

MOTUEKA 50 plus WALKING GROUP

MINUTES FOR MONTHLY MEETING 28th JANUARY, 2021

- **Welcome**

President, Tony Pearson welcomed everyone to the January 2021 meeting.

New members present: Cindy Joughin (returnee).

Visitors: Nil

- **Clipboard Information**

Three clipboards were handed out, to gather information, participant names, gain expressions of interest, for:

1. COVID-19 sign-in for those that had not already done so;
2. Mt Arthur Summit walk (Feb 18);
3. Mt Lunar (Collingwood area) away trip (Apr 14/15).

- **80th Birthdays, Anniversaries, Significant Events**

Congratulations to Sandra Ingram (80), and Neal Dorne (88).

No other admissions today!

- **Almoner's Report**

No Almoner's report today – Norah last minute absence.

Thank you to those continue to keep in touch with members who are ill or that could do with a phone call or seeing a friendly face!

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

- **Morning Tea Roster**

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

- **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Tony asked that the November 26th 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: Heather Archer

Carried.

Tony signed a copy of the November 26th minutes.

Matters arising:

Nil

- **Treasurer's Report**

Dick B spoke to the statement for November and December and requested that this report be adopted.

Seconded: Bev T
Approved.

- **80+ Luncheons**

Anne Dorne spoke of the wish by a few members to continue the luncheon meetings of this group, instituted by Ray & Lesley Cranefield. Those members present in this 'Honorary' group indicated a wish for these to be held on a Tuesday as a number were still active walkers and preferred not to miss out by having another event on a Thursday. Anne will confirm a booking with Riuwaka Hotel for Tuesday 16 March.

- **Correspondence**

Ian noted the following correspondence:

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

Inward –

Kate (& Alan) Priest (21 Dec): Due to Covid-19 inability to travel, and age, they were resigning from the 50+ Walking Group with great reluctance but with many fond memories. They “wish you all a Happy New Year and many, many years of enjoyable tramps”. The email was circulated to all members with an invitation for personal response as applicable.

Outward -

Interaction / responses to the foregoing as applicable.

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

Nov 26

After meeting walk, Dominion Flats (E2) – Drizzled out

Dec 03

Walk 1: Rameka track crossover (uphill) (H1)

Report by Bob W, read by Ian M, of a reasonably standard crossing, although it was arranged for one member to retrace their steps with Walk 2 as the going was a bit tough. 5hr trip, 15.1km, 700m ascent.

Walk 2: Rameka track crossover (downhill) (M2)

Report by Jim S, read by Ian M. A very detailed report covering the walkers, track, flora, fauna and history on a “very enjoyable crossover”. Well done, Jim! 6.5hr, 14.7km.

Walk 3: Rameka track (part way; return to Canaan) (M1)

Report by Steve G, read by Tony P. Mostly level with a few water crossings;

“probably the upper limit of difficulty one would associate with a group 3 walk.
About 13km, and 200m ascent.

0930 Gp: Faulkners Bush, Wakefield.

No report.

Dec 10

All Walking Group: Christmas BYO Picnic Lunch – **Cancelled due forecast weather.**

Dec 17

Walk 1: Pig Valley (East of Wakefield) north and south loops (M1)

No report.

Walk 2: Pig Valley south loop (E3)

Jane S read Tony P report of a great walk on a hot day, however best done in Autumn. Combination farm tracks and sheep trails. 12 walkers had lovely views from ridge tops, walk descending to valley floor and stream for return.

Walk 3: Pig Valley kiln walk (E1)

No walk.

0930 Gp: No walk.

Dec 24

No walking

Dec 31

No walking

Jan 07

Courthouse Flats cancelled due to road conditions.

Walk 1: Kill Devil pack track to lookout

Verbal comment – “Ross lead 6-7 walkers on a nice day”!

Walk 2: Kill Devil pack track to tin hut

Cancelled – no leader

Walk 3: Te Waikoropupu Springs, hydro walkway -

Rained off; replaced by “Trainee Esturian Walk”

Vivienne P reported an early coffee at Toad Hall for 8 walkers, with 6 going on to walk the (Motueka) Estuary, meeting and chatting to many, also on morning training walks.

0930 Gp: Rabbit Isle – **Cancelled due weather.**

Jan 14

Walk 1: Flora Hut/Mt Arthur Hut circuit (anti-clockwise – Thorn Tops option) (M3)

No report.

Walk 2: Mt Arthur Hut and return (M1)

Jim S read his report of an uneventful but otherwise successful day to the Hut and 15-20 minutes beyond in good weather, again with much flora, fauna and vista detail.

Walk 3: Flora Hut and Gridiron Shelter (E3)

Fran F gave a brief account of an enjoyable walk for 6, to about 1km short of Gridiron for lunch, with morning/afternoon teas at Flora Hut.

0930 Gp: Waimea Estuary

Heather A and Frances N made comment of a hot day at Sandemann Reserve, with lunch taken later at the always delightful Washbourn Gardens, Richmond.

Jan 21

Walk 1: **Waitui Gorge, Upper Takaka (H1)**, replacement for Wangapeka Kings Hut

Ian M read Bob W's report containing rain and stream wet amusing incidents for 7 walkers. 15km, 750m ascent.

Walk 2: **Waitui Gorge area (M1)**, replacement for Wangapeka Lake site

No report.

Walk 3: **Harpur's Pinnacle (M1)**, replacement for Wangapeka, Wright Creek bridge

Tony P gave his report for the 13 on this 'on-off showery day' walk. Cattle herding and a 'bloody' leg highlighted an otherwise enjoyable walk of 3.5hr, 300m (x2) ascent and 6km.

0930 Gp: Brook Waimarama

Heather A didn't disappoint with her latest account, which included the new wheelchair-friendly bridge over the dam (2019) and an eco-friendly fish gate.

• Instructions for coming month's walks

Feb 04

Tony P talked to this event:

Pelorous Bus trip - pre-booked only. Rec Centre 08.30 departure

Walk 1: Dalton's track plus Trig K circuit (one way) (M3)

Walk 2: Dalton's Track (one way) (E3)

Walk 3: Local (nature) walks around bridge, Loop track, part Dalton's (E1)

0930 Gp: Walk 3 above for those booked.

Kevin P briefed the meeting on the following walks:

Feb 11 \$14

Walk 1: Baton River (Loveridge Creek) (M3)

Walk 2: Baton River (Gorge) (M2)

Walk 3: Baton River (Bridge) (M1)

0930 Gp: TBA

Feb 18 \$12

Walk 1: Mt Arthur summit (faster) – **pre-booked only** (H3+), **08.00 departure**

Walk 2: Mt Arthur summit (slower) – **pre-booked only** (H3+), **08.00 departure**

Walk 3: Mt Arthur Hut and ridge (M2), **09.00 departure**

0930 Gp: TBA

Feb 25 \$5

Meeting at RSA. Morning tea 09.30

After meeting BBQ at Sanctuary Ponds.

- **Walks and Steering Committee**

Tony P spoke briefly about the following:

1. Walk Descriptions

He hoped that members were becoming comfortable with the new “Walk” descriptions.

2. Leaders/TECs

There is still a need for more people to ‘put their hand up’ for these weekly positions, particularly considering the number of people who have done a leadership course.

3. What walk shall I join?

Consideration is being given to reiterating the day’s walk descriptions and complexities at the Rec Centre prior to departure, giving a “last chance” for members-to-decide/Leaders-to-verify which walk members should go on. However, it is pointed out that, in the end, members are responsible for their own safety.

4. Next committee meeting

The next meeting will be at the RSA, **Mon 01 Mar, 09.30**.
All constructive input and member attendance welcomed.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

Nil

- **General Business**

1. Replies to emails

Ian noted that there are still instances of members just ‘hitting’ the REPLY button in response to emails where the intended recipient is not the Secretary. PLEASE, PLEASE, THINK WHO YOU ARE INTENDING TO SEND INFORMATION TO AND CHECK THE ADDRESS(ES). Apart from adding to the Secretary’s workload, Governments and others have been very embarrassed because of not attending to this!!

2. Away Trip 2021

Tony announced a shorter ‘overnight mini’ trip is planned to Mt Lunar (Collingwood area) for 14-15 April. Details at a later date.

- **Sales Table Report**

Marja-Mia reported that \$40 had been received today.

- **Other Business**

1. GPS Alert Notification

Tony P noted that David Lucas and ‘Lenny, of Coppins Cycles’ were the two names that Search & Rescue authorities would initially contact if a PLB signal associated to the Group were to be activated, to verify that it could be a ‘real’ alert. Lenny wished to be removed from the list. Tim Rich volunteered to replace him.

2. Polly D was researching the feasibility of setting up a last minute walk cancellation-by-(mobile phone) text, rather than by email. If any member has mastered this skill, please contact Tony.

3. Ian took a quick show-of-hands on whether members would like minutes emailed to individual members (as for walk information), or that members were responsible for perusing them on the website.

The result was the latter.

- **After meeting**

The BYO picnic at Little Kaiteriteri is still on – see you there!

- **Meeting Closed**

Tony thanked members for their attendance.

The meeting was closed at 11.17am.