

MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP

Minutes for Monthly Meeting February 27th 2025

- **Welcome–**

Welcome everyone to our monthly meeting for February 2025.

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

Visitors:

Apologies: Tony Pearson, Annie Harris, Ann Giggs, Gwen Brookes, Neville Bibby, Ruth and Lindsay Cattermole, Polly Dyson, Bill and Eve Heritage.

- **Information requiring clipboard distribution.**

Nil

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

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

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Almoner’s Report:

A card to Tony Pearson after an operation on his leg. Vivienne is having trouble keeping him on his seat!

- **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**

January 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 January 30th 2025 meeting are a true and correct record.

Mover: Murial Moran

Seconded: Vicky Stocker

Carried.

Amendment(s):

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

Any matters arising from these minutes?

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Anita will present his report including forecast spend items.

Total balance in the bank \$2851 of which \$1463 is held in reserve for forecast expenses.

Anita to propose the adoption of the report.

Seconded: Vivienne Pearson

Passed.

- **Membership:** Current statistics
Members 157 Honorary 62 Godwits 1

- **Correspondence–**

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

New member enquiries.

Emails concerning the future of the group.

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

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

After meeting Walk Jan 30th

6 hardy members walked in light drizzle along the Mapua coast. We were splashed by the high tide as we walked along 'Talley's Wall.' We had lunch at the Golden Bear, Mapua, where the staff kindly put out a table and chairs for us under an outdoor veranda. Just to be clear, no alcohol was consumed!!

Mt Arthur challenge Feb 6

3 fit, keen members summited Mt Arthur in misty weather. They were so keen they left the Rec Centre before the Walk Organiser chat and before 7.30! The mist cleared to a fine, clear day with little wind.

Walk 2, capably led by Bob, walked to the Tarn. We admired the tiny birds (Rifleman and Tomtit), along -side the track and had a group photo shoot under a large, spectacular, cream flowering, native Olearia, which looked like a Rhododendron from a distance.

Walk 3 walked as far as Horseshoe Creek and the swing bridge across Flora Stream. They too were treated to sights of Whio, robins, fantails, Weka, Kaka, bell birds, grey warbler, and a very long native worm on the track.

Everyone arrived back safe but weary.

Feb 13 walks: 3 walks in 3 different areas.

6 x W1 members set off early for Lake Sylvester – Iron Lake circuit. The walk went well. Not particularly hot in part because of partial cloud cover after noon. Also, altitude helped. The 0800-start time was perfect. The return to the Rec Centre was 5pm.

W2 did a new walk in Riwaka Forest. 19 members followed the farm & forestry roads to a high point, just below the Takaka Hill Rd. It was a very hot day, so we were grateful of shade for smoko and lunch. We watched the traffic on the Takaka Hill Rd: tiny motorhomes, cars, motorbikes and a Solley's Truck & trailer unit loaded with logs. We passed clusters of bee hives and a man-made storage lake for firefighting. This even had ladders at each end, in case anyone fell in! Good views throughout the day.

Three W3 members did the Three Walk Medley. Thanks to Lee Manning for this report.

Riwaka Resurgence is a doddle so no problem there. The Rimu Walk is steep in places and, as Kevin Piper would say, "untidy underfoot." Sticks needed. Bill was heard to say, "are you sure this walk is E3?". On another occasion doing this walk I remember it was

quite slippery after recent rain. Care needed with parking. You need to drive further up the road and turn around when safe so you can park off road at the walk entrance.

Brooklyn Lookout is also steep and a bit rough near the top. You'll be pleased to hear that the trees at the lookout have been pruned so excellent views are to be had of Brooklyn, Riwaka, with Motueka in the distance.

All walks completed by lunchtime and we ate at a nearby park (not sure of the name) under a large shady tree with picnic tables. An enjoyable morning with the added bonus of being able to leave our packs in the car and just take sticks and water on each walk.

Their lunch spot was Lindin Park where they were treated to a welcome display of Monarch butterflies.

Feb 20 Motupipi Bike Park

Walk 1 cancelled.

Walk 2- 6 members did the Motupipi walks then went to Pohara and checked out the Millenium track reced previously by Bruce Dryden. A hot day but they enjoyed the walks including to new one which is a bit of a climb but not too long.

Walk 3 had a full bus load plus Tony's car. The Motueka community bus means more people were able to enjoy the outing without a long drive and at a reduced price.

Tim Rich told us about how he and 2 ladies asked the bus driver if he could pick them up when they had had enough walking. This small sub-group was then taken to the wholemeal café. The ladies decided to go for a walk while Tim waited at the café. After a while the bus driver called to say the group was finished walking and they were heading to town to pick them up, but the ladies were not around. Tim had a panic search then got back to the café as the bus arrived. The ladies had found the library where it was very relaxing then returned to the café. Maybe not good for Tim's blood pressure but everyone had a good day and they all returned safely.

- **Instructions for March walks:**

- **March 6 Wangapeka Walks** – 0800hrs departure from the Rec Centre - Park at the Rolling River Car Park \$22 KOHA
 - Walk 1 will go to the Cecil King Hut 24Km round trip and 620m ascent H1
 - Walk 2 will go to the Lake site 13KM round trip 350m ascent M2
- **Richmond Walk**
 - Walk 3 will depart the Rec Centre at 0900hrs and do the Waimea Inlet Loop starting from the car park by the Cloud Factory on Sandeman Road about 9Km 10m ascent E2 KOHA \$7
- **March 13 Walks in the ATNP KOHA \$5**
 - Walk 1 will start at 0800hrs and walk to Anchorage a 25KM round trip with 370m ascent M3
 - Walk 2 will start at 0900hrs and walk to Observation Beach an 18Km round trip and 300m ascent M2 – we have not been to Observation Beach for some time for some time.

- Walk 3 will start at 0900hr and walk to Apple Tree Bay 11Km round trip and 150m ascent E3
- High Tide is at 1100hrs so a swim option is available
- **March 17 Nelson Lakes Walks** KOHA \$26 W1 and 2 **8am**
- W3: **9am** Bus \$13 Pay online in advance or exact cash in a named envelope to Tony on the day please. If taking a car, Koha = \$25.
- Walks 1 and 2 will depart the Rec Centre at 0800hrs and park at the top car park at the end of the Mt Robert Road and head up the Pinchgut track.
- Walk 1 will aim for the old ski field before returning on Paddy's track past the Bushline Hut back to the cars. M3
- Walk 2 will turn east off Pinchgut onto Paddys Track and go to the Hut and then continue on down Paddys track back to the cars. M3
- Walk 3 (Bus and Cars) will park at Kerr Bay and do the Peninsula Nature Walk to West Bay and on to the Buller River outlet before returning the same way to the car park. We will arrange for the bus to be at West Bay on the return for those who have had enough walking. E2

March 27 Meeting and AGM at RSA 9.30 for morning tea, then 10am meeting.

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 and on the website.

Planning Committee Meeting cancelled.

- **Health and Safety Matters**

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

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

28 members at this meeting.

There will be no BBQ after the AGM next month.

Important Update for members: show of hands who has read my email Sun 23 Feb?

There is a small light at the end of the tunnel. Several members have put their hands up to volunteer and we will have a meeting early March to discuss 'The Way Forward.' I am very grateful and heartened by these responses. Thankyou.

Thanks to everyone who helped co-ordinate the radios this month, while Karen and Mark were away.

I am proud of you all organising yourselves, without involving me, to find a replacement person, if you were no longer able to be the 'Keeper' of the radios. This shows what can be done with a little communication and co-operation.

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: Vivienne: \$6 before meeting closure but additional funds \$41.50 received afterwards. Total \$47.50.

Next meeting and AGM March 27th 2025 RSA 0930.

Today's after meeting walk: Vivienne and Norah will lead the walk up the Ruiwaka South Branch. E2. Koha \$4. Drive carefully as there MAY be fast logging trucks on the Riwaka Valley Rd. Anyone need a lift?

Meeting Closed

Anita closed the meeting at 10.30am