

MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP

Minutes for Quarterly Meeting July 31st 2025

- **Welcome**– Welcome everyone to our quarterly meeting for July 31st 2025

New members: Helen Bowyer

Visitors: Kaye and Adrian Griffiths (soon to be members hopefully!)

Apologies: Marilyn Barton, Ann Stubbing, Polly Dyson

- **Information requiring clipboard distribution.** Nil
- **80th Birthdays & Other Significant Events.** Nil

Almoner's Report:

Norah had a list of members to whom she has either sent cards or made phone calls or visits over the last 4 months.

Margaret Besier who sadly lost her husband and not long after suffered a broken wrist. Murial Hope who had a hip replacement. Polly Dyson - sciatica. Majamia - broken hip. Ann Giggs - hip replacement. Freda Gerslov - back injury. Kathleen Famularo - broken leg. Anita - bike injury.

- **Morning Tea Roster**

Thanks to Ruth and Linsay for our morning tea.

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

- **Minutes of Last Meeting**

Move that the Minutes of the March 27th 2025 meeting are a true and correct record.

Mover: Tony Pearson

Seconded: Majamia Brusse

Carried.

Amendment(s): None

- **Copy of the March minutes.** Signed by Cathie Johnson

Matters arising from these minutes? None

- **Treasurer's Report was read:-**

Donations to RSA and the Helicopter Trust needed to be ratified by the Membership -

Ratified by those present

Bill proposed the adoption of the report.

Seconded: Cathie

The Treasurer's report was read and passed

- **Membership:** Current statistics

Members 146 Honorary 59 Godwits 1

- **Correspondence**– Nil

- **Health and Safety Matters.**

Cathie reported on the following:-

- We have had a couple of injuries on walks in recent weeks. It is a reminder to all walkers to ensure you have your yellow medical card in your pack and that it is reasonably accessible. It is a good idea to laminate it – *a show of hands agreed we could organise this for the next meeting*
- First Aid course –we had 25 members attend the course and were ‘entertained’ by Danny and Debbie over the hour and a half. It covered Basic Life Support: DRSABC (read out), Strokes:FAST (read out), bleeding and fractures. Good reminders and it was interesting to hear members sharing medical facts about themselves that were relatively unknown. Another reinforcement for all walkers to ensure their medical form is up-to-date and that any medications they require are easily accessible.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- **Report from previous quarter’s walks** – rained out for four of the 12 walks in the past three months. Very grateful to have the low-lying walks such as Rabbit Island, Dicker Rd Circuit, Ruby Bay Hinterland etc as backups for walks that have had to be postponed due to the weather. Many thanks to Sarah Smeaton who took over the Land Partnership from Bob – a seamless transition and it also became a conduit for helping a landowner post flood.
- **Planning Committee Meeting** – Tony thanked Fran for holding the fort while he was away. He floated the idea of a second ‘bus trip’ to St Arnaud. He then updated the meeting on the changes that have been made to the August Walks programme with a warning that September walks would probably need to be adjusted as well. Bob and Mark are checking the Canaan Road, Karen will check the Scout Track and Tony has asked that ‘Walk 1 walkers’ would check the Abel Tasman Walkway.
- Two tracks on the Grampians are closed but walks will still be possible on other tracks up there. The road up to the Flora carpark is severely damaged so no walks up there. Kaiteriteri Bike Park has been badly effected but Easy Rider may be Ok to be included in a walk - Tony and Vivienne will recce.
- The next ‘Walks Committee’ meeting is on September 29th at 9.30 at the RSA. Tony will be stepping down as chairman at this meeting but is happy to continue as a committee member.

Elaine Taggart Had heard from the Waimea 50 Plus group who had offered to share a mid year Christmas lunch at the Waimea Club next year. There was some interest from those present.

Plants stall - A suggestion has been made to hold a plant stall at the next meeting. Cathie felt it it would be a good fundraiser for the Club – the majority of those present were in favour

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. **Thanks to Polly and Clive**

Sales Table Report

Sales Table totals: Lee / Vivienne: \$27 today

Co-ordinators – brief report from Cathie

The first pair of Co-ordinators got down to assuming roles that were suitable to each set of skills and worked carefully and respectfully alongside each other. We have welcomed 5 new members over this time and have 3 possibles who plan to join us on the next walks

Digital role – computers, emails, digital files, membership lists etc

Physical role – meet and greet, application/medical forms/badges etc

We encountered few issues over the four months and when they occurred kept good contact with each other sharing and listening to the ideas of both to come up with a logical solution that we felt would be acceptable to all members.

Jane particularly acknowledged those who were able to turn up for the working bee at Eleanor Greenhough's property. Also the hard work of the club's 'Walks Committee', 'Walks Organisers', and 'Map Makers'.

Feedback about the new system of rotating the secretaries job was positive.

The next co-ordinators: **Petrea & Dean Carroll, and Sharon McCarthy** were introduced

Next meeting Oct 30th 2025 RSA 0930.

Meeting Closed

Meeting closed at 10.35 a.m.