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PROGRAMME DECEMBER 2011 – APRIL 2012

SATURDAY 17 DECEMBER – VINING WALKWAY IN HUNUA RANGES: (Medium).

Tramp across farmland and open bush reaching the summit at Mangatangi Trig, with the chance of good views. Please register with Andrew Lethbridge Ph 908-0229.

ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND - 28-30 JANUARY – TAUPO TANGO (Easy/medium)

Day tramps based at Taupo including Boundary Stream, Bell Rock, Mt Pihanga. Leaders John McCarthy, David & Marian Kilgour. Deposit of \$40 required. Book with John Ph 630-4073 or diddums@xtra.co.nz.

WAITANGI WEEKEND - 3-6 FEBRUARY - RUSTIC ROGER'S HUT - WHIRINAKI FOREST

PARK: (Medium/hard) Leaders Phil & Ali Norton and Bev Lester. Route starts on Central Whirinaki Track near the end of River Road. Follow the track over Te Whaiti-Nui-A-Toi Canyon and on to Moerangi Hut (5hrs). Next day follow track down river to Roger's Hut (3hrs). Last day take the track to the left which will take us out to Okahu Rd end (3.5hrs). Meet at 10 Bracken Ave 6.15 pm. Book with Phil Ph 832-4336.

SATURDAY 11 FEBRUARY - MANGAWHAI MELODRAMA: (Easy/medium) Leaders John

McCarthy and Andrew Lethbridge. We will follow a new section of the Te Araroa Trail from the eastern end of the Brynderwyn Walkway to Mangawhai, taking in the Mangawhai Cliffs Track and the Goldschmidt Walkway. Register with John Ph 630-4073 or diddums@xtra.co.nz.

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY – ABTC TRAMPING CHALLENGE– WAITAKERES:

(Medium/hard depending on challenge chosen) Four routes offered this year: Platinum (36km), Gold (30km), Silver (23km) and Bronze (14km), all starting and finishing at Whatipu. Please enter in teams of 2-5 which may include non-members but registration must be through an ABTC member. Some may wish to camp Friday night at Whatipu, especially for platinum and gold, to get an early start. **Offers for Course Marshalls are required and are essential for the event to run.** Please register early with Val & Peter Osborne 535-2140 no later than Saturday 11th February. Registration \$5.00 per each team member.

SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY - SUMMER @ SHAKESPEAR: (Easy) Leaders Eileen Jacobsen

and Linda Piggott. A circuit walk in Shakespear Regional Park followed by swimming and barbecue in the Park to make the most of the summer sun. **Departure time 1.00pm.** Register with Eileen Ph 444-8382 or Linda email linda.p@clear.net.nz or Ph 473-9197.

WEEKEND 24-26 FEBRUARY - BELL'S BACK BREAKER - MT PIRONGIA

(Hard/rugged) Leaders Peter J Keegan and Mark Gibson. Friday afternoon travel to Pirongia, 2 hr tramp from Limeworks Loop Road using Nikau walk to camp site (stay night in tents). Saturday Bell Track to Pahautea Hut via The Cone, 6-8 hrs (stay in tents as hut small). Sunday Pahautea Hut to Pirongia West Road via Hihikiwi Track 3.5hrs. Sunday afternoon return to Auckland. **(Note this is a demanding trip for experienced, very fit trampers, headlamp essential).** Register with Peter email pjkeeganwh@xtra.co.nz Ph 629-2524

FRIDAY 2 MARCH - EXECUTIVE MEETING: 7.30pm at 1/68 Alicia Rd Howick. (Michelle & CS's place).

SATURDAY 3 MARCH – CHRISTMAS TRAMP REUNION: (Social) Photos and memories from Summer Tramps in the Lewis Pass and environs in the South Island and Wairarapa/Wellington in the North Island. BBQ at Eden Community Church, 72 View Rd, Mt Eden. Arrive at 4.30pm - dinner at 5.00pm. Please bring meat, a salad & dessert to share.

SUNDAY 4 MARCH - ORAKEI ORIGINAL: (Easy) Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth. Orakei Basin and Purewa Cemetery, returning for afternoon tea at Ungemuth's. Meet at 36 Gerard Way, Meadowbank. Registrar with Paul & Ruth at Ph 528-4401 or email ungemuth@clear.net.nz.

SATURDAY 17 MARCH - HILLARY STAGE 1 DAY WALK - WAITAKERES: (Easy/medium) – Leader Mark Gibson. Starting at Exhibition Drive by the filter station, we will walk to Mackies rest join then Pipeline Road through to Hamilton Track. On this track is an example of great and grand kauris worth looking at. From here, pick up Smith Road and Huia Dam Road to the finish. A cuppa at Huia store where we will be picked up by cars. 16.7km 4.5-5.3 hrs. Tracks are mostly good walking. Register with Mark on Ph 836-3032 email markgdesign@woosh.co.nz.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY 23-25 MARCH - RANGITOTO RIPPER - RANGITOTO STATION, KING COUNTRY: Leaders Roger Donnell and Peter Osborne. This is not a tramp, but a track-clearing weekend and is subject to accommodation being confirmed. We will seek to clear the track from Mt Baldy to the Access Road. There is vehicle access to each end of the track. Two teams are planned - one starting at each end. Register with Peter Ph 535-2140 by Sunday 18th March.

FRIDAY 30 MARCH - TRAMP LEADERS' MEETING. This is a training meeting for all trip leaders led by David Korff with a BBQ at 6.30pm (byo meat and salad) after which we will discuss (a) trip protocol, risk management forms and suitability of group participants to participate on longer pack carrying trips and (b) key strategies in dealing with emergency situations. Some focus will be on previous situations the Club has encountered and good and bad decisions made. The objective is to learn from mistakes made and lift the level of good decision making within the leadership Venue to be confirmed.

EASTER WEEKEND FRIDAY 6-MONDAY 9 APRIL - WAIKARE-WHAKATANE RIVER LOOP - UREWERA NATIONAL PARK: (Hard/rugged) Leaders Phil Norton and David Korff. Exact route not known at this stage. Register with Phil Norton Ph 832-4336.

SATURDAY 14 APRIL - KOMATA GOLDFIELDS: (Medium) Leader Alasdair Nicoll. From the end of Komata Reefs Road, along the old tramlines, through a cutting and a tunnel to the old relics at the Hopper Level. Then continue up to Durbar Hill on top of the range. If we have time we may wander down to the Durbar Mine. Meet 7.30am. Register with Alasdair on aknicoll@xtra.co.nz.

SUNDAY 22 APRIL - HOBSONVILLE HOOLEY: (Easy) Leaders John McCarthy and June Sinclair. We will walk along the new Hobsonville Point walkway, looking at the old air force buildings and the scenery of the upper Waitemata Harbour. Register with John Ph 630-4073 or diddums@xtra.co.nz.

SATURDAY 28 APRIL - OUT OF AFRICA - ARMCHAIR TRAMPING IN AFRICA AND EGYPT This will be a pot-luck dinner at the home of Ted and Marjory Owens, 115 Fairview Ave, Albany at 6.00pm. Register with Ted Ph 473-1318.

NEPAL 2012

Are you interested to join the Habitat for Humanity Build in the Kathmandu region, October 7-13, 2012 and enjoy a trek before the build? Some interest already shown in Annapurna Circuit or Everest Region. Register your interest with Barbara Ph 576 1144.

ABTC TRIP INFORMATION: Sunday afternoon trips are offered monthly in and around Auckland. Saturday Day Trips are organised monthly to places such as Waitakeres, Hunua, Coromandel & Waikato. Weekend Multi Day Parks trips are organised to National and other North Is locations. (mostly pack carrying) Leadership Training Events (2-3 per year), a monthly Fellowship Group and Social Events are also offered.

TRAMP DEPARTURE TIMES: At 10 Bracken Ave, Epsom. Please support leaders by registering for all tramps.

Sunday afternoon:	1.30pm	Bookings to leader by preceding Saturday.
Saturday Trips :	8.00am(can vary)	Bookings to leader by preceding Thursday evening.
Weekend Trips:	6.15pm Friday.	Bookings by two Thursdays beforehand or date specified in newsletter.

(Cancellation may incur a charge for your part in expenses where costs have been incurred for transport or provisions)

Visitors welcome

Your first day tramp with the club is free. **Non-member fee** of \$5.00 applies per day trip or \$10.00 per weekend trip.

ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES:

AROCHA : www.arocha.org/nz has opportunities to participate or support their work.

Motuora Restoration Society: Tree planting, weeding and other work on the island Trips go the last Sunday of every month leaving Sandspit at 8am. Contact Robin, ph 09 378 9548.

Ark in the Park: Every second Saturday. Help keep the Waitakeres bush pristine. Work day with Forest and Bird. Bring work gloves, snacks, drinks sunscreen etc. Contact Phillip Norton, ph 021 02629569 or Judy Woodcock, ph 09 480 5256.

Looking for info about overseas tramps? Try www.walkingholidays.co.nz. DoC holiday programme on www.doc.govt.nz/upload/documents/getting-involved/in-your-community/events