

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 29th OCTOBER, 2020

- **Welcome**

President, Tony Pearson briefly expressed the thought that although NZ was at Covid-19 Level 1, and, considering the recent news from UK and Europe, there was always the possibility of another outbreak for a while yet, and that we should take steps to ensure our safety should this ever occur, e.g tracing our “comings and goings” with the Tracer App, and applying safe hygiene practices.

He then welcomed everyone to the October 2020 meeting.

New members not present: Mark Falloon (*partner Karen Gregory*), Vivienne Fox, Wendy O'Connor (*possibly in Tauranga prior to moving to Motueka*), Mike Howell (*husband of Janet*)

Joining members present: Pauline Neal, Brian & Liz Waugh, Bill & Eve Heritage.

Visitors: Nil

- **80th Birthdays, Anniversaries**

No admissions today!

- **Almoner's Report**

Norah M reported several members are having or have had medical issues: Tony Murphy (*card*), Freda Gerslov (*card*), Moppie Sharples, Pat Harvey (*progressing in Rehab*) and Lee Manning. We wish you all well in your journey of recovery.

Tony, with others, attended a memorial service for John Hope and gave a short eulogy on behalf of the group.

Please do keep Norah up to date with member's significant status.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

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

- **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Tony asked that the September 24th minutes, available on the website, be taken as read, and asked that these Minutes be moved as a true and correct record of that meeting.

Moved: Tony Pearson

Seconded: David Lucas

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the September 24th minutes.

Matters arising:

1. The lunch at the Waimea Club replaced the normal after meeting walk, and was greatly enjoyed by approx. 40 members.
2. Surplus plants from the Plant Stall were gratefully received at the SPCA Op Shop.

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dick spoke to the statement for September and asked that this report be adopted.

Seconded: Viv P

Approved.

Membership

Ian reported continuing interest in the group (3) and applications for membership (7) in the last month. The recent Guardian article and picture elicited several inquiries. The current membership stands at 190.

- **Correspondence**

Ian noted the following correspondence:

Apart from numerous emails dealing with normal Group business of walks information, leader/TEC requests, meetings, and new member inquiries:

Inward –

Jenny Porter (7 Oct): Walk around Waiheke Is (100km) 5 days 24-29 Nov (contact contactjimporter@gmail.com if interested)

Viv Diack (9 Oct): Notifications list update – summer information (NFA)

Rachel Mason (20 Oct): Mapua Willing Wheels – (Flyer circulated at meeting)

Sweet Georgia Cruisin' (27 Oct): Melbourne Cup Day boat party – (NFA, unsubscribed)

Outward -

Interaction / responses to the foregoing as applicable.

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

Oct 01

Mt Arthur/Flora Hut walks cancelled due snow, and replaced by:

Group 1: Grampians Purple walk

A written report from Dean C was read by Ian M. Dean C lead 6 walkers, Bob B TEC, 12km, approx. 580m ascent.

Group 2: Grampians Pink walk

A written report from Petreah C was read by Ian M. Wayne C lead 19 walkers, Steve G TEC, 11.88km, 2hr 20 min walking, 456m ascent.

Group 3: Nelson Green walk

Helen Boulton gave a very detailed report of the walk, which include many historical facts.

0930 Gp: Miyazu Japanese Gardens, Nelson

Confirmed by Frances N, testifying to the beauty of emerging blossom.

Oct 08

ATNP Boat Trip – Kaiteriteri carpark 08.30, boat dep 09.00

1 walk from Medlands Beach to Anchorage, plus 2 return walks from Anchorage.

Group 1: Orange walk

Tony read Janet H report of Bob W leading 9 walkers from Medlands Beach, which included a side trip to Cleopatra's Pool due to the full tide at Torrent Bay.

Group 2: Blue walk

Ian read Lynn M report of the return trip to Cleopatra's Pool. Shocked by the spread of Hakea solicifolia. Helen B leading and Neville B TEC. Roughish boat trip.

Group 3: Magenta walk

Tony gave a verbal report for the 14 that enjoyed the Pitt Head and Te Puketea Bay walk.

0930 Gp: Faulkner's Bush, Wakefield.

Oct 15

Group 1: (Red) Trig K circuit plus Mt Evans anti-clockwise (H1)

Ian read Ross McD short report – good views on a chilly NE day. 5 walkers, 6hr 15min

Group 2: (Blue) Trig K circuit clockwise (M2)

Tony read Bob W report of an enjoyable, mixed terrain walk with a stiff breeze. 19 walkers, approx. 9km and 400m ascent – “some had stretched their limits, while others were looking for more”. Elsa L TEC.

Group 3: (Green) Canaan Big Loop Bike Track (part of) (M1)

Steve G presented his report on the “rescue job” of Tony and Viv P filling in as leader and TEC at the last minute. Surprised by the amount of water in streams after recent rains, some walkers needing assistance to cross. 8 walkers, 8km and 170m ascent.

0930 Gp: Miriam's and Cattermole's gardens (lunch) – always a pleasure!

Oct 22

Group 1: Maitai Valley – Dew Lakes (H1)

No walk.

Group 2: Maitai Valley – Rush Pool (M2)

Brian B read Kath's report. Rush Pool uninspiring but a stunning view of the scallop dam spillway, but mostly forestry track through scrub and bush. 18 walkers on a hot sunny day; 3.5 hrs walking, Brian B leading, Shirley H TEC.

Group 3: Maitai Valley – Maitai Cave (M1)

Faye G read her report for 16 walkers. The 12.3km walk included a river crossing, gashed leg (attended to - all ok) and some muddy walkers after venturing into the cave. Ascent 328m lead by Bob W with Nick TEC.

0930 Gp: Gardens of the World, Hope.

- **Instructions for coming month's walks**

Wayne C briefed the meeting on the following walks.

Nov 05 \$6

Group 1: Ngarua water track (M2)

Group 2: Ngarua water track (part) (M1)

Group 3: Ngarua back cave (M1)

0930 Gp: Thorp's Bush.

Nov 12 \$24

Note: 0800 departure

Group 1: Wangapeka, King's hut (H1)

Group 2: Wangapeka, Lake site (M2)

Group 3: Wangapeka, Wright Creek bridge (M1)

0930 Gp: Bus trip, Cable Bay.

Nov 19 \$14

Group 1: Old Takaka Track to Barron Stream (H2)

Group 2: Old Takaka Track Barron Flat circuit (M3)

Group 3: Old Takaka Track to Barron Flat (M2)

0930 Gp: TBA.

Nov 26 \$5

Meeting at the RSA. Prior Morning Tea @ 09.30

After meeting walk, Dominion Flats (E2)

- **Walks and Steering Committee**

1. Next committee meeting

Tony notified that the next meeting would be at the RSA, Mon 9 Nov, 09.30.

All members are invited to the meeting.

2. Walk Descriptions

As already mentioned by Tony and Brian in the reports section, the 'experiment' of describing walks by colour rather than by group number has had less than favourable comment. The meeting verbally affirmed the number system. This will be discussed at committee and subsequently reported on.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

1. Nil

- **General Business**

1. Laptop computer

Tony reported that the group's laptop, used by the Secretary, now had its Microsoft 365 software licenced to the 50+ walking group - \$119 p.a. to 20 Oct 2021, and ESET antivirus software for 2 years - \$106.46.

2. Use of Surplus Funds

Tony indicated that a February, 2021 bus trip to Pelorous Sound was a likelihood, would cater for all walking groups, and a group fund subsidy would mean that the cost would be approx. \$5 per seat. However, there was a probability of needing 2 buses. All to be confirmed at a later meeting.

3. Wooden badges

All outstanding have been distributed. If you don't have any (hat and/or pack), advise Secretary so that they can be ordered.

4. Google email auto-distribution system

Ian gave a BIG THANK YOU to Graham I-M for finding a new way of entering names on to the system database. This means that the Secretary can do this without waiting for a reply from members; they will just be advised that this has happened. Also, the database now accepts some 'troublesome' email addresses, such that

Secretary does not now have to send separate emails to these addresses.

5. Replies to emails

Ian noted that there has been a big decrease in the number of emails where the originator just hits the REPLY button (to the Sec - unless for him)! Thank you all!

6. Away Trip 2021

Tony would still be very appreciative of having a volunteer(s) put their hand up in order to “have a go” at organising this trip, with his help as able, of course! If no one, there is the possibility of cancelling the trip till 2022. Come on, all those with organisational abilities...!

7. Bus Trip 12 Nov

Frances reported that all is in order for 26 going to Cable Bay.

- **Sales Table Report**

Judy reported that \$68 was received today! Great effort!

- **After meeting walk**

The day's walk to Riuwaka River south branch was postponed to a later date due to the inclement weather.

- **Other Business**

Christine Davidson tabled some brochures and local area walking books for members to take, these being surplus to her needs. Many thanks Christine!

- **Meeting Closed**

Tony thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting was closed at 11.20am.