

## **MOTUEKA 50+ WALKING GROUP**

### **Minutes for Quarterly Meeting January 29, 2026**

Welcome everyone to our quarterly meeting, 2026.

**New members:** Jools Burberry-Turner, Shane Docherty

**Visitors:** Ross Loveridge

**Apologies:** Marilyn Barton, Marie Firth, Helen Bowyer, Neville Bibby, Maria Bennich, Polly & Clive Dyson, Anne Harris, Jane Cumming

#### **80<sup>th</sup> Birthdays & Other Significant Events.**

**Almoner's Report:** Norah

Two long time members have passed away. They are Walter Hofmann and Mary Shee. We observed a minute's silence to remember them. One card was sent out to a sick member, Jane Cumming.

#### **Morning Tea Roster**

Thanks to Trish and Peter for our morning tea.

Thanks to Bevan for organizing the team to arrange 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.

#### **Move that the Minutes of the October 2025 meeting are a true and correct record.**

Mover: Sharon McCarthy

Seconded: Daphne Hamilton

Carried.

- Any matters arising from these minutes?  
Amendment(s):
- Approved: **Sign a copy of minutes.** Helena signed.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Bill Heritage proposed that the report be accepted for the past 10 months.

Seconded: Muriel Moran

**Membership:** Current statistics

Members 152 Honorary 49? Godwits 1

**Correspondence**—none to date. Just communicating with new members.

**Comments on previous quarter's walks:** Karen Report attached to Minutes.

**The Quarterly Walks Programme:** Karen

Information sent out after Walks Committee meetings. Report attached to Minutes.

### **Health and Safety Matters: Karen**

Reminder of how the PLB works. Demonstrated. Remember to set off out in the open if possible. Adrenaline administration demonstrated for Anaphylaxis. Details in pack carried with each group. Adrenaline and PLB are carried together. Helena said that medical forms are available to update if necessary.

### **General Business:**

#### **Esturians Comment:**

**Laptop proposal (Petreah):** A limit of \$1000 set for a replacement laptop. Graham to talk to Affordable Computers and will purchase some time this year.

**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 that over \$80 was taken before the meeting.

#### **Other matters**

**Ross Loveridge update about the swimming pool:** Ross spoke about the Motueka Aquatic Centre. We, as a community, need to raise over \$4,000,000. A number of pools for various activities are planned to cater for a wide range of people in the community. There have been a number of significant donations. Anticipate a million or so from Lotteries etc. Support and donations from the group are welcome. Can donate online on the site or into the bank account. A tax receipt can be sent out. Flyers were distributed.

Kathy Chandler spoke about her daughter's Hut to Hut walking in the French Alps. Leaflets for those interested.

**Tony Pearson:** Bus trip to Wharariki, April 9<sup>th</sup>, if there is interest. Idea for doing the cliff top walk for Walks 1 and 2 who will drive and some people on the bus will transfer cars to the café. An email will go out.

#### **Introduction of the co-ordinators for the next 3 months: Fran Forsey and Una McNair**

Asked for people to consider doing the coordinator's job for the next club year. Will send out information about a meeting.

#### **Next meeting, AGM, to be held April 30 2026**

#### **Meeting Closed: 10.46am**

**Karen's Walks Committee report below.**

## **Walks reports Nov Dec Jan 2025-2026**

**Instead of the walks organizers giving a detailed report for next month, I will just give a general summary of the last quarter and an idea of what is to come for the next quarter. All the relevant walks information, maps and updates will be by email.**

**We had a few changes last quarter due to weather and potential difficulties with river water levels or paddock conditions.**

**Jim Smith has checked tracks for having all 3 groups walking in the Brook Sanctuary next time.**

**Highfield scheduled for 13 th November was cancelled due to rain but successfully walked on the 18 th of December. We hope the new managers will allow us to continue walking on this property.**

**Wangapeka walk didn't go ahead on the 27 th of November but at short notice we were able to slot in Ruby Bay hinterland that day since the weather was not due on the coast until later on. We got wet but most of the walk was acceptable. Wangapeka was not well supported on the 11 th December. It is a long drive but also maybe too close to Christmas.**

**Rameka crossover only 4 walk 1's who took 2 cars to Rameka. Mark was happy to taxi some walk 2 people to Canaan so everyone made it and had a very enjoyable walk. Walk 3 walked over 11km's along the top of the track. A very good effort. Lots of delays on the road meant the early start was a good call.**

**Tony's bus trip to Miln thorpe was well supported. Tony has found that school holidays are a good time to plan outings using the community bus. Where to next Tony?**

**Our new walk On the Maitland track and Red hills had to be postponed twice. I have proposed to put this in the next quarter's program on the 26 th of February in place of Holyoake Clearing and Observation Beach. We may need long daytime hours for this walk and if we don't do it before daylight saving finishes we would have to wait until next daylight saving starts. Most other cancelled walks will otherwise be carried over to the next quarter if suitable.**

**From our planning meeting on the 12 th of January.**

**You should all have received the next quarterly program.**

**I think Jim has arranged to do a walk 3 recce for the Pearse River. We will need a recce for walk 2**

**and a leader to come along. Everyone will get wet feet.**

**April will be an expensive koha month but I feel we need to keep some of these walks on our program to encourage new member's esp. new walk 1 people.**

**Some of our local walks that do not need land owners permission, I will keep for sudden program changes, wet weather somewhere but it might be ok at home. This may mean some local walks are done without maps. These maps are on our website if you want them. Passwords are available by sending a request to the secretary/co-ordinator who sends the request to our password provider.**

**We might still need another short walk for 3 walks medley on February 19 if the carpark is still too rough.**