

MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP

Minutes for Monthly Meeting January 30th 2025

- **Welcome–**

Happy New Year everyone!

Welcome to our monthly meeting for January 2025.

New members –Maria Bennich (*if present, but welcome anyway*)

Visitors:

Apologies: Norah Morris, Vivienne Pearson, Elaine Taggart, Daph Hamilton, Gwen Brookes, Petreah Carroll.

- **Information requiring clipboard distribution x2**

Tony:

Feb 20: Bus trip to Motupipi Bike Park for W3 only. 11 seats. Bus = \$12 each. Tony to send email to all, for those who didn't attend this meeting.

March 20: Bus trip to Rotoiti, for Walk 3 only. Bus = \$13 each

If seats not filled by W3, then available for W2 members.

Names on clipboard or email Tony: tonypearson@xtra.co.nz ASAP.

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

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

Bruce Dryden turned 80 this month. Many happy returns.

Almoner's Report: **Anita**

Alison Hunt broke her hip before Christmas and is finding a slow road to recovery.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Thanks to Ruth and Lindsay for our morning tea.

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

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

November meeting minutes have been emailed to you all and are on our website.

- **Matters arising-** Graham Ingram-Monk has requested more information, regarding what is involved in organising our website.

Ask for a person present at that meeting to -

Move that the Minutes of the November 28th 2024 meeting are a true and correct record.

Mover: Lindsay Cattermole

Seconded: Tony Pearson

Carried.

Amendment(s): Yes. Anita had an email from Graham Ingram-Monk requesting more information about the Nov minutes, where I asked for a volunteer to help organise the website. I have thanked him for his offer and will correspond with the Hope family regarding the next steps.

Assuming approved: **Sign a copy of the November minutes.**

Any matters arising from these minutes?

- **Treasurer's Report**

Bill will present his report including forecast spend items.

Total balance in the bank \$2792 of which \$1351 held in reserve for forecast expenses.

Bill to propose the adoption of the report.

Seconded: Neville Bibby

Passed.

Karen

- **Membership:** Current statistics

Members 157 Honorary 62 Godwits 1

- **Correspondence—**

Usual walks information thanks to our dedicated organisers and mapping volunteers.

Jims latest spiel about Rabbit Island this time.

Christmas wishes from our president.

Some new member enquiries.

Pre registration notice for members intending to take the annual Mt Arthur challenge.

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

- **Reports from previous month's walks/event.**

After the November meeting we had a Christmas potluck lunch and a short walk around Motueka inlet.

Many thanks to Lillian for sharing her lovely property and swimming pool, to Tony and Lindsay for setting up the gazebos and trestles early on Thursday, and then packing everything up at the end of the day, before returning the trestles to the RSA. Also, thanks to our Social Committee for organising some food, nibbles, and drinks, as well as Mark and Karen who helped carry goods up/down the long driveway. A very successful and enjoyable lunch with 40 members attending.

Tony also gave special thanks to Lillian and asked if we can use her place again next Christmas and include the Estuarrians. Lillian replied that is ok, as long as she is alive!

December 5- Rameka crossover went very well. It was a hot climb up from Rameka for walk 1 then walk 2 found it just as hot when they got lower down the track. 4 people went up and 9 came down Thanks to Dean and Petreah's organizing, the cars worked out well.

December 12- Highpeak. No problems with cars this time. One walker had to pull out early in the walk. Luckily Bob came to the rescue with his trusty white charger and was even able to rejoin the walk after delivering his passenger home. The fog reduced the view but it was an enjoyable walk anyway.

December 19- Trig K circuit with 3 walk 1's and 8 walk2's. Everyone enjoyed the view from the trig with a good bush walk for the last walk of the year. Walk 3 went to Kaiteriteri and Withells Wanderings and a nice day in the sun.

January 2- Courthouse Flat- Walk 2 had 10 people with only 3 walk 1's. Not so hot as last time so an enjoyable day out.

January 9- Rabbit Island. 5 walk 1 people mapped the 21k circuit of Rabbit Island. A good walk but maybe more suited for winter. 11 walk 2 and 7 walk 3 also enjoyed a good day at the beach. Tony noted that the group has never walked completely around Rough Island that he knows of.

January 16- Wainui Hut. A cool and sometimes misty day but not too cold. Only 2 walk 1, but 14 walk 2 and 5 walk 3. Walk 1 found the top track quite wet and slippery after recent rain but enjoyed the extra company of walk 2 after the hut. A bee ruined a nice day for one member. It was a slow walk for a while until we found a farmer who transported our patient to the carpark.

January 23- Golden Bay for walk 1 with 4 people and 12 people in walk 2. and 2. Very hot walking but perfect for those who went swimming. 87 steps down to the rocks at Separation Point make the climb up and down much safer. \$ walk 3 enjoyed Tapu Bay in the sun.

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

February 6: Flora area. Koha: \$12

Walk 1 Mt Arthur summit H3 7.30 am

Walk 2 Mt Arthur Tarn M3 7.30 am NB: earlier start time due to expected parking challenges at Flora Carpark.

Remember to pre-register with Dean or Bob for W1 and W2 members. See my email Jan 17.

Turning up on the day is NOT an option.

Walk 3 Horse Shoe Creek (half way to Gridiron) M1 9am

February 13 Cobb and local (also alt date for Mt Arthur)

Walk 1- Lake Sylvester-Iron Lake H1 \$19 8am

Walk 2- Riwaka Forest M1 \$4 9am

Walk 3 Three Walk Medley E3 \$6 9am

February 20 Golden Bay \$15 for cars, \$12 for bus Tony: Hi viz vest recommended.

Walk 1 Motupipi Bike Park M2 8am

Walk 2 Motupipi Bike Park M1 8am

Walk 3 Motupipi Bike Park E3 8am NB: earlier start due to long drive.

Bus available for W3. Complete clipboard or email Tony.

February 27 Meeting at RSA 9.30 for morning tea then 10am meeting.

After meeting walk: Riwaka South Branch.

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.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

Please check policy and guidelines for recommended dress code and what to carry for our walks.

Kathy Chandler spoke about her sting experience. She never had a problem in the past with stings but since a bulk wasp sting episode she is more sensitive to stings. On this occasion, even with anti-histamine gel and tablets, her knee swelled significantly. Anita was able to tell her, she can get an EpiPen or two free on prescription from your Dr and renew it yearly, due to her reaction to stings. A

very important piece of advice. Our adrenalin injections with the PLB would do the same but the pen system is better. Taking a photo of the swelling is good so you can see if it is enlarging. Always scrape a bee sting sack off the site, as it will continue to pump poison for some time and squeezing it forces the rest of the toxin into the site.

As we are now in summer, we suggest you carry extra water and perhaps another spare bottle in your vehicle.

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.

General Business

Unfortunately, there will be no away trip to St Arnaud. There is not enough accommodation or restaurants for meals out. Tents and bbq might not be so comfortable for some of our members!

Nominations for 50+ Walkers Vacancies:

Who has read my email Jan 19 asking for nominations to our committee for the coming year?

Most members raised their hands.

As a reminder, key points of this email were read. Note the number of volunteers who are no longer active walkers. Helena has offered to help with the social committee but we still need a President, Vice-President, and Secretary.

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 Karen know.

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

Sales Table Report

Sales Table totals: Lee: \$32

Next meeting February 27th 2025 RSA 0930.

After meeting walk Tony is leading the Mapua coastal walk. Lunch and swim at Grossi Point. Any members need a lift?

Meeting Closed

Anita closed the meeting at 10.50 am.