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PROGRAMME - MARCH TO JUNE 2018

SATURDAY 24 MARCH - MAGIC CARPET NIGHT - 7.30pm at Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road. Come and visit some far-away places. Members Ted, Murray & Cathie, Ian & Christine and Paul & Ruth will share short highlights of their adventures in Iceland, Queensland, USA and Samoa, What a ride! (Bookings not essential.) Please bring a small plate for supper. Enquiries Ph Paul 528-4401.

SUNDAY 25 MARCH - PUHINUI RESERVE & McLAUGHLINS MOUNTAIN (Medium) Leaders Carl Yang, Shane Kennedy and Sam Sun. Explore Puhinui Reserve and ascend McLaughlins Mountain (Matukutureia). This trip is now full.

EASTER 30 MARCH-2 APRIL - TONGARIRO TEMPTATION - TONGARIRO NORTHERN CIRCUIT (Medium/Hard) Leaders Paul & Ruth Ungemuth. This trip is fully booked. Enquiries to Paul & Ruth Ph 528-4401 or (022) 153-7327.

SATURDAY 14 APRIL - WAHARAU WALKABOUT - HUNUA RANGES (Easy/Medium) Leaders Barbara Langridge & Ruth Ungemuth. From Waharau Park entry on coast, 5 min. north of Kaiaua (on Firth of Thames). A circular route, Waharau Ridge Track climbing to Upper Link Track and returning by other Waharau Ridge Track descending. May be slippery and wet. Meet at 10 Bracken Ave at 8.00am or 9.30am Waharau Regional Park by facilities 2 mins from entrance. Register with Ruth Ungemuth Ph (022) 153-7327 or email ruthungemuth@gmail.com by Thurs.12 April.

WEEKEND 21-22 APRIL - KAIMAI RIDGEWAY TRACK PROJECT Leader Nelson Young. Our Club has cleared the track up Mt Karangahake and we are in 'maintenance mode'. You are invited to stay at Waihi Beach for a weekend of fun, fellowship and good food or meet at the Karangahake entrance to the Kaimai Mamaku Forest Park at 8.30am on Saturday 21 April. Joy Whitehead will take bookings and arrange transport Ph. 635-0152 (temporary) or 021 152-4060. On Sunday 22 April members may choose to attend the local church at 9.00am and in the afternoon hike the mine pit track in Waihi, a track new to our club, or choose the Echo festival walk inside the mine enclosure (book with the Echo festival if you choose their option).

SATURDAY 28 APRIL - SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT - MODULE 2 Leader Murray Black. Remuera Baptist Church Hall, 641 Remuera Road - 1.00pm to 4.15pm. Suitable for all members, especially those wanting to be involved in leading or coleading tramps. Afternoon tea included. Register with Murray Black (021) 072-4085 or email murray.george.black@gmail.com by Monday 16 April.

SUNDAY 29 APRIL - PUKEKOHE PERAMBULATION (Easy) Leaders Jocelyn Brodie and Tina Chen. A mixture of gravel walkway and footpath terrain as we take a brief history tour of Pukekohe township. Meet at Ernie's Reserve, Brownlee Place, Pukekohe at 1.15pm. Register with Jocelyn Brodie email jaybeeonetwo@gmail.com by Saturday 28 May.

SATURDAY 5 MAY - HAKARIMATA SUMMIT TRACK - NGARUAWAHIA (Medium) Leaders David Moore and Shane Kennedy. Leaving from Brownlee Avenue carpark, we are walking from the carpark via Hakarimata Summit Track. From the carpark to the summit is 374m above sea level and involves 1349 steps. Reasonable level of fitness is required. Your effort will be rewarded with views to Mt Ruapehu. This track is 3 hours return. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 8.30am. Register with David Moore Ph. (027) 481-9996 or 527-1777 (work) by Monday 30th April.

WEEKEND 12-13 MAY - PINNACLES HUT - COROMANDEL (Medium/Hard - requires reasonably high standard of fitness and the ability to carry a full pack. Leader Carl Yang. We will follow the Kauaeranga Kauri Trail to the Pinnacles Hut. After selecting bunks and leaving gear we will climb to the Pinnacles summit for great views. Next day return via the Billy Goat Track before heading home. Meet at 8.00am Saturday 12 May at 10 Bracken Avenue. Register with Carl Ph. (021)147-3068 or email xdyang01@hotmail.com as soon as possible, leaving a mobile number. Limited to 16 trampers - first in first served. Make your own accommodation booking directly to https://booking.doc.govt.nz

FRIDAY 18 MAY - EXECUTIVE MEETING 7.30pm at Barbara Langridge's place, 1B Greenhill Crescent, Paukuranga.

SATURDAY 19 MAY - ANNAPURNA CIRCUIT AND SANCTURY, NEPAL Phillip Donnell and Roger & Heather Donnell will be speaking about trekking the Annapurna Sanctuary for 24 days last Oct./Nov. Venue: Remuera Baptist Church, 641 Remuera Road at 7.30pm. Please bring a small plate for supper.

SUNDAY 27 MAY - KAURI POINT TO CHELSEA ESTATE (Easy/Medium) Leaders Sonia Dryden, June Sinclair and Lesley Li. Includes Kauri Point Centennial Park, a cliff-top walk with great views, Chelsea Estate Heritage Park and Chatswood Reserve. Track can be slippery if wet. Distance 5km. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 1.30pm. North Shore meeting place to be advised. Register with Sonia Dryden Ph. 489-4212 or email soniadry@xtra.co.nz by Saturday 26 May.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 2-4 JUNE - WHIRINAKI TE PUA-A-TANE CONSERVATION PARK (Medium/Hard) Leaders Murray & Cathie Black. In this three day circuit we will stay in two huts and return to our start point at the River Road car park. Day 1: River Road carpark to Central Whirinaki Hut (4.5 hours). Day 2: Central Whirinaki Hut to Mangamate Hut (4 hours). Day 3: Mangamate Hut to River Road carpark (3.5 hours). The Whirinaki Track is the highest standard track in the park which meanders down the forested river terraces, passing a waterfall and an old track cutters' camp. Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.00am on Saturday 2 June. Register with Murray Black (021) 072-4085 or email murray.george.black@gmail.com by Sunday 20 May.

QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND 1-4 JUNE - WHANGATEAU WANDERS (Easy/Medium) Leaders Linda Piggott and Barbara Langridge. Saturday: Mt Tamahunga (medium) or Tawharanui walks (easy/medium). Sunday-Monday: other local walks in Mahurangi, Matakana and Leigh (easy). Meet at 10 Bracken Avenue at 6.00pm on Friday or cars going from different Auckland locations. Day walkers depart 10 Bracken Avenue at 7.30am Saturday or 9.00am at Whangateau Holiday Park. Day walkers register with Ruth Ungemuth (022) 153-7327 by Sunday 28 May, advising which tramp you want to do. Bookings for weekend closed.

SUNDAY 17 JUNE - PUHINUI STREAM FOREST TRAIL, AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS (Easy/Medium) Leaders Hua Dai and Lucy Zheng. Beginning from the entrance at the Botanic Gardens, the full trail will take us on a loop of the forest area taking approximately 2 hours on well maintained tracks. Meet at 1.00pm at 10 Bracken Avenue or 1.45pm at the Visitor Centre at the Botanic Gardens. Register with Lucy Zheng Ph (021) 858-699 or email huigin209@hotmail.com by Saturday 16 June.

SATURDAY 23 JUNE - ATIU CREEK REGIONAL PARK, KAIPARA HARBOUR (Medium) Leaders May Bourke and Hua Dai. Situated on Highway 16 - a map will be provided. Meet at Aspin Street, Avondale at 8.15am. Register with May Bourke email hmbourke@gmail.com by Thursday 21 June.

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**

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: NCNZ (New Creation New Zealand). This is a ministry headed up by Phillip Donnell. 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 Laurence, ph 09 810-7014.