

MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP

Minutes FOR QUARTERLY MEETING 25th January 2024

- **Welcome–**

Welcome everyone to our quarterly meeting in January 2024,

New members – Fern Love (*if present, but welcome anyway*) –

Visitors: Linda Jenkins and Lisa Nelson, from Tasman Bay Little Blue Penguin Trust.

Apologies- Neville Bibby, Geoff and Fizz McBride, Brian Saville, Daph Hamilton, Mary DeVine, Muriel Hope, Eve Heritage.

- **Information requiring clipboard distribution.**

None.

- **80th Birthdays & Other Significant Events**

Ask the meeting if any ‘unknown’ (80) birthdays or other significant events

Gary Brown turned 80.

Sylvia Hart turned 90: sing Happy Birthday to both!

- **Almoner’s Report:** Norah

Lesley Cranefield died peacefully in her sleep on October 27.

Many cards and phone calls in the last 4 months. Most people doing as well as can be expected.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Thanks to Trish and Peter for our morning tea.

Thanks to Bevan for arranging the seating and Maureen Harris for sorting the meeting badges.

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

September 28th meeting minutes have been emailed to you all and are on our website.

Show of hands who read them?

Ask for a person present at that meeting to -

Move that the Minutes of the September 28th 2023 meeting are a true and correct record.

Mover: Vivienne Pearson.

Seconded: Norah Morris.

Carried.

Amendment(s)??

Assuming approved: **Sign a copy of the September minutes.**
Any matters arising from these minutes?

- **Treasurer's Report**

Bill will present his report including forecast spend items.

Total balance in the bank \$2495.13 of which \$907 held in reserve for forecast expenses.

Bill to propose the adoption of the report.

Seconded: John McArthur.

Passed.

Karen

- **Membership:** Current statistics

Members 166 Honorary 55 Godwits 1

- **Correspondence**

Karen –

I rang a list of names collected from the Active Aging Expo in Oct 2023. Only 2 people answered so I left messages with the others. We have gained one new mbr from our efforts: Fern Love.

A thank you from Judy Fisher for her birthday card.

4 yearly plan of Walks approved and finalised.

Information concerning the upcoming boat trip to ATNP, then cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Notification from Vector control about 1080 drop for November in ATNP

Quarterly program changed a lot so new one issued for November, December.

Jims story about Tramping Hut restorations and the Te Araroa Trail History. These are very well received, thank you Jim.

Please check spam/junk box and let me know if you are not receiving our emails.

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

October 5 Boat trip cancelled so walk Takaka Hill

October 19 Richmond Hills instead of Takaka Hill walkway

Nov 2 mostly rained off but 6 people walked to Cloustone mine.

Nov 9 Rain again but walk 1 went out with 7 people to Kairuru.

Nov 23 Kumeras 11 people enjoyed the walk and the wildlife including the Godwits.

Nov 30 Moa Park to Mt Evans track can be easily missed due to no maintenance so recce before next time. Bike track ending very nice through bush.

Jan 4 Holyoake clearing not well attended but earlier start time avoided most of the heat. Split Apple Rock very successful with 13 mbrs attending.

Jan 11 Shaggery Forest closed due to fire risk. Champion mine walk replacement, hot but river crossings made it enjoyable.

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

February 5 Anita Lasenby W.organiser:

AL: Koha \$12 W1 and 2

Walk 1: Mt Arthur summit (H3) Only 4 mbrs, L= slowest walker TEC= all have turns!

Walk 2: **W2: M2. Departs: 0800**

This group will NOT go to the summit, but should get to the open tops beyond the hut, a walk of 10km, and a climb of 450m.

The leader will decide on the turn round point, depending on the fitness and stamina of the whole group.

I will email this info with the map tomorrow.

Walk 3: Koha \$3 Coast Tapu Bay (E3)

February 8 Tony Pearson W. Organiser:

Aniseed Valley 9.00 \$11

Walk 1 Hacket Hut via Browning Hut (M3)

Walk 2 Hacket Hut (M1)

Walk 3 Withells Walk Kaiteriteri (new) (E2) \$4

February 15: TP

Golden Bay Bus trip Puponga/ Wharariki CANCELLED due to lack of numbers

9.00 Nelson

Walk 1- Dew Lakes

Walk 2-Rush Pool

Walk 3- Maitai Cave

February 22: TP

Coast 9am \$4

Walk 1-KMBP-Arapiko plus coastal track (M3)

Walk 2 -KMBP- Arapiko Track (M2)

Walk 3 Stephens Bay-Kaiteriteri + swim HT 10am (E2)

February 29: TP

Leap Day Golden Bay 8.30 \$19

Walk 1- Milnthorpe Park-Bells Hill (M1)

Walk 2- Milnthorpe Park Alliteration aplenty (E3)

Walk 3-Milnthorpe Park Around the Mountain (E2)

This is for February of the next quarter. The rest of the quarter will be notified in the usual monthly way and will be on the website and on the quarterly programme.

Contact details for each monthly Walks Organiser are on the quarterly programme. Also secretary contact details if you require more information. These are also on the quarterly programme on the website.

- **Planning Committee meeting: AL**

Held on Monday 27th November 9.30am at the RSA.

Comments from previous quarter.

Mt Campbell via Wesley's (Lloydes) hut repeat but keep to cooler months.

Brook walks outside Sanctuary need new start point to avoid very steep slippery track.

Greenhills subject to windfalls and maybe due for logging.

Cloustone mine keep for walk 1 going round Gordons Pyramid.

Kumaras to be retained but with full list of other walks.

High Peak August 24 incident of vehicle damage discussed. A list of suggested improvements passed.

Next quarter.

Feb 1 Mt Arthur- already discussed.

Feb 15 Golden Bay bus trip cancelled so backup walks in place.

March local walks for those not on away trip.

March 28 new walk 1 Kairuru

Ross will quality check the program before release to the group, as a few errors were found recently.

Also discussed was the need to NOT rely solely on the map. Past reports and maps are very useful and a good guideline but, it is important to have regular recce's of walks due to changes on the roads, parking and tracks. Altering maps takes time so would only be done in time for the next time a walk is done.

Secretary's resignation accepted for next AGM. We also need a new vice president.

Please call or email me if you think you can help out.

Volunteers for recce's needed for

Highfield/Punawai circuit

Waimea stop bank/Brightwater Ramble TONY

Barnicot range Karen. Possible walk 2 down into Richmond then bus back to Marsden Road, Fran.

Done but probably no bus so maybe crossover.

The rule of new members and visitors not doing walk 1 is still in place but, at the discretion of the walk leader can be waived, with a reliable referee.

Next meeting Monday 26th February at the RSA 09.30am.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

It is important that people assess their own capability of doing a planned walk by looking at the walk's description on the website and on the walks map and email distributed the week before the walk.

When volunteering your car for a walk, check parking positions, availability, and road conditions.

In other words, read the fine print! Check if a recce has been done in case of any recent changes or damage to roads.

General Business

Karen

A reminder to everyone that if you would like access to the group maps, email secretary at secretary50pluswalkers@gmail.com who can forward your email to our password provider.

If members have any changes to their address or phone numbers, can they please let us know.

The AGM is scheduled for 11th April 2024, due to Easter and Anzac falling on Thursdays and Committee members being on holiday.

Situations Vacant: new secretary, vice president. These volunteers have committed two years or more, so it is time for someone else to step up. We have buddies & good support available.

Phone or email Anita please.

Pack or hat embroidered badges still available at \$20 each. If you do not buy them at the meeting, Karen will have them at the REC Centre on Thursdays.

2024 Away Trip: Tony P: March 11 to 14 in Golden Bay. Walks includes Mt Luna & others. Meeting 12th February 9.30am RSA.

Vote of Thanks: to Tony Pearson for his recent time and effort completing the 4 year Walks Plan, organising and negotiating the ATNP boat trip (cancelled due to higher costs) and the G.Bay mini-van trip(cancelled due to low numbers). I'm sure a lot of blood, sweat and tears of frustration were shed! Applause.

Replacement name badges: Kindly handmade by our member Clive Dyson. Email Karen or Polly if you would like one. \$2 to sales table.

Sales Table Report

Ask for the Sales Table totals: Vivienne. \$40.40.

Safety Skills: personal experience by Norah and myself when doing a recce at Kimi Ora last Wed. Remembering the safety rules and having the correct gear has saved some members some embarrassment while doing a recce. Using a map designed for another group caused orientation problems but having a cell phone, whistle and one person staying put saved the day and everyone got home safely.

Guest Speaker: Linda Jenkins and Lisa Nelson from the Tasman Bay Blue Penguin trust.

Intro: Anita

Vote of thanks: Bill

Next meeting will be the AGM on 11th April 2024. Same time and place.

Pot Luck Lunch: at Alex Ryder Reserve, Little Kai: anyone NOT know where to meet us?

Anyone need a lift?

Meeting Closed

Anita closed the meeting at ...11.40am.....