

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 30th July, 2020

- **Welcome**

President, Tony P briefly expressed his gratitude for being able to be at the meeting after recent surgery and thanked the many that had inquired after his wellbeing and sent messages of support. He then welcomed everyone to the July 2020 resumption of monthly meetings post-Covid-19.

New members: Although not all were present, he welcomed the following:

Tony Clarry & Shirley Bancroft, Liz Todhunter, Peter Smith, Sarah Smeaton, Neil & Gayleen Harland, Wendy Tasker (*returnee*), Kathy Chandler, Ross Kerse and Rosemary Jones (*returnee*)

Visitor: Lucy Goode

- **80th Birthdays, Anniversaries**

Congratulations! with card and gift-card presentation to Helen Clausen.

Congratulations to Tony & Vivienne Pearson, 50th wedding anniversary today.

- **Almoner's Report**

Norah M reported the passing of members during our Covid_19 recess:

Beryl Bradley, John Hope and Rod Spooner. Our condolences to the families.

Also a significant list of members having or had medical issues:

Anne Adams (*strokes, in rehabilitation*), Trevor Michell, Annie Harris, Yvonne Jardine, Ian Mason, Charlie Stevens, Gary Brown, Margaret Barron, Bob Bassford, Polly Dyson and Gill & Steve Gately. We wish you well in your journey of recovery.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Tony thanked today's team of Shirley H, Trish E, and Peter B.

- **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

February 27th

Tony noted that February's Meeting Minutes were on the Motueka 50plus website, as well as a copy available on the Secretary's table.

He asked that the February 27th minutes be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Tom Macartney

Seconded: David Lucas

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the February 27th minutes.

Matters arising:

1. Wooden Badges – a good number still to be uplifted and worn on back of pack and an item of clothing.
2. Due to Covid-19, no physical meetings were held until today, except for the exceptional circumstance of holding an electronic (virtual) AGM in May as a replacement for the scheduled March AGM.

May 11th Virtual (electronic) AGM

Tony again noted that these AGM Meeting Minutes were on the Motueka 50plus website, as well as a copy available on the Secretary's table.

He asked that the May 11th AGM minutes be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a valid record for that meeting.

Moved: Ian Mason

Seconded: Tony Pearson

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the May 11th AGM minutes.

Matters arising:

1. Past-President, Trevor Michell

Tony acknowledged the 3-yr longevity of Trevor's extended tenure and that the Group had continued to flourish under his leadership. A presentation of a 'last of run' bottle of Falcon Ridge Pinot Noir was made with the Group's good wishes together with meeting acclamation.

2. Wooden Badge production

Liz Sheehan will continue to produce these for a time, but a replacement engraver is now needed. No volunteers from the meeting. A suggestion was made that the Men's Shed might be able to help.

Action: Secretary

3. Replacement Secretary

Ian Mason has moved to Stoke, and while this is no great problem as far as the secretarial work is concerned, or even distance to Motueka each Thursday, he now has a significant knee problem that makes even medicated walking a great trial.

Unfortunately, with 15 months still to run on his 2-year term, he is very reluctantly tendering his resignation with effect from when a successor can be found.

Nominations, please!

- **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's audited annual account summary for the 2019/20 financial year plus a statement of finances from March to June were available at the Treasurer's table before the meeting.

Vivienne P spoke to the audited accounts and proposed that the summary be accepted.

She then spoke to the March to June statement and asked that this also be accepted.

Seconded: David L

Passed.

There was no discussion arising from the accounts. Tony summarised that for the small club we are, and in consideration of the effort put in by many volunteers, we are quite financially sound.

Membership cards for 2020/21 were available for uplifting after the meeting. It was noted that the 10% discount offered by Coppins Outdoors Centre, Motueka (see reverse of card) was available for EFTPOS and cash only.

- **Correspondence**

Ian noted the following correspondence:

Inward –

Viv Diack (NCC) (24 Feb): Reopening of all reserves after significant rainfall.

Found Volunteer (various dates Apr-Jun): Covid-19 Civil Defence updates – No Further Action (NFA) to members as many will have received this info from other sources.

Cindy Powell (26 May): Moutere Hills Community Centre Lockdown Release – NFA

Sweet Georgia Cruising (29 May): Cruising ex Picton Sep/Oct – NFA, however contact Secretary if further interested.

ASB Internet Alert (09 Jun): Possible phishing email. Queried Dick B and Graham I-M (not known) – email passed on to ASB security.

Claire Hutt (Our Town Motueka) (16 Jun): Invitation to list group – NFA on the premise that this would inevitably lead to flooding of Secretary's inbox with superfluous information.

Google Account (22 Jun): Security check-up – Sec to action

Andrea Livingston (Travel broker/Owner, Wildside Travel, Motueka) (23 Jun):

Proposing a Lower North Island 9-day Walking Trip under the guidance of Richard Willis, a semi-retired University Lecturer who has taught Geography and Environmental Studies for 48 years at Victoria University.

NZ NORTH ISLAND TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

This itinerary will have huge appeal to Kiwis holding interest in our land, its history and the small towns that helped shape it. Spending 9 days exploring a broad range of iconic features from:

Wellington, > Lower Wairarapa, > Whanganui, > Taranaki and Taihape areas, Ruapehu/Tongariro Crossing/Tokaanu, > S Hawkes Bay and Wairarapa.

Comfortable mini-coach, historic small town accommodation.

Tour Themes: There will be some themes like *Economic Change and the role of the Movie industry in Wellington; The Land Wars and Colonial History in Taranaki; How sustainable is farming in Taranaki? The Impact of the Oil Industry; Sustainable Tourism in Tongariro – how many is too many?*

Plus: A winery visit and a variety of really good Kiwi Kai!

Walks included: Cape Palliser (350 steps), Putangirua Pinnacles (1 hr), Mt Taranaki summit (6-8 hrs) or Tahurangi Lodge and back (2-4 hrs), Tongariro Crossing (6-8 hrs) or Devils Staircase return (2-4 hrs), Cape Turnagain (1-2hrs)

Contact Ian M (Sec) if further interested.

Membership:

Numerous and various interactions with members, eg. Covid-19 health, Subs, walks, reports and programmes, visitor emergency information and membership inquiries.

Outward -

Interaction / responses to the foregoing as applicable.

- **Reports from the previous month's walks/events:**

Mar 05

Group 1: Myttons Carpark to Mt Peel (H1)

Ian read a short report for 8 walkers, author unknown

Group 2: Trilobite Hut to Tent Camp & rtn (M2)

Report emailed 11 April, during Covid lockdown.

Group 3: Trilobite Hut to Chaffey's Hut & rtn (M1)

Ian read a report by Lee M – 9 walkers, 11 km. Interesting highlights of Weka antics.

0930 Gp: Kina walkway

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Mar 8 - 13

Club: Many away in Marlborough area, based in Havelock

Viv P's report emailed 13 April.

Mar 12

Group 1: Wangapeka Track to Kings Hut & rtn (H1)

Bob W's report emailed 09 June.

No 0900 walks – no leaders/TECs

0930 Gp: Brooklyn Valley

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Mar 19

Group 1: Canaan > Moa Park > Mt Evans loop (M3) }

Group 2: Canaan > Moa Park & rtn (M3) } No reports
forthcoming

Group 3: No walk – no leaders/TECs }

0930 Gp: Ruby Bay

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Mar 26

Meeting and walks cancelled due to Covid-19 lockdown, through to..... 

Jun 18

Group walk: Stephen's Bay to Kaiteriteri and return (E2)

Tony read Petra D's informative account of a rather wet restart for 8 walkers.

09.30 Gp: No walk

Jun 25 *(no Group meeting due Covid-19 concerns)*

Group Fast: Ruby Bay/Mapua Hinterland + extra (M1) No report

Group Middle: Ruby Bay/Mapua Hinterland (M1)

Muriel read her account of a fairly straight forward but variably undulating walk for 26 members, which included great historical commentary by Neville on various areas of land development and native plantings. Good to hear of birds returning to planted areas. Although no specific report from the Faster group, their route covered much the same as the Middle group and an account report would probably be similar to Muriel's.

Group Slower: Mapua Wharf & Grossi Point (E2)

Norah's report indicated that this was a good catchup time after Covid-19 for a variable 11-14 walkers as members joined and left the group at various times. A new loop into the Moorland Place Reserve gave added interest. 10.2 km, 42 m height gain.

09.30 Group: Wakefield

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Jul 02

Group 1: Holyoake Triangle via Apple Tree Bay (H3) No report

Group 2: Akersten Bay (M2)

Ian read Ann G's succinct report of 19 walkers enjoying a beautiful winter's day walk.

Group 3: Apple Tree Bay (E3)

Ian read Karen L's succinct report of 16 walkers enjoying a beautiful winter day. A minor mishap reminded all of the need for caution on tracks due to rocks and tree roots.

09.30 Gp: Monaco

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Jul 09

Group 1: Aporo Road Domain, Dicker Road, Tasman View Road to lookout, circuit (M3) No report

Group 2: Aporo Road Domain, Dicker Road, Tasman View Road circuit (M2)

Viv read Tony M's report of 14 walker's brisk 14 km walk with 250m cumulative climb. Chilly for a start but soon warmed by morning tea and bright sun. Box seats high on a road edge for lunch, watching a house-mover grappling with slippery terrain while moving half a house onto a farm site proved entertaining, with a digger finally being used to claw its way up a slope.

Group 3: Aporo Road Domain, Dicker Road, Williams Road circuit (E2)

Carol M reported a varied day for 10 members over 8.1 km and 114 m ascent.

Contrasts of mimosa (wattle) and old containers, vehicles and detritus, plus a possible after meeting walk to "Hawk's Valley Sculpture Gallery. Kina Beach for lunch.

09.30 Gp: Tasman cycleway

Frances confirmed; no special comment.

Jul 16

Group 1 & 2: Shaggery Forest (M2)

Kevin P reported for 16 Gp2 members walking 12.5 km and accumulating 442 m of climb. Great contrast between staggering badlands erosion of degraded Separation Point granite on devastated commercial plantation areas and intact native bush.

Lunch meeting with Gp 1.

Group 3: Kaiteriteri area (E)

Trish E reported on 9 members defection to the Kaiteriteri area after listening to the briefing for Shaggery Forest. A varied and interesting alternative walk - Stephens Bay > L. Kaiteriteri > Kaiteriteri > Kaka Pt > Breaker Bay > motor camp/bike park (youth enthusiasm & skill) for lunch > domestic vistas > Stephens Bay. 8.2 km.

09.30 Gp: Riwaka ramble

Frances confirmed starting from the "early arrivals" monument; no special comment.

Jul 23

Group 1, 2 & 3: Greenhills Fire Lookout (M2/M1)

No Gp 1 report.

Trish E again reported cleverly for the 16 Gp 2 walkers, with variable encounters of wild flora and semi-domesticated fauna, as well as Gp 1 assists with ladders and

route marking. A “great day out” in spite of early briefing apprehension.

Petreah C reported further on the track obstacles encountered by all, including the 13 walkers of Gp 3. Sun, wind and rain provided plenty of opportunity for members to sort out their wearing apparel. 10.5 km, 3 hr 40 min walking time, 450 m ascent.

09.30 Gp: Mapua makeover

Frances confirmed; plenty of road works.

- **Instructions for the coming month’s walks:**

Polly did well, first time giving information and instructions for the August walks:

Aug 06 \$12

Group 1: Jenkins Hill via Barnicoat and Involution (M3)

Group 2: Barnicoat via glider Road and Involution (M2)

Group 3: Marsden Valley Bushwalk (E2/3)

0930 Gp: Motueka Estuary (park Staples Street)

Aug 13 \$15

Group 1: Tunnickliff Forest & BikeTrack with extension (M2)

Group 2: Tunnickliff Forest & BikeTrack (M2)

Group 3: Tunnickliff BikeTrack and return (E2)

0930 Gp: Rabbit Island.

Aug 20 \$14

Group 1: Grampians, steeper tracks (M3)

Group 2: Grampians Kahikatea Track and mast (M2)

Group 3: Nelson Green walk (E2)

0930 Gp: Ruby Bay (park northern beach/toilets).

Aug 27 \$2

After meeting walk, Riwaka Rivermouth + wharf (E2)

- **Walks and Steering Committee**

1. Radios and PLB purchase

Tony indicated that, but for the odd occasion, we normally have enough radios and PLBs available on walks, particularly the latter where a number of walkers carry their own. However, this will be discussed at the next Planning Meeting and any recommendation to purchase brought to the next monthly meeting.

2. Next Walks Committee meeting

Tony stated that next meeting would be Mon 24 August, 09.30 am. This meeting is open to all members.

3. Group laptop

Tony informed members that the Operating System is on loan from a member and spoke of the need to maintain its integrity. As well, the security of member's information should be a priority and therefore the anti-virus/internet security system should be up-to-the-mark. This is not to say that it is compromised at the moment, however, there is a need to ensure this is so into the future. This might require regular but infrequent software and maintenance expenditure.

The situation will be discussed at a Steering Committee meeting and any recommendation brought to a further monthly meeting.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

Anita spoke of some recent cases where visitors had turned up for walks ill-prepared. If they just turn up unannounced at the Rec Centre, then leaders will need to assess their suitability for the day's walk and either affirm or deny their walking with the Group that day. More likely visitors or prospective members will have contacted the Secretary, either through our website, advertising, or another member. In these cases, the Secretary will brief them on our Health and Safety policies in general (as well as directing them to read our online Policy and Guidelines section), and for the day's walk if anticipating joining the walk. They will be asked to complete an "Emergency Information" form (containing information like that on our yellow carry-cards). The signed form also states that they have read, understood, and will adhere to the Policy and Guidelines when walking with us. It is expected that visiting friends of members will be briefed by the member, with help from the Secretary, walk leader or other experienced member if necessary.

- **General Business**

1. House of Travel trip to Chatham Islands

Tony spoke of a HoT (Motueka) promoted package, "Discover the Chatham Islands". These tours are 5 days/4 nights (ex Wellington). A one-day escorted tour will include historical Moriori, missionary and commercial highlights as well as geological and natural highlights. Additional cost options might include walking tours, geology tours, fishing and diving experiences, bird watching tours, botanical tours, and a day tour to Pitt Island.

HoT (Mot) – one of our 50+ sponsors – can arrange a group tour ex Nelson, or even

a 8d/7n tour if desired. Tours leave each week.
Contact Secretary or President if further interested.

2. Discussion with Nelson Walking Group

Tony and Kevin recently met with the President of our Nelson equivalent group (~ 100 members). Overtures to combine for occasional walks, or at least share some walk information, was not met with enthusiasm. It is unlikely that a closer association will eventuate.

3. Plant Stall

A number of members have agreed that this stall is still a worthwhile fundraising event, and it is agreed that it will be held before & after the **Thu 24 September** monthly meeting. More information will be disseminated as planning proceeds. Please contact Vivienne P if you have not already indicated your willingness to help. Plants not sold will be donated to the Riding for Disabled (RDA) fund raiser.

4. Group Luncheon

Elaine announced this year's group luncheon:

Waimea Club, 24 September, 12.30 pm

Smorgasbord, \$27 pp, non-refundable, (+ purchase own drinks)

If you positively intend to go, please bring a named envelope with cash to next month's meeting (August 27th), which will allow a catering reservation to be made.

5. Updating of Member Details

It has been discovered that a number of member's details have not been updated where there has been a change of, for example, telephone (landline and/or mobile) number or, more importantly, email address. Ian spoke of a current project where, if not already done so, a Committee member will contact each member to verify their details. It is important that when these details change, the Secretary is informed so that walk information, etc. can be communicated to members as necessary. As a result of this verification, and because the auto-email system has incorrectly recorded some names and emails, Secretary will be emailing some members to re-enrol so that the system correctly records their email details. Please bear with him in this. All member details are confidential to Secretary and Committee members. Remember to also ask Sec/Ian for a new yellow emergency carry-card if details on this change.

6. Replies to emails

Ian (Secretary) spoke of unnecessary frustration when members just click the Reply button when replying to emails for which a reply should be sent to other than the sender of the email. For example, when an email (sent by the Secretary on behalf of the walk coordinator) is sent out asking for leaders/TECs to be sent specifically to the quarterly coordinator, but is just replied to the Secretary, who then has to forward the information to the coordinator. *(The Secretary is the only person who operates*

the group email system, i.e. sends information to all on behalf of others. Other individuals cannot normally send group address emails). If pertinent, Please try to send a reply to the person you intend to, or is nominated in the email. Many thanks.

- **Sales Table**

Marja-Mia reports \$160 was received today! Great effort!

- **Today's Walk**

Viv described the starting point and this week's walk: > Kina Beach circuit from Tasman Village via cycleway and new subdivision Decks Road (E2), parking opp. the Tasman Store. Rides were organised for those needing.

- **Meeting Closed**

Tony thanked members for their patience over the slightly longer than usual meeting, which was closed at 11.50am.