Day Trips: A thermal layer (polypropylene, polyester etc or wool), an insulating layer of fleece (polartec etc) or wool and a water/wind-proof parka outer shell. Shorts or longjohns/over-trousers in cool or wet weather. Torch and sunscreen. Boots or strong shoes. Lunch, snacks and water bottle. First aid kit.

Weekend Trips: The above, plus pack with plastic liner bag, sleeping bag, tent, sleeping mat, cooker, billy, plate or bowl, spoon, food, spare dry clothes for evening, towel, toilet gear, light camp shoes. A water purifier can be useful. Plus, in extreme weather or country: additional warm top, over-trousers or woollen/fleece trousers, warm outdoor mittens or gloves, over-mitts, warm hat or balaclava, sunglasses. Ice axe and crampons for snow.

Trip Descriptions

REMEMBER: 2 clicks to confirm your booking on the website

Trip 3043 King Street and Horseman's Tracks, Te Aroha 22 Jan

The lower slopes of Te Aroha Mountain above the southern part of the township used to be farmed by the Shanley family. Bush-clad once more, the old farm tracks have been re-opened by locals and we will walk a circuit involving some steep climbing and descending. We will then take to the summit track and climb to Whakapipi Lookout for great views. Carrying on a little further, we will turn off onto Horseman's track and descend into the Tutumangao Stream, which has a rather nice waterfall. We finish at the Domain.

Leader: John Wilson **Ph:** 0211682082 **Grade:** M/F due to steep gradients

Transport: Senior member \$20-35 Senior non-member: \$25-40

Trip 3044 Cascade to Te Iringa 28-30 Jan

The Northern Kaimanawas is a beautiful open bush area with ample bird-song. If you have not tented before this is a good opportunity to have a go and not be concerned about lugging a pack around with your tent and other gear. Just bring along a day pack for your food/water and a warm jacket. Road access is very easy right to the campsite but, take care along the narrower metal section of Road. Accommodation will be tenting at the Clements Mill Road Clearing Campsite. This Campsite has plenty of room but, hopefully on arrival, we will be able to find suitable sites to be together as a group.

By using this campsite as a Base for the weekend, you can have as much luxury you care to bring as you can park next to your tent.

Water: It may pay for us to bring as much water as possible in case we have no suitable stream close by. There is running water available close to the campsite but we may need to explore for a more suitable. Some of the walks have easy access to good stream water.

Saturday 28 – Stumble Inn Hut / Hinemaiaia Cave + Picnic / Swim by Stream + visit to a Waterfall. The walk to Stumble Inn Hut is along a flat well-trodden track but not marked. There are a couple of short climbs and one easy stream crossing

(probably another stream crossing to the Cave). Can make this walk an easy day trip, particularly if the weather is good. Steve and myself have visited the Hut but, not the Cave. The Cave is quite close to the Hut so we will include a short 'recce section to the Cave using GPS coordinates'. Something a little different. If the weather is ideal, there will be a couple of options for a swim (bring swim wear).

Sunday 29 – Black Dunny Hut & Just A Hut. These walks will be two separate walks, i.e. both out and back to the start. Each walk will be around 3hrs (return), hopefully, each. Steve and myself lost a lot of time doing the recce to the two Huts but, Steve has them now tracked on his GPS. Again; no marked tracks but there are visible tracks to follow if we take it easy and not lose the track. Terrain is easy undulating. We will need to follow GPS coordinates carefully.

Monday 30 – Kerosene Can. A recce of this place has not been done so, as something different, we will do this walk as a full recce. Return walk is estimated around 2hrs but we will allow more time. Will do this walk in the morning and leave for home in the afternoon.

There may be further walks to fill in any spare hours but, they will be full recce walks. Could consider a short out and back walk along the Te Iringa marked track for those not walked this track before.

Leaders: Steve Dick **Ph:** 0274 880 793 **Grade:** E-M
 Les Warren **Ph:** 027 8644937

Transport: Senior member: \$77-128 Senior non-member: \$87-138
However, arrangements will be sorted closer to the weekend.

Equipment: More on this once registered but, you will need a tent (or share with someone), your own food and cooking gear.

Trip 3045 Top of the Coromandel 4-6 Feb

Over this long weekend we will enable those going to do several tramps in the northern section of Coromandel Peninsula. The feature walk will be the Coromandel Walkway (3-4 hours), from Stony Bay north to Fletcher Bay. We will also do the Muriwai Walk (2-3 hours) taking in Cape Colville, the short Fantail Bay track and several 1–2-hour walks near Coromandel township.

The van will leave London Street in Hamilton at 7.30am on Saturday morning and it's a 3–4-hour drive to the start of the Coromandel Walkway where the group will be dropped off. Our driver/leader (Allan) will then drive around to Fletcher Bay and meet up with the group. We'll be camping at Fletcher Bay Saturday night. To make for a more comfortable night there will be a large marquee with tables, gas cooker and utensils etc. Bring your own tent and camp near our base.

On Sunday, we'll drive a short distance along Fletcher Bay Road and the group will be dropped off at the start of the Muriwai Walk. This walk ends near Port Jackson. After driving down Port Jackson Road, we'll all do the short Fantail Bay Track before carrying on down to Coromandel, where we stay the night. Longer daylight hours mean we can do one or two short walks before dinner.

On Monday we can do further short walks in the morning before heading back about 1.00-2.00 pm so we can (hopefully) beat the end of holiday weekend traffic. Description of walks – please look at the DoC websites to get a better idea of what is involved. If you have any particular walk in mind near Coromandel please let Allan know. There is also an un-named walk shown on the NZ Topo map that starts at Port Jackson and heads towards Kaiti Point before following the contours south to Port Jackson Road. We may look at doing that as an extension of the Muriwai Track.

Leader/Driver: Allan Wickens **Ph:** 027 950 9546 **Grade:** Mostly easy with a bit of moderate walking
Email: allanwickens@hotmail.com

Accom: Fletcher Bay campsite - \$10-15 pp

Coromandel Tidewater Motel (3 rooms booked) - \$60-70 pp

Transport: tba

NOTE: The Motel booking must be confirmed prior to 23 January to please let Allan know ASAP (to also have a seat in the van. Due to the logistics involved this trip will be limited to one van load only)

Trip 3046

Mt. William

12 Feb

This popular walkway just south of Bombay offers extensive views of south Auckland and the northern Waikato in a 360° panorama and you can also see the Sky Tower and Rangitoto Island. After driving one hour to the trailhead at McMillan Road, east of Pokeno, we start our walk from the carpark. The first section crosses farmland to the Mount Williams Scenic Reserve. This small area of native bush has a wide variety of native vegetation and trees including kauri. Total time to the summit of Mount William (373 metres) is one and a half hours, over 2.5 kilometres. Instead of retracing our steps we will continue along a saddle over rolling farmland to Puketutu Trig (376 metres) and down for another 2 kilometres over 1.5 hours to Puketutu Road, where our van awaits. Parts of the track are described as “a bit slippery” so walkers are recommended to wear boots or strong shoes and have at least one walking pole. As the total time for this walk plus travel is around 5 hours, to make a day of it we will look at doing the short walks up either Mount Taupiri (288m) or do the Kauri Loop Walk (northern Hakarimatas) on the way back to Hamilton.

Leader: Allan Wickens

Ph: 027 9509546

Grade: E

Email: allanwickens@hotmail.com

Transport: Senior member \$20-35

Senior non-member: \$25-40

Trip 3047

Mt. Earnslaw

16-21 Feb

Mount Earnslaw (Pikirakatahi) East Peak is the second highest summit in Mt Aspiring National Park (2830m). Participants must be confident with the use of crampons and ice axe.

Day 1: Start of Rees track to Earnslaw hut (3 bunks). From Rees valley track trailhead follow dirt road that passes through grazing land and small tributary

creeks along the Rees (7 km) crossing the river several times. Once on the actual track from the dirt road and have crossed the Rees for the first time either: Walk up onto the right side hills to avoid the bog (really wet) and sidle almost all the way to 25 mile creek where the ground again dries out.

Cross the bridge over 25 Mile Creek, and cross the Rees River (knee deep) in the vicinity of Twenty-Five Mile Hut close to Lennox Falls.

Zigzagging up through beach forest to Earnslaw hut or climb out of the beech forest on Kea basin track to the grassy slopes of Kea Basin just beyond tree line at 1000 m where there are two rock bivouacs (30 min further)

Day 2: To Esquilant Bivouac Hut (2150m) (6 bunks). The track is marked by cairns above Kea Basin as you climb through alpine grasslands towards ice fields of the Birley Glacier. From the Birley glacier climb towards Wrights Col (Ice axe and crampons required).

Day 3: Climb Mt Earnslaw ascending the Birley Glacier and through Wright Col (2-3 hrs). Find the rock cairns marking route through the gully to the summit. Drop back down to Earnslaw Hut.

Day 4. Walk out to Rees track carpark

Day 5: Spare Wet weather day.

Leader: Rupert Craggs

Ph: 027 681 1926

Grade: F

Email rupert.craggs@niwa.co.nz

Transport: Private arrangements.

Trip 3048

Ngatuhua Lodge

17/18 Feb

A relaxing weekend at Ngatuhua Lodge with plenty of activities for kids and some good tramps. Ngatuhua Lodge is a well setup educational camp located in the Kaimai-Mamaku Forest Park on the other side of the Kaimais to the south-east of Tauranga. The lodge sleeps 50 and there is a camping area and a BBQ. It has its own hydro power scheme which is worth a look. There is a confidence course, kayaking in a canal, tubing and swimming in the river. And a night-time glow worm walk. Bush walks of varying lengths are planned to Te Rere I Oturu Falls, Whio Falls and Ngatuhua Falls.. There is also a short nature walk with interpretive panels.

Leader: Nicola Guy

Ph: 027 421 3458

Grade: E-M

Accommodation: \$50/person

Transport: Senior member \$45-75

Senior non-member: \$50-80

Trip 3049

Exploring the Lewis Pass Area

19-25 Feb

The idea is to base ourselves at Boyle Village and do day trips. If the weather is good, we could consider doing a couple of overnight trips, camping on the tops. There are a variety of tracks we can explore, varying between easy to fit (no fit-fit though). Most trips will be around the moderate to fit level but, there are ample options to do your own easier walks. Probably an ideal trip to the South Island to a wonderful area to visit new places / terrain and extend your interest in tramping

without worries about carrying too much gear. Exploring the tops around the area is a wonderful experience.

Tracks available: – Lewis Tops, Lake Daniell, Mt Faust on the Libretto Range, Nina Valley, Hope Valley, Magdallen Valley, Klondyke Spur and Valley Loop, Mons Sex Millia, and others, including short easy walks.

Transport: Depending on the group, this is yet to be decided. A use of a van and drivers would be useful or may need to use hire cars / van.

Anyone interested in this trip, please contact me before Christmas 2022.

I will need to have an idea on numbers so as to make a booking at Boyle Village as soon as possible. There are Backpackers accommodation (which I prefer) or camping available. Once I know numbers, I will send out a more detailed programme.

Leader: Les Warren

Ph: 027 8644937

Grade: various

Email: *warrenlb2017@outlook.com*

Transport: Private arrangements

Trip 3050

Mount Tama

25-26 Feb

Friday night will be spent at Waikato Hut.

Option A. For the more adventurous. Tramping past Meads' Wall, we will cross the Whakapapanui and Wairere valleys and then head across to an un-named waterfall, before visiting Saddle Cone. The route then follows down a watercourse to meet the Waihohonu Track. Crossing over the track we will ford the Waihohonu Stream to reach our prime camp site; think views to Ngauruhoe and Tama.

Option B. An easier option. We will drive down to Whakapapa Village and tramp via Taranaki Falls and the Lower Tama Lake to join Option A at the campsite.

Both options will climb Mt Tama (1623m) and minor peaks 1562, 1584, 1650 and 1651, although some of these can be skipped if you wish. From 1650 we will take the ridge down to the west of the Tama Lakes, which affords great views of lakes and mountains. We will finish by taking the track back to Whakapapa Village.

Leader: John Wilson, **Ph:** 021 1682082 **Grade:** Option A, M/F; Option B, M

Transport: tba

Trip 3051

Canterbury Glaciers

26 Feb – 3 Mar

Meet in Tekapo on the 26th.

27th Feb: shuttle, then walk up to Godley Hut. This is about an 18km river bed walk, slowly rising and with interesting views (that don't change much for 18km). This walk includes a stop at the smallest 6 berth hut you will ever see - the Red Stag.

28th Feb- 2nd Mar: 3 days of exploring the views around this area, including climbing the ridge behind the hut towards Mt D'Archaic, crossing the glacial river to the base of the Maud Glacier, tramping over to the Eade Memorial Hut (v small) and climbing Mt Panorama for views of the surrounding glaciers.

3rd March - walk out and pick up for Tekapo.

Much will depend on weather and river flows from the glacial lakes.

Possibility of staying longer, and / or getting 4WD delivery to near Godley hut so we can spend extra time up there will depend on who signs up and local contacts. Further details will follow. Numbers will be limited to max of 6 due to hut sizes.

Leader: John McArthur **Ph:** 021 2889641

Transport: private arrangements. Shuttle costs tbc.

Mid-week Walks & Tramps

We are continuing with the current format, having a walk or tramp on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Wednesday of the month. The activities have proven to be as varied as the group is and the communication via the Mid-week W & T s Group page on WhatsApp is working well. If you would like to be part of this communication, please download WhatsApp on your phone & text your request to Isla on 021 209 6539.

Project Tongariro activities calendar

We have missed a couple of their events but here is a summary of what is still to come in January. Check out their website for more information:

Mahi Aroha — Project Tongariro

Date	activity	meeting place	time	cost	Grade/Notes
21	Motuopa kids catfish competition	Motuopa	1700	\$5	
21 & 28	Kaipo Swingbridge Heli- hike	Helisika, Poronui station	0830- 1630	\$148	F
21	Paint your own native birds	10 Te Rangikahekeiwaho Place, Tūrangi	1000- 1230	\$11	Tutor on site
22	Motuopa kids catfish competition	Motuopa	1600	\$5	
23	Okupata caves	Cnr SH47 & John McDonald Rd	0930- 1230	\$25	E/M
23 & 24	Okupata caves	Cnr SH47 & John McDonald Rd Wairakei golf & sanctuary	1300- 1600 1400- 1630	\$25 koha	E/M

Wairakei kiwi
sanctuary tour

24	Creepy crawly bug motel& bug hunt	Taupo museum & art gallery	1000- 1130	koha	
25	Maunga cleanup - Turoa	Turoa skifield	1000- 1230		E/M
28	Whanau nature day	Awhi farms, 29 Atirau Rd, Turangi	1100- 1330	free	
28	Composting workshop	98 Richmond Ave, Taupo	1330- 1500	free	
28	Composting workshop	Awhi farms, 29 Atirau Rd, Turangi	1330- 1500	free	