

MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP

Minutes for Monthly Meeting March 27th 2025

- **Welcome–**

Welcome everyone to our monthly meeting for March 2025.

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

Visitors:

Apologies: Fran Forsey, Dean and Patreah Carroll, Wayne Chisnall, Elaine Taggart, Maria Bennich.

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

- Bevan Cook was congratulated on his 80th birthday as well as his achievements at the Masters Games!
- Pat Mackean was congratulated on her recent 80th birthday!
- One minute's silence was observed in memory of Ann Adams who passed away just before her 101st birthday! We were reliably informed that Ann had attributed her longevity to her walking with the Motueka 50 Plus Walking Group! RIP Ann.

- **Almoner's Report:**

- Norah has sent cards to Gwen Brooks and Murial Hope who have both been unwell
- Norah also delivered chocolates to Tony (as requested!) to assist the healing of his leg!
- Please could people let Norah know if they hear of anyone who is unwell/injured, and to whom we should send a card.

Morning Tea Roster

Thanks to Trish and Peter for our morning tea.

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

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

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

- **Ask that someone Move that the Minutes of the February 2025 meeting are a true and correct record.**

Mover: Vivianne Pearson

Seconded: Vicky Stocker

Carried.

- Any matters arising from these minutes?

Amendment(s):

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Approved: **Sign a copy of minutes.**

- **Treasurer's Report**

- *This had been read and passed at the AGM.*

- **Membership:** Current statistics

Members 150 Honorary 58 Godwits 1

- **Correspondence—**

Usual walks information and April walks program. Thanks to our dedicated organisers and mapping volunteers.

Resignation from Bob White as our property owner contact person.

A nice thank you letter from Bruce Dryden on receipt of his 80th birthday card.

Subs reminder to pay before April 30th.

It would be greatly appreciated if all subs are paid either directly to Bill, or via internet banking to the club bank account as noted on the email reminder. If this is difficult you can pop into a local bank where they will be able to make the transfer for you.

- **Reports from previous month's walks:**

- Reports were read.

After meeting Walk February 27th

6 members walked the Riwaka South Branch. The walk was going nicely and quite un-eventful, until they stopped for a chat. There was an unusual knocking sound, no door to knock on though! Then crash, down came part of an old poplar. Good thing they did not sit under that tree for lunch.

March 6th Wangapeka and Waimea Loop

5 Walk One members walked to Cecil Kings hut. We had a very good walk and the huts are in good shape. It did get a bit hot on the way back, but we all made it back safely. We met 18 members of the Nelson Walking Group doing the same walk. We saw plenty of wildlife including Whio and all the usual small birds. Some people may think Trout do not belong in our rivers, but to see these healthy fish in the Wangapeka might suggest the health of the river is good.

7 members went on Walk 2 to the Lake site and Walk 3 did the Waimea Loop from the cloud factory.

March 13 walks: ATNP

W1 had an early start to walk to Anchorage and Fran had a large group for W2 to Observation Beach. We heard there were some very tired walkers at the end of the day! 6 x W3 did an easy stroll to Apple Tree Bay

for lunch, before returning on the same route. The track was very busy with tourists and visitors speaking a range of foreign languages! We had to train them to 'Keep Left!'

March 20 Mt Robert and bus to Rotoiti

3 x Walk 1 members and approx 8 x Walk 2 members left the REC at 8am. Good support for the community bus and overflow into Tony's car meant a good Walk 3 turnout leaving at 9am. A good day was had by all with plenty of sunshine but not too hot. An ice-cream stop on the way home was appreciated by all W3 members. Ben, the bus driver, joined the walk and was most helpful for those members who wanted to only walk one way.

April walks

- It was decided that Instructions for the April walks need not be read as everyone should have this Information already.
- **The Quarterly Programme** has all the contact details for: -
- Each month's Walks Organiser
- The Co-ordinator's names for that quarter. To contact them use the usual Secretary email as they have the Group laptop: secretary50pluswalkers@gmail.com
- **Health and Safety Matters**

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

Be aware of falling pinecones or trees while walking and pausing for stops or lunch spots.

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.

Cathie emphasised the safety message around the possibility of falling trees, known as 'widow makers' in Canada!

General Business

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

Graham Ingram-Monk has given the group laptop a health check so all is clear for new committee to take over.

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

Sales Table Report

Vivienne reported \$8 takings today. Books and tramping equipment still available.

- **Next Meeting**
- Suggestions for accommodating the **April** meeting, in view of RSA preparations for Anzac Day were discussed, but a show of hands confirmed that an April meeting was not needed and so it is cancelled.

- The walk that was to follow the April meeting will now begin from the Recreation Centre carpark instead of the RSA, at 9.00 a.m.

Next meeting to be held July 31st 2025

Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 11.05 a.m.